

CUBAN VICTORY VIA KEY WEST

No Official Report, but the News "Apparently" Reliable.

SPANISH WERE AMBUSHED

Their Bayonets Could Not Avail Against the Barbarous Machine and Superior Numbers.

New York, May 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana via Key West says:

Apparently reliable news of the most important success in months has just reached Havana. It appears that General Calixto Garcia and General Haldell on a Spanish force which was carrying food and supplies from Manzanillo to Havana early last week, captured the convoy, routed General Lopez' column and pursued him vicariously to the coast, where he took ship at Cabo de Cruz for Manzanillo. It is said that no severe wounds were inflicted and the Spanish general did not dare attempt to retrace his steps to Manzanillo by land, fearing that he would be attacked, and this time wiped out of existence.

This engagement, which is regarded as more important than any battle since that of Caceres, goes to show how helpless the Spaniards are in the country east of the trench. What is known of the affair came in a private letter to a Spanish officer here.

General Lopez had a trap for the insurgents. Believing the convoy would be attacked, he sent a mine train ahead with a second escort, intending to flank the rebels while the escort held their fire. His force in said to have been between 100 and 200.

Garcia, with between 600 and 800 men, waited for the mine train to pass from Havana. He was told by his scouts that there was a large Spanish force following the poorly protected mine train, and suspecting a trick, he allowed the pack mules and small escort to pass without molestation and placed his men in an advantageous position to await the coming of Lopez.

The Spanish, eagerly awaiting the sound of firing which would tell them the mine had been attacked, marched straight into the trap. They were mowed by the sharp machine fire from ambush, the Spaniards fell utterly demoralized, when the Cubans charged them with machine guns.

As has been generally the case, the Spanish infantry, having been subjected to a heavy fire, did not long oppose the machine with the bayonets. In a few minutes the retreat was general. Lopez and his staff by desperate efforts succeeded in rallying a few hundred men for a stand, but although they opposed the insurgents with a brisk fire, it was evident that the day was lost. Hearing that a movement among the Cubans meant an attempt to surround them, the Spanish broke and fled. Thus the defeat became a rout. The insurgent forces were divided, one division pursuing General Lopez and the other going to capture the arms and provisions. This last proved an easy task. The Spanish commander with the retreating main body was harassed for ten miles. He decided to abandon the regular road back to Manzanillo, fearing he would be interrupted as General Lopez had been a few days before. The victorious Cubans were on the road to Havana, his provisions were lost and his men were practically without food. The only way he saw to escape with the remnant of his force was to make for the coast at a point many miles from Manzanillo. He marched nearly 40 miles, reaching Cape Cruz, and sent word to Manzanillo, a passenger steamer which carried the soldiers back to Manzanillo. No heroics were the fighting and so swift they retreat that they were able to carry off but few of their wounded. The details of the affair are not yet learned. Indeed, officially there is as yet no report of any engagements between Garcia and Lopez, but the news reached Havana nevertheless.

General Gomez, upon hearing of Lopez' destruction that Santa Clara was pacified, issued a proclamation of his own, declaring Santiago de Cuba and Puerto Principe "pacified."

There was some firing on the outskirts of Havana at 2 o'clock last Saturday morning. About 20 shots were fired by a sentry, which, it is said, thought he detected insurgents. There has been no official explanation of the firing and the censor would not permit any mention of the report that a party of insurgents had made midnight demonstrations in that quarter.

Every effort was made to create the impression that the affair was insignificant, but that there was considerable firing followed by a rapid movement of soldiers to Jesus del Monte district, where the firing occurred, there cannot be the slightest doubt. As the rebels are very strong in Havana, the fact that there was such firing caused considerable excitement. The next day inquiry was made. The palace officials prefer that the affair be withdrawn in mystery.

THE MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

OLMSTED, Ia., May 13.—Detectives have succeeded in clearing up the mystery in connection with the robbery of the Bradley bank at Elkton, February 7, when the safe was blown open and \$3,200 taken. The instigator of the robbery, Stevens, city marshal of Elkton, has confessed and is under arrest, with Dick Dodd, a gambler of this city. Stevens also implicates three Chicago crooks. The sheriff went to Chicago with requisition papers and arrested one man.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

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