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AT BOCAS DEL TORO

How the Rebels Attacked the Town.

THE TROOPS TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Several Women Killed—The Loss Small Considering the Desperate Fight Made.

COLON, Colombia, March 22.—(Special correspondence Associated Press.)—Following are the details of the attack recently made upon Bocas del Toro, during which the notorious Mexican bandit, Garza, was killed:

About 4 a. m. Friday, March 8, rebels from Nicaragua made a desperate attack upon Bocas del Toro. The attacking party consisted of 50 men, under the leadership of Catarino Garza, Piercia Castro and Stefano More, a lawyer. After landing under cover of the darkness, the rebels captured the policemen on duty, and attacked the calaboose and liberated all the prisoners. The rebels then attacked the quarters, garrisoned by about 40 soldiers, under command of Lieutenant Lopez.

The government soldiers were taken by surprise, and some were killed while still in their bunks, but when aroused the soldiers fought gallantly. A lieutenant was killed during the fighting. Ten rebels were killed, 15 wounded and 25 taken prisoners. On the government side four were killed and nine wounded. Among the rebels killed were Garza and Castro. As soon as the invaders saw these two men fall they retreated towards the outskirts and disappeared in the brush.

During the encounter the attempt was made to set fire to the town. Castro saturated the side of a house with kerosene and was in the act of lighting a match to start the conflagration when he was noticed by a soldier, who shot him

dead. The rebels also made an unsuccessful attempt to use dynamite.

Several women were killed. Miss Nellie Isaacs, the government school-mistress, is reported among the slain.

A government official, after the engagement, captured the schooner Favor de Dios and found on board 80 rifles, 20,000 cartridges and blankets, clothing and rations for the rebels.

At the request of United States Consular Agent Dr. Hand, 50 marines from the United States cruiser Atlanta were landed for the protection of American interests. As this letter is mailed, a decisive battle is about to be fought in the department of Santander. Señor Reyes, commander of the government troops, is at Cucuta with 500 men and is awaiting the arrival of reinforcements numbering 5000 men. When these two bodies are joined a combined attack will be made upon the rebel forces, estimated to number about 6000.

Still Later News.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Since the above letter was mailed the Associated Press correspondent at Colon, March 18, cabled that a telegraphic message had been received there from President Caro, dated Bogota, announcing the revolution in the republic of Colombia was ended. The dispatch added the triumph of General Reyes over the rebels had been complete.

Worth Saving.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The bark Two Schooner loaded with over \$500 tons of coal, from Baltimore, is now waiting at Kingston for the arrival of Admiral Meade's squadron, due there next Friday. As steamer coal is now quoted at Kingston at \$9 per ton, the United States will save by this shipment alone \$18,000.

Montana's Senators Both Suffering From La Grippe.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Senator Lee Mantle has been seriously ill at Cochran with the gripe. He is recovering. Senator Carter is ill at Helena.

Ex-Congressman Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22.—Ex-Mayor and ex-Congressman Richard Vaux died this morning of gripe.

He Has Osseous Paralysis.

TAMPA, Fla., March 22.—A remarkable case of osseous paralysis, one of the most unusual diseases known to the medical profession, was brought to the attention of Drs. Petty and Lawrence last night. The victim is Fermen Machado, who came from Havana only a few days ago. His feet and his lower limbs nearly up to the knees are destitute of life, and are insensible to feeling. The tissues have shrunk until the limbs are entirely desiccated and have become as hard as bone. The line of demarcation between the healthy tissue and the ossified or portion is clear and distinct, with an abrupt slope in the size of the leg of about three-quarters of an inch, the skin on this surface being affected by an eruption resembling tetter or ringworm.

A blow upon Machado's shins or upon his feet is not felt by him at all, but gives out a sound as if a solid bone or a stone had been struck. Of course, the patient has lost the power of locomotion, but otherwise his health is good and he has an exceptionally good appetite. He is almost constantly thirsty, and drinks great quantities of ice water daily.

A nurse in attendance upon Machado, to test the feeling in his patients limbs, if any, cut his own initials upon the back of the right leg just below the calf, while Machado was asleep. The man never stirred during the operation, and slept soundly for four hours afterward. Not the slightest moisture appeared on the blade of the knife, although some of the incisions were one-eighth of an inch deep.

Dr. Lawrence pronounces the disease "dry mortification," and says that it is one of the rarest in medical science, and has been reported only a very few times in the surgical journals.

Dr. Petty thinks that perhaps the growth of the disease may be checked if his patient could be given scientific treatment. The disease first made its appearance about three months ago.

Case Will Be Reopened.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—In United States district court argument was to have been commenced on Monday next in the case of strikers charged with obstructing mails. Today Attorney Monteth of defense in presenting a list of instructions for the jury, raised the point that the government had failed to prove the existence of the Southern Pacific Company. The case will now have to be reopened, and Monteth will make an effort to have Eugene V. Debs, who will be in the city next week, placed on the stand.

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