

GENERAL CAMPOS IN BATTLE.

FURIOUS ATTACKS BY THE INSURGENTS ON HIS ESCORT.

THE CAPTAIN GENERAL DISPLAYED GREAT
COURAGE AND COOLNESS—HOW SANTOCILDES
FELL—INSURGENTS GAINING GROUND IN
THE CENTRAL PROVINCES—ANOTHER
FILIBUSTERING EXPEDITION.

Paris, July 19.—"The Temps" has a Madrid dispatch saying that official advices confirm the report of a desperate fight between Cuban insurgents and the escort of Captain-General Martinez Campos between Manzanillo and Bayamo. The young Spanish soldiers displayed desperate valor. They formed a square around the Captain-General and repelled the fierce charges made by the rebel cavalry. General Santocildes was killed while heading a charge to cover the column's retreat. General Campos then directed the retreat with brilliant intrepidity. He brought in all the wounded and checked the furious attacks of the insurgents, who maintained their pursuit to Bayamo. Upon arriving at Bayamo General Campos telegraphed to Generals Valdes and Navarro to hasten from Santiago de Cuba and Holguin with their respective forces of 1,300 and 1,500 men.

Letters from General Campos report that the rebellion is gaining ground in the central provinces owing to the rains paralyzing the movements of the Spanish troops. In June there were 2,900 cases of yellow fever among the troops. Of those attacked 104 died.

Kingston, July 19.—It is a pretty well established fact that another filibustering expedition has either landed in Cuba or is hovering off the coast awaiting an opportunity to land.

On Tuesday last a strange ship sailed from Ocho Rios, having on board a number of filibusters and a quantity of arms and ammunition. It has been learned that the war material had been concealed for months in a vault near Ocho Rios in order to prevent its confiscation by the British authorities.

The vessel was noticed Monday riding at anchor, but no particular attention was paid to her. The supposition is that the men, guns and ammunition were taken off to her Monday night, and, as soon as the cargo had been stored, she put to sea. She was not molested in any way, and Cuban sympathizers here are congratulating themselves upon the successful dispatch of the expedition.

Santiago de Cuba, July 19.—A body of insurgents attacked the town of El Cobre yesterday, but was repulsed with heavy loss.

CUBANS DAILY GAINING CONFIDENCE. THE DEATH OF A SPANISH GENERAL VERIFIED

—GENERAL QUESADA EXPECTS TO GO TO
HAVANA WITHIN A YEAR.

Each day the Cuban patriots who are in this city are gaining confidence in the ultimate success of their cause. An open means of communication being established, they are at last receiving trustworthy news, and the news that is coming is of the most inspiring kind. A prominent Cuban said yesterday:

"The war against the Cuban insurgents is being carried on in a half-hearted way by the Spanish troops. The hearts of the officers of the Spanish soldiery are not in their work. We know that General Martinez Campos sympathizes with us, and only military honor and an inflexible obedience to duty cause him to keep up the fight. Campos has been accused of cowardice because of the talk concerning his recall. It is not cowardice that makes him wish to go back to Spain, but the fact that the work which he has before him is distasteful. If he pushes into the interior, as our dispatches say he intends to do, he will meet the same fate as General Santocildes."

The death of General Santocildes, which the Spanish Government was at first inclined to deny, has been confirmed by E. Hernandez Miyares, proprietor of a newspaper published at Havana, called "La Habana Elegante." General Santocildes married a Cuban, a cousin of Señor Miyares, and a dispatch from her confirms the report of his death. Like Campos, General Santocildes was in sympathy with the Cubans. He not only married a Cuban, but his interests were allied with those of Cuba. It is known that when the insurrection broke out General Santocildes asked for retirement, but this was denied. A prominent Cuban said yesterday that General Santocildes had made the declaration that if his life would be of any help to Cuba he would willingly sacrifice it.

General Manuel Calvar, who arrived in the city a few days ago from Cuba, was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday in company with General Rafael Quesada. He was reticent when asked about the outlook for Cuban success, and said that he had been away from Cuba for quite a while and that important engagements had been taking place during his absence. General Ybarra, ex-Minister of War of Venezuela, also called upon General Quesada. He is a lifelong friend of General Quesada, and says that the Cubans will surely triumph.

It is quietly hinted among Cubans that General Calvar's mission in New-York is to lay before Señor Estrada Palma and General Quesada an exact statement of affairs in Cuba, and to receive instructions about carrying on the war. General Quesada is busy these days with Benjamin Guerra, the treasurer, and if the Spanish Government were informed of what took place at these meetings there might be some sensational stories about filibustering expeditions blocked. As it is the General will say nothing, but those within the circle know that large shipments of arms and ammunition are being made to Cuba, and that the success met with in landing these expeditions does not speak well for Spanish vigilance.

When General Quesada was in New-Orleans some time ago, so a prominent Cuban patriot declares, he established a clearing port for these shipments, which were then only contemplated, but which are now being fulfilled.

There was a report yesterday that General Quesada is about to go to Cuba to take charge of the soldiers in the field. When asked about that he said:

"What they want down there are arms and ammunition—not men. They are getting the arms all right and they will be heard from. I will say that I expect to be in Havana inside of a year, perhaps sooner, with a Cuban army in control."