

THE WAR ON CUBA.

Advised Received by the Spanish Minister at Washington.

INSURGENT BANDS DEFEATED.

A Guide Who Had Been Among the Rebels Says They Had Over 200 Wounded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Spanish minister has received the following advice from Havana: Bands of insurgents are marching to the north of Havana with the intention of diverting the attention of the troops and to permit Gomez and Maceo to cross to Matanzas and enter the Ciego de Zazula. The roads are guarded by the commands of Echague and Francis. One of the insurgent bands entered the town of San Antonio de los Baños and was defeated by the troops. One encounter took place at the Orizaba plantation. The enemy lost three killed, four prisoners, eight horses and arms and ammunition. They carried away several wounded. Col. Gomez has captured the rebel chief Esteban between Cardenas and Guines.

A small column organized by the military commander of the province of Matanzas, defeated the bands of Villa Nueva and Balduino, killing twenty and capturing fifteen prisoners and the arms and a few muskets. The reports are that the insurgents carried away many wounded. General Aldama and Llanos and Colonel Hernandez met in the night when passing the river of Ope de Agua, the latter having been retreating after having been defeated by Hernandez. The engagement lasted an hour and six of the enemy were killed. The government troops captured at Cardenas late in the night two men wounded. Knowing by the report of a spy that the enemy was at the plantation El Ocho, Col. Fort went to meet them. About two and a half miles from the plantation, strong groups of the enemy began firing with their rifles, capturing the government troops and Col. Fort pursued his way in the plantation and was met by the fire of the enemy who were in a strong position, fired in half circles, according to their usual tactics. The troops disintegrated from the attack by the fire of the artillery, the enemy made a final stand in the ruins of the house that was stormed by troops of the Cuban republic and two officers were killed and a third wounded. The troops engaged by the government columns were those of Gomez, Trayer, Cardenas and Colon, killed with a force from 4,000 to 5,000 men. The enemy tried to make a last stand but were defeated, the principal group retreating toward the Cabaiguan hills.

The government casualties were one captain and six soldiers dangerously wounded and six others more or less wounded.

A civilian carried by force by the insurgents to serve as guide, told when he returned that the insurgents are clothed and discouraged in consequence of the constant prosecution that they are suffering from the army. No wounded and no prisoners taken. The courage of the troops. The guide said they are engaged in a running match.

Bill Nye Dead.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 24.—A special to the News from Asheville, N. C., says "Bill Nye" died there at 2 o'clock p. m. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Mr. Nye came to this section seven or eight years ago in search of health and finally bought a farm, where he built a small house.

He was born in Shirley, Mass., Aug. 23, 1860. He was educated at an academy at River Falls, Wis., removed to Wyoming Territory, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He began early to contribute humorous sketches to the newspapers, using the pen name of "Bill Nye." He was connected with various Western papers, and afterwards settled in New York City. He has published "Bill Nye's Life and the Humorist" (Chicago, 1891), "The Funny Side of the Law" (New York, 1893), "Bill Nye's Blarney" (1893), and "Reminiscences" (1895).

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Alfred H. Henshaw, daughter of the late Commodore Henshaw and sister of Lady Henshaw, is dead in this city. She was prematurely delivered of a child.

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