

PATRIOT ACCOUNTS.

Insurgents Under Jordan, Marcane and Figueredo Attack the Troops—Arrival of Troops from Mayari—A Britisher Rescued by a British War Ship.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 24, 1892.

The past fortnight has been marked by continued attacks on the troops by the insurgent Generals Jordan, Marcane and Figueredo, but without any success on the insurgent side, as in no case did they possess themselves of any of the points attacked. The losses on both sides have been very insignificant, as the fighting has been chiefly confined to long range firing.

At the estate Sutin, which was garrisoned by seventy-five soldiers, the insurgents attacked with a cannon, but owing to bad handling did no damage with it.

Colonel Navedad, commanding the Aserradero district, claims to have defeated the insurgents at the Aurora coffee estate, causing them considerable loss.

Part of the battalion of Rena, some 300 or 400 men, arrived yesterday from Mayari by land.

Her Majesty's steamer Vestal came in from a cruise yesterday, having called at Manzanillo during her absence from here. She brought Mr. Ferguson as passenger, who had been detained there a long time by the authorities.

Successful Rebel Raid for Provisions—\$50,000 Worth Carried Off—Spanish Forces in the Town 4,000 Strong—The Rebels Retired in Perfect Order.

PUERTO PRINCIP, July 21, 1892.

Yesterday, between three and four in the morning, this city was roused from its profound slumbers by a continued and steady firing, which was heard as coming from the various points leading out of town. All left their beds to be ready against an attack as unexpected as it was sudden and general. Shortly after the first shots were heard all the troops that guarded the town, both regulars and volunteers, numbering about 4,000, were in motion towards those parts of the city where their presence was most needed. The Plaza de la Caridad had been invaded by a force of insurgents, to what number was not stated, though it must have been considerable, as this part of the city is guarded by the regiment of marine infantry. At this point General Poello arrived at about five o'clock A. M., accompanied by the forces which had been guarding the bridge leading from the Caridad to the centre of the city. The insurgents met by the marines and afterwards by the Battalion Union, the small force of cavalry which accompanied General Poello, commenced to retreat slowly towards the Coroyo, followed by the above-mentioned forces, which with one piece of artillery kept up an active firing, returned by the insurgents, who retreated slowly and in good order. General Poello at the head of his troops followed the retreating insurgents to a distance of two miles from town, returning at eight o'clock to the city. At the Vigia, the northwest part of the town, the insurgents forced their entrance up that street, close to the very doors of the Lancers' barracks, shooting down the sentinels, with the cry of "Viva Cuba Libre!" The Chiclana regiment soon arrived at this point, with three pieces of artillery, while the Reina regiment made a circuit to cut off the retreat of this party of insurgents, consisting of about 350 men. But in this manoeuvre the troops did not succeed, as every bush and the several outlets of the city were lined with rebels. The Reina regiment had to cut across the fields at right angles to join the Chiclana regiment, and before those combined forces the insurgents retreated slowly, contesting the ground inch by inch, and finally retired. At various other points of the town the rebels in small parties made simultaneous attacks, with the same result as the foregoing. As usual the Spaniards confess only to very small losses, nevertheless thirty-four wounded were taken into the Lancers' barracks. The insurgents loss has not been ascertained—the Spaniards say they killed eleven.

It is well ascertained that the insurgents had no intention of taking the city by this informal attack, but to produce a general alarm, and as the town was left unguarded at several unimportant points, through these means (by a preconcerted plan with sympathisers in the city and faithful (?) Spaniards, who have a greater affection for Cuban gold than their beloved patria), to take away many valuable commodities, such as salt, rice, provisions and clothing. They fully succeeded in their plan and it is calculated that nearly \$50,000 worth of goods were taken out of the town by this ruse de guerre. This accounts for the troops tearing down several houses at the edges of the city, where quantities of provisions, clothing and even arms that remained were found.

Soon after tranquillity was restored and the excitement over several arrests of Cubans were made, among others Don Pedro Agüero, charged with having fired on the troops from his window; this, of course, is only a pretext, as this gentleman lives in the centre of the city.

A young man of good family, Don Fidel Barrera, has lately been added to the chain gang, charged with keeping up a correspondence with the insurgents. No conclusive proofs were found against him, nevertheless he was condemned.

Our new Governor General, Poello (colored), was very enthusiastically received by the Spaniards. They are in hopes that he will satiate their thirst for blood. The creoles are trembling in their boots. During the attack of the insurgents yesterday the volunteers proposed to massacre all suspected Cubans. At one time great fears were entertained by the more sensible portion that these threats would be carried out and the city delivered to the fury of the soldiery.

The chucura and yellow fever are doing fearful havoc among the troops.

The state of this city is most lamentable. The misery among the poor, and even those classes that once had plenty, is beyond description. Everything is scarce and dear. No vegetables come from the country into the city. We have to rely entirely on foreign provisions, and these at very high prices. Meat, which was lately at ten cents the pound, is not to be had now under twenty-five cents. A party who started last week after cattle were driven back into town.