

President and told him that his life was not safe on the streets.

The President on seeing that he had been deceived, rebuked his Sec. of State, the latter presented his resignation—which would not be accepted,—(but is now accepted)

The President immediately called in General Rodriguez commander of the armed forces and gave him full charge of the situation, to restore and maintain order through the City. Gen. Rodriguez at once put the Rural guards into action (all of which are ex-soldiers of the Revolution) and it was a pretty sight to see them draw their machetes' spur their horses and charge the mobs only in few instances did they use the edge of the weapon.

The strikers mobed the Electric cars and wanted the motormen and conductors to also go on strike, which was refused. The Electric Street Railway of Havana is owned by American Capital, and President Palma on being informed by the American Minister that the strikers had stopped all the lines, he got very indignant and ordered that these cars be run and protected at all hazards, in one hour they were again in motion undisturbed.

KEEN OBSERVERS CLASSIFY THE AFFAIR AS A SMALL REVOLUTION.

This crowd of strikers that are now trying to disturb the peace of Cuba, are the same crowds that paraded the streets of Havana with the spanish flag behind the Butcher Wyler, by there attitude in this strike they lost the sympathy of all good citizens. All the revolutionary Chiefs in the City offered their services to the authorities to wipe the strikers off the streets. At 5 o'clock, Monday evening, a fire engine collided with an Electric car, which attracted a big crowd. Two squadrons of rural guards several blocks in the distance, imagined it was the strikers interrupting the cars from running. They made a fierce dash on the crowd with revolvers and Machetes drawn, in which one was killed and 40 wounded. The prompt action of the President in the morning did not leave a striker on the streets at 6 P.M.

The strikers (cigars makers) have the

sympathy of the people in general, but their attitude at this hour and there stoning the Police, etc., etc., and the attitude of the other unions, is being looked on by the people and the Administration as an attempt to create dissatisfaction to make the foreign Governments believe that the Cubans cannot Govern them selves and bring the Intervention of the American Government again, this is the work today of the Cuban element that stayed loyal to Spain during the last struggle.

On Tuesday morning all was quiet over the City; I guess from the severe steps adopted by the authorities the day previous, At 9 a.m. the old warrior, General Maximo Gomez, with a commission of ex-revolutionary officers visited the Factory owners and got their proposition, then he called the strikers together in the Cuba-theater and placed before them the terms proposed, which was refused. He then proposed that all unions with no grievances go back to work and on Wednesday morning all unions except the Cigar Makers went to work, which brought matters practically an end, the strike continues in the cigar factories.

On leaving the Cuba-Theater Gen. Gomez told the strike leaders that he would see, that any attempt at disturbing the public order, they would suffer the consequences. General Gomez and his commission immediately drove to the Palace and held a long conference with the President. The Mayor received instructions to order that each policeman be supplied with 75 rounds of ammunition and any attempt at disorder to to use their revolvers instead of their clubs.

Today the clubs were taken from them, and replaced by machetes.

During the past 48 hours Rural Guards have arrived from Matanzas, Santa-Clara, Cienfuegos and other points in the interior, 500 in number, are camped on the out-skirts of the City and are ready to crush at a moment's notice for any attempt to disturb the public order,

The affair was far worse than can be described and has resulted in 7 or more killed and about 80 wounded.

—[AN OLD FRIEND.]