

Cubans in Nassau.—The Spanish 'Cruiser'—Reported Steamer Loading Arms.

NASSAU, March 1, 1899.

The United States mail steamer *Eagle* arrived at this port from Havana, *en route* for New York, on the 8th ult. She brought several Cuban emigrants for this island, among whom were several who had been incarcerated in the Morro. There are now quite a number of Cubans here. When those from the *Eagle* landed the crew of the Spanish 'man-of-war' *Guadiana* was forward on deck, probably with a view of frightening them a little. They claim to have no connection with the insurrection in Cuba, but are here simply awaiting the restoration of peace. A few days after the departure of the *Eagle* the *Guadiana* left on a cruise in search of a reported expedition. She returned on the 20th and the captain immediately inquired if the Cubans had gone, and seemed somewhat relieved to find them still here.

A schooner which recently arrived here reports having seen a large steamer full of men and armed with ten guns. She has been also seen by other vessels. She lay, as I learn from a reliable source, at Rum Cay for five days receiving from a tug a cargo of arms valued at \$130,000. She was last seen at Ragged Island, sixty miles from Cuba and opposite Gibara. The *Guadiana* left on the 23d in search of her. The very general impression here is that if they meet the Spanish vessel will get the worst of it.

An American steamer is now lying outside of the harbor, having arrived last evening from some port in Florida, and I believe called on some particular business at one of the neighboring islands. She brought from one of the Bahamas an American citizen named John Barry. He had arrived there on the 25th, coming from Gibara in an English schooner on the 23d. He is *en route* for the United States for the purpose of making complaint against the Spanish authorities for the murder of his brother, David Barry, also an American citizen. The murdered man was working at the sugar plantation called "La Caridad," four leagues from Gibara. The troops visited the place looking for some other man, whom they were unable to find, and so vented their disappointment by killing him. He was a cooper, at work at his trade, and had never meddled in any way with politics.

Last evening arrived at this port from New York the schooner *Sarah Ellen*. She brings eighteen Cubans of prominent families, all in good health and spirits.