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Hong Kong, Aug. 9 .- The German steamer Petrarch, which left Manila August 6, arrived here today; and brought the first news of the severe engagement between the Spaniards and Americans near Manila. The Americans were victorious, and lost only 11 men killed and 37 wounded. The Spanish losses are not known, but are reported to be heavy. The insurgent forces remained neutral.

The attack was made on the American camp between Cavite and Manila, during the night of July 31. The Spaniards, who numbered 3000 men, made several desperate charges upon the American lines, but each time the fire of the Americans drove them back, and finally broke the Spanish center, causing them to retreat. Later, however, the Spaniards made another attack, but were again repulsed, and retreated into the bush, keeping up an incessant fire on the roads leading to Manila, over which they apparently expected the American forces to advance. Some estimates place the Spanish losses at over 500 killed and wounded.

New York, Aug. 9.—A copyrighted cablegram from Manila bay, via Hong Kong, to the Evening World, gives the following particulars regarding the fighting July 31:

General Green's force of 4000 men had been advancing toward Manila and entrenching. The arrival of the third expedition filled the Spaniards with rage. They determined to give battle before Camp Dewey could be reinforced. Trenches extended from the beach 300 yards to the left flank of the insurgents.

Sunday was insurgent feast day, and their left flank withdrew, leaving the American right flank exposed. Companies A and E of the Tenth Pennsylvania and the Utah battery were ordered to reinforce the right flank. In the midst of a raging typhoon, with a tremendous downpour of rain, the enemy's forces, estimated at 3000, attempted to surprise the camp. Our pickets were driven in and the trenches assaulted. The Pennsylvania men stood their ground under a withering fire. The First California regiment, with two companies of the Third artilery, was sent to reinforce the Pennsylvanians. The enemy was on top of the trenches when the reinforcements arrived, and never was the discipline of the regulars better demonstrated than by the work of the Third artilery, under Captain O'Hara. Nothing could be seen but the flashes of Mauser rifles. The men ran right up to the attacking Spaniards, and mowed them down with regularity.

The Utah battery, Captain Young, covered itself with glory. The men pulled their guns through the mud axle deep. Two guns were sent around on the flank, and poured in a destructive enfilading fire.

The enemy was repulsed and retreated in disorder. Our infantry had exhausted their ammunition, and did not follow the enemy. Not an inch of ground was lost, but the scenes in the trenches will never be forgotten.

On the night of August 1 the fighting was renewed, but the enemy had been taught a lesson, and made the attack at long range with heavy artilery. The Utah battery replied, and the artilery duel lasted an hour. Fred Springstead, of the First Colorado, was killed, and others wounded.

On the night of August 2 the artilery duel was resumed. Two men were badly wounded, and are this morning reported dead, which brings the total dead up to 13, with 10 in the hospital mortally wounded.

You cannot make money faster Cambon and Day Agree to Terms of Peace. President's Demands Complied With.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The following statement was given out today by Secretary of State Day:

"We have agreed upon a proctocal, embodying the proposed terms for a treaty of peace, including the evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico, and it is expected the proctocal will be executed. It can be stated that the terms are precisely those laid down by the president in his original note about a week ago. It is believed that nothing but a few formalities remain to be disposed of to secure the signatures to the p roctocal"