# FIGHT NEAR SANTIAGO.

## 200 Americans and 50 Cubans Put 450 Spaniards to Rout.

### THERE WAS LITTLE REAL FIGHTING.

**Americans Regard it as Comparatively Spanish Reports from Cuba Via Madrid.**

New York, June 22.—The first official telegram received by the Cuban junta from their government since the breaking out of the war was received late today by Senor T. Estrada Palma. It was as follows:

Playa del Este, June 22.—We are at Playa del Este. Further news later. Our loss in the fight at Daiquiri was 10 killed and 20 Cubans against 450 Spaniards. Complete rout. Enemy's white standard captured. We captured 3 pieces of artillery. Many of the enemy are dead. We captured 3 officers and it wounded 3 officers and 40 men.

On our part we had 2 killed and 4 wounded. We captured 28 Mausers and 3,000 cartridges. Today the forces of Gen. Rabi and Brig. Castillo had a skirmish with the aid of the American cavalry. Success so far in the form of recruiting. Sixteen thousand American troops have disembarked at Baiquiri. Gen. Garcia is on board the cruiser New York.

GEN. LARDNER.

### SANTIAGO BAN AWAY.

Playa del Este, Guantanamo Bay, Province of Santiago de Cuba, Thursday afternoon, June 23.—(Copyrighted, 1898, by the Associated Press.)—Before the landing yesterday the fleet in front of Aserradero, Daiquiri and Siboney shared shots between Santiago and Baiquiri to prevent reinforcements by the railroad or by taking poles, placed in every village on the coast.

The Bancroft, Wilmington and Vixen discovered a regiment of Spanish soldiers pulling down the road to Juragua, and their shots sent them scampering up the hills like jackrabbits.

The scamper before the landing, which Baiquiri town and the surrounding villages underwent, the crash of its guns and the crash of its overhanging shells in the jungle, the reverberating among the hills, dense smoke hanging drifted in shore, completely cutting the view of the town, the Spanish battalion encamped Cuit gave in the lower, and Lt. Yeomans and Bunce entered the unfinished town.

We pillaged further to the east the Hotel, Helena and Baiquiri and then we pushed further to Turquesa De Los Altoros, hanging away at two back houses on the side of the hill which was above the deserted village. The Nasty swell caused these craft to rest considerably, and we saw the Vixen's cutter behind the rocks. The sun shone bright, a light breeze blew, and the gunboats had opened up a lively smoke, mingled in these the harbor, forming a picturesque sight. They were hitting some fine shots.

Prince Cristobal is Baiquiri, fourteen miles of coast, the ridge was dotted with the Spanish camp fires. The battalion, west of El Morro was the only point where the enemy appeared to make any resistance worth speaking of. The sharp reports of the batteries of the smaller boats filled the air, the echoes from the heavy guns rolled and rolled. A Paint order of our petty drilled out.

The officers and crews of the ships we remained watched the duels eagerly. At 1:30 the New York ran down from Aserradero and joined the road end of operations.

Just as she arrived the fleet built and Siboney was landing at the Iron company's wharf. The transports had been such in coaling on. Where Admiral Sampson's flagship Iowa, the Texas and Wasp were ranging away at a mile to the east of Baiquiri, where the Suwanee troops were landed to be in ambuscade.

Around the wharf trenches and Lopez were thickly clustered, some back with troops, others half empty, and Major Espinosa stood standing on the pier. The firing of the gunboats were soon discontinued. Finance broke with the shots had been discovered and a long, low, white house was soon burned up. No shots were seen to come from any point on shore.

The waters around Baiquiri were black with small craft of all sorts pulling ashore from the transports and the shore. Smoke curled up from various spots around the village, marking the fires started by the shells.

The landing continued quickly and by noon 1,000 troops were ashore. The wharf and the bluff swarmed with the invasion country. The order of battle issued by Admiral Sampson, who was almost surprised responsible for the success of the operations was as follows:

The army corps will land tomorrow morning the entire force landing at Baiquiri. The landing will begin at daylight. Ships stationed in the east end of Baiquiri will assist in clearing the way for an unopposed landing by firing on the Spanish forces at that place. Ships stationed in the west end of the beach and blockhouse at the mouth of the Rio Grande De Los Altoros and Aserradero, will be prepared to shell buildings and the small fort of Cabana, about two and one-half miles to the northwest of Baiquiri, will be shelled by the ships stationed there for that purpose.

A total of four lines of landing at Cabana will be made, about ten of the transports—the fast to disembark their troops—the Gallicia, Leonidas, Mexico, the day or a greater part of the day would can miles to the southward of Cabana, leaving boats and lighters in readiness for disembarking a large body of troops.

At the same time Gen. Rabi, with the Cuban troops will make a demonstration on the west side of Cabanas. The transports were assigned to lines and the four points mentioned above, Cabanas, The Aserradero, Playa and Texas. At Aserradero—The Cagle and Gonzalez. At Playa—De Los Altoros, Morgan, Helena and Baiquiri. At Baiquiri—The Hotel, Cuetos, Wasp and New Orleans, the Dixie and Cuetos. Also the Western Bank and the Wasp and New Orleans on the eastern front. All the vessels named will be in their positions at daylight. The first cars will be taken to avoid the zones of supplies. The firing at Baiquiri will begin at 5 o'clock. The Texas and Vixen at Cabanas. It is probable that over the operation, before the firing is resumed. The Suwanee will disembark troops from the smaller vessels and be sufficient for the accidents of war.

Another order was issued to the ships leaving close in at Aserradero and Cabanas, to be ready for an attack on the rear of the day, in a hotly contested Bloch Summons.

The Suwanee, Gonzalez (Spanish), Prince Alfonso, Leonidas, Mexico, Morgan, Cuetos, Dixie, Cuetos, Wasp, Western Bank, Gonzalez, Helena, Hotel, Cuetos, Cuetos, Cuetos