

IT WAS A HARD FIGHT.

More than a hundred Spanish were taken prisoners.

BATTLE RAGED FOR OVER SIX HOURS.

A thousand Cubans were beaten down by a large force of Spanish.

By Reginald.

New York, June 8.—News has just been received by the Cuban press, in this city of a victory achieved by the Cuban forces over a division of the Spanish army at Juncos, province of Santiago, on May 25. It was one of the most decisive battles which the patriots have fought in many months and the most important one since the war was declared for the United States against Spain.

A column of Spanish soldiers, 1,000 strong, had advanced to attack the town of San Pedro, after having destroyed their fortifications. In so doing, they had driven into the hands of the Spaniards and captured 120 Cubans, who had repelled the advance and driven the invaders back. They were soon forced there by a detachment of Spanish soldiers from those who were marching up against them.

The Spaniards were surprised on the morning of May 25 to be suddenly attacked by the Cuban forces, who were holding the heights above the town. The Spaniards were under the command of Col. Jose Leonidas Diaz, who was born in Leon, a commanding officer of the First Cavalry, and Gen. Martinez of the Infantry, and Gen. Quirino of the Infantry, and Gen. Martínez, "Quiro," the Cuban general in chief. He had 1,000 men, while the Spaniards had only 1,000 men.

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"This statement," he added, "is made in justice to Captain Hopkins, whom we have often heard speak higher in the estimation of the department."

Martin Thomas Max Die.

Brooklyn, N. Y., June 8.—The court of inquiry has just completed the examination of Martin Thomas, the owner of Westmoreland, a residence in Brooklyn, N. Y., and his wife, Anna Maria Thomas, to determine in the case whether and for what reason Captain Hopkins, of the U.S. Cavalry, was killed.

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