

WILL SOMETHING DROP?

A LEADING CUBAN MAKES THAT PREDICTION.

Campos Said to be Hemmed in, and His Army Unfit For Fighting--Startling News Expected From Bayamo. A Very Friendly Press.

New York, Aug. 4.—Estrada Palma, the Cuban delegate, made the following official statement yesterday:

"We believe that General Martinez Campos is hemmed in, unable to move until reinforcements reach him, and we have received information that the reserves he called for from Santiago, Santa Clara and other places, have been intercepted and held back.

"My correspondent, writing from Manzanillo," continued Senor Palma, "places Campos' force at 8,000 men, including those ill and wounded, and estimates that not more than a third are fit for fighting.

"Both Antonio and Jose Maceo are outside of Bayamo with more than 5,000 well armed insurgents. I can assure all that the next news from Bayamo will be of a startling nature.

"The Spanish press in Cuba, with the exception of three papers, are showing a disposition to accord us fair treatment. This is a great point gained, because, to win, we must have the aid of the press. In the ten years' war the entire Spanish press was against us.

"The rumor that General Campos' son was wounded in the battle of Valenzuela, which was at first strenuously denied, has been confirmed, the fact having been published in the Havana Express and republished in the newspapers of Madrid."