

## SPANISH CLAIM VICTORIES.

### Official Reports at Havana Tell of Several Engagements.

Havana, Aug. 17.—Lieutenant Colonel Garcia Cilada has had a skirmish, according to official reports, with the insurgent band commanded by Alfonso Rego, at Sotumba, near Arimao, in the department of Santa Clara. Cilada is said to have captured the insurgent positions and has put the enemy to flight. The latter left two dead on the field and one of their number surrendered. On the side of the troops it is reported that only one corporal was seriously wounded.

Official advices say that Colonel Izquierdo recently reconnoitered in the direction of an insurgent camp in the district of Baho, not far from Sancti Espiritu, in the province of Santa Clara. The insurgent leaders, Roloff and Sanchez, who are said to have been in command, are announced to have left their positions without waiting to be attacked. The troops captured three prisoners.

The government forces commanded by Major Oliver have fired upon and dispersed, it is announced, the insurgent band commanded by Carrillo, at Tezisco, near Salamanca, province of Santa Clara. The loss of the insurgents is placed at two dead and three wounded.

### Oklahoma Regiment Is Forming.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 17.—The project of raising a regiment in Oklahoma to join the Cuban insurgents appears to be a much more serious affair than at first supposed. A gentleman from Guthrie, who arrived in Topeka today, said that the leaders of the movement are really in earnest and that he has no doubt of the truth of the statement that a number of men have already enlisted, who are holding secret meetings and arranging plans for a movement toward Cuba.

### Cubans Greatly Encouraged.

New York, Aug. 17.—Special Telegram.—Thomas Estrada Palma, President of the Cuban cause in this country, said today that he thought the insurrection in Spain would be a great help to the insurgents in Cuba. The Republican party, he said, is not strong enough to overthrow the government, and, according to his belief, the rebellion will soon be put down.

"But even though Spain does defeat the Republican hands quickly," Mr. Palma continued, "she will not dare to send any more troops to Cuba. She now has a foe in her midst which never sleeps, and will never miss an opportunity to overthrow the government. I think Spain's army is powerful enough to keep the Republicans in check, but it will not be if many more soldiers are sent to Cuba. This has made Cubans happy, for we do not now fear any re-enforcements from Spain to help suppress the insurgents."

In speaking of the Republican party in Spain, Mr. Palma said it was made up of the most intelligent and progressive element in the population, while Royalist leaders depended on the government for their support.