

DIAZ LEADS BATTLE ON JOURNEY TO GULF

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Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

MEXICO CITY, May 27.—News was received here to-day of an attack by a band of rebels on the pilot train which preceded that of Gen. Porfirio Diaz on his secret journey to Vera Cruz yesterday. It was made near Tepeyahualco in the Sierra Madre Mountains in Puebla. The band had evidently been engaged in the business of stopping trains and looting them.

Gen. Diaz's own train was preceded by a pilot troop train, which contained a large military guard provided with machine guns. A third train, also containing soldiers, brought up the rear. It was the pilot that was stopped by the insurgents, who numbered about 150. They evidently were not looking for resistance, for they were standing about making a fine mark, when the side doors of the cars were thrown back and machine guns were turned on them. More than twenty of the men were killed and fifteen wounded. The others took to cover and fired on the train, from which the soldiers alighted and fought.

The Presidential train had followed closely and came up while the fight was still on. Gen. Diaz, though still severely suffering from the trouble in his mouth, jumped from his car with a pistol in each hand, followed by his son. He ran ahead of his men toward the rebels, his eyes showing all their old-time fire. He directed the fight that soon put the enemy to rout. He had so inspired his guard then that he had much difficulty in keeping the soldiers from following and annihilating the band. He, however, insisted on resuming his journey as quickly as possible.

All the killed and wounded were put on the troop train and taken to Vera Cruz. The band left behind a box containing 2,000 pesos, which had been taken from the express car of another train.

Maderists have been unable to control the situation in San Luis Potosi. Fifteen persons were killed in riots last night, and the trouble is continuing to-day. All unprotected windows have been broken. Among the killed is El Arabl, a noted rebel leader. Due to the trouble, Gov. Espinosa y Cuevas has resigned, and Señor Encarnacion y Pina has taken his place provisionally.

Gov. Zarate of the State of Zacatecas has resigned. With the entry of 1,500 rebel troops into the capital, Provisional Governor Gonzales, choice of Madero, was installed. Five hundred rebels to-night marched unmolested to the Federal barracks.