THE BATTLE AT MALATE

Forts at Manila Make a Fierce Attack on the Americans.

DRIVEN OFF WITH HEAVY LOSSES.

Two Americans Killed and 47 Wounded—Dark Memory Was in the Fighting.

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TERMS OF THE SPANISH REPLY

Not an Unqualified Acceptance of the American Proposals.

Accepts the Essentials but Hopes for Some Modification of the Protocol Objected to.

Washington, Aug. 8—The reply of the Spanish government to the peace conditions laid down by the United States was received by the French ambassador, M. Cambon, shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon. The reply came in sections, the dispatch first received giving only the opening passages of the Spanish reply. A few minutes later came a second section, and the last section arrived shortly before the ambassador left the state department. The reply came in the form of a note addressed to the president of the United States, and was signed by the Duke of Almodovar del Rio, who succeeded Senor Gullon as minister of foreign affairs in the cabinet of Premier Sagasta. It is in the nature of a qualified acceptance of the terms of the protocol, and it is understood that the president will submit it to the cabinet at the regular meeting tomorrow morning. The reply is not in the nature of a direct response to the protocol, but it is understood that it does not contain any material modifications of the terms of the protocol, but it does contain a request that the president should explain the meaning of certain clauses of the protocol, and it is understood that the president will do so. The reply is not in the form of a formal note, but is in the form of a letter addressed to the president by the Duke of Almodovar del Rio, who is the Spanish minister of foreign affairs. It is understood that the president will submit the reply to the cabinet at the regular meeting tomorrow morning. It is not in the form