THREE CUBANS KILLED.

Our Spanish Officer and Sixteen Civilians Wounded in Havana Rumpus.

DESPERATE FIGHT IN THE STREETS.

Death of Garcia and an Effort to Close the Theaters on Sunday Evening the Cause.

Havana, Dec. 12.—Three Cubans were killed and one Spanish officer and sixteen other persons wounded, a fact said to an office holder of some Spanish officers of duty and a number of citizens and a party of Cubans.

After the news of Gen. Garcia's death spread through Havana early yesterday evening the Cubans wished to have all the places of amusement closed. They succeeded in closing two places, represented by Cubans, but the management of the Tacon Theater, where there are many Spanish officers among the audience, refused to close the house.

Thereupon Alegretta, a former captain of Cuban troops, got into an excited argument with the manager of the theater, and Alegretta was ejected from the house by the police on duty. There Alegretta entered into a heated discussion with a Spanish officer who had a bandage across the face with the hat of his sword. Then there was a collision between the officer and Spanish soldiers, more blows were struck on both sides and many persons from the parks and public places came in haste and brought crowds of people to the spot from adjacent streets and squares.

Suddenly a shot was fired, whether by a Cuban or by a Spaniard, historically or ordinarily, cannot be ascertained. Immediately the Cubans retreated into the Hotel Inglaterra. More shots were fired on both sides and Antonio Tack, a French citizen born in Havana, was shot and seriously wounded while entering a cabin.

Shots in all were fired and Cubans ran through the hotel office and made their way outside. Jesus Salomon, a civilian, fell wounded on the stairs and another wounded man broke into the room occupied by Lieut. Frederick Lee, one of the famous general and the brave colonel, general love, demanding quarters.

Gen. Greene and several members of his staff, who had been out on a holiday, reached the center of the disturbance in the hotel and went into the rotunda. As soon as the Spanish officers saw Gen. Greene, who was in civilian dress, they stopped the pursuit of the Cuban soldiers and retired.

In the meantime Romualo Lamar had been fatally wounded in the street and Pedro Bonn and Rene Jenison had been killed. With attempts of the Spanish guards on duty swarmed in from the neighboring streets and order was restored.

At the time the Cubans and inquiring spectators ran through the Hotel Inglaterra there were Hundreds of people lounging with Mat Marin of the Gerardo staff and other gentlemen. A bullet shattered a mirror behind which they stood and two others splintered the staircase.

R. J. Hendricks, editor of the Pensacola Journal, and Mr. W. L. Henry, a New York contractor, were in the office when the rush of shooting and shouting took place. Gen. Julio Sanguily was sitting at a table in the lobby. The shots came in the office and on the stair landing, however, for only a few minutes. On the outside the Spanish soldiers were marching in the usual manner and streets in the vicinity. The hotel was full of Americans, officers and civilians, and some of them, with their wives, were standing on the balconies at the imminent risk of being hit by stray bullets. Many of the ladies were more concerned about the safety of their husbands than about their own lives.

It is reported that, in addition to those killed and wounded, there have been probably mutilated fourteen men being cared for in private houses.

The arrests were made. A few minutes after the shooting in the hotel, Lieutenant Colonel Ximenez de Sandoval, formerly of Gen. Greene, asking if he would protect them. He assured them that he believed they had taken no part in the disturbance. Lieutenant Colonel Ximenez, who is the Spanish executive officer in Havana, was the Spanish executive officer in the Cuban war, and