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Spanish Reports of Insurgent Defeats—Cavadas Reported Approaching Camaguey—Fresh Troops Arrived—Arbitrary Act of the Police—More Plantations Burned.

HAVANA, Dec. 21, 1869.

Telegrams received from the Cinco Villas district announce the dispersion of Villamil's band of insurgents. During the fight forty-two rebels were killed and many wounded.

The Civil Guard attacked the insurgents at Jequiguirá, in the Amador Mountains, and killed thirty-three. Other Spanish columns have had slight skirmishes with the insurgents.

An incendiary was executed at Niguaz.

Many rebels are presenting themselves to the Spanish authorities for pardon.

It is reported from another source that the forces of Cavadas and Villamil are moving towards Camaguey, but the Spanish authorities do not credit it.

The loss of the Spaniards during the recent engagement has not been reported.

A frigate arrived to-day from Spain, bringing 1,300 soldiers. These troops, as well as all those lately landed, were immediately sent to the seat of war.

Great excitement prevails among the merchants of Havana on account of a report received from the United States that a duty of five cents would be imposed on all centrifugal grades of sugar. As sugars are classed differently at the various ports of the United States this measure causes much confusion.

On Saturday the steamship Eagle when about to sail was visited by the police, who detained her one hour beyond her usual sailing time for the purpose of arresting a passenger named Donaldson. Donaldson had been accused of talking against the Spanish government, but Captain General de Rodas issued an order directing the police to allow Donaldson to proceed unmolested.

Several plantations in the vicinity of Villa Clara have been burned, and skirmishes are reported to have taken place between the Spanish troops and the insurgents in the same locality.