

REBELS APPROACH HAVANA

Spanish General Evaded by the Insurgents with Ease.

DECISIVE CONFLICT IS NOW IMMINENT

Gomez and Maceo with Large Forces in Possession of Many Strong Points and Much Apprehension is Manifested.

Copyright, 1895, by Press Publishing Company. MATANZAS, Cuba, Dec. 24.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Three weeks ago the principal seat of military operations in Cuba was in the province of Puerto Principe, between the line of the Trocha and the border of the operations is transferred 160 miles to the westward, into the heart of the province of Matanzas.

Generals Gomez and Maceo, at the head of a column numbering from 4,000 to 6,000 men, probably the latter, have moved swiftly across the entire province of Santa Clara, and were at last accounts in control of the country defined by the railway from Jovellanos to Cardenas, and the railway line between Jovellanos and the city of Matanzas.

General Martinez Campos transferred his headquarters from Colon to Jovellanos three days ago, coming by a roundabout route, the direct railway line having been cut by rebels. Yesterday the railway station at Colloco and Jovellanos were in the hands of the insurgents.

CONTINUAL SKIRMISHES.

They are on the direct route to Matanzas about twenty-five miles distant from that city. During the week past the insurgents have been continuing their advance with the Spaniards. It was thought that the latter had surrounded Maceo, but he escaped. Gomez marches with about 2,000 men. Maceo is accompanied by General Serran, Sanchez, Aguerre and others, follow. The country is lighted with the flames of burning sugar estates. I know of no other properties which have been destroyed, including the Espana and Alavo estates, belonging to Romero Robledo, the recently retired minister of justice.

Closest left Jovellanos yesterday at the head of a Spanish column of 2,000 soldiers, expecting by a quick movement to engage the rebels. The latter were at Matanzas, but a point on the railway from Jovellanos to Cardenas. Small detachments were evidently scouting or reconnoitering the country. The general character of the fighting was a series of small skirmishes. The rebels were everywhere to be seen. There have been several sharp encounters between the Spanish columns and the insurgents, but no pitched battle had as yet taken place.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

The present location of the rebels is dangerous from a military point of view. Strong columns are closing around them. Gomez has probably become reckless, because of several successes in moving west from Puerto Principe.

No trains were running today beyond Coloco, a station fifteen miles east of Matanzas. The rebels have obtained intelligence or to transmit by cable, owing to the strict censorship which is maintained by the Spaniards. I make no claim to be an expert in this respect, but the country being destroyed was before Gomez's advance, an earthly paradise, fertile and luxuriant. One reason why Gomez has been so successful is that the west is the fact that the Spanish army in Santa Clara, numbering 7,000 men of all arms, was divided into small detachments, and the Spaniards were holding. As long as the insurgents continued in small bands, this policy was successful. Concentration of the Spanish forces was the only way out. They ought to be 40,000 troops near Gomez by this time.

LIKE SHERMAN'S MARCH.

The Spaniards' tactics in this raid, larger than any that took place in the civil war, except Sherman's march to the sea. Gomez appears to have no intention of tarrying anywhere. He is constantly in motion and carries no impediments other than a few pack animals laden with supplies. The Spaniards' tactics in this raid, larger than any that took place in the civil war, except Sherman's march to the sea.

CUBAN CAPITAL IN TURMOIL.

Approach of the Insurgent Army Disturbs the Citizens' Repose.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—Shortly after noon today the startling news was received from Matanzas that General Maximo Gomez, at the head of the insurgent army, said to number about 12,000 men of all arms, fairly well supplied with artillery, had by a feint turned the flank of Captain General Martinez de Campos, in command of the Spanish forces at Colon, attempting to stop the advance of the enemy upon Havana, and were now to the westward of Cardenas, threatening Matanzas to the southward, and striking directly at Havana. The receipt of this startling news has caused the greatest excitement here, both in Havana and in Jovellanos. As previously detailed in these dispatches, the insurgents, a little over two weeks ago, entered the province of Santa Clara from the province of Puerto Principe, at Jovellanos, and there defeating Colonel Serran and a Spanish column, made a most wonderful advance through the province, passing through the flower of the Spanish army, and added to number about 5,000 men.

DECEIVED THE SPANIARDS.

At one time it was reported that they intended to attack Santa Clara, but the tactics adopted to pass all the big towns, and press on for Havana. It was only a few days ago that the announcement was made that the insurgents were at Las Lajas and marching on to Havana. There came today the news of operations in Santa Clara, the province of Matanzas at Palma Sola. Before this, however, General Campos had changed his headquarters to Colon and he commenced hurriedly concentrating his forces there, intending to compel General Gomez to fight a pitched battle before passing that place. A day or so ago the insurgents caused a scurry in Colon. Fighting was heard at Ajua, about fifteen miles from the place, and reinforcements were sent to the front but this turned out to be little more than an outpost affair, and while the Spaniards were busy at the front, the main body of the army passed south of the main body of the line of railroad, and headed for the frontier province of Havana, thus turning the flank of the Spanish forces, with the bulk of the Spanish forces in the Island of Cuba, in now well to the rear of the insurgent columns. The latter, moving much more rapidly than the Spaniards, who are utterly unused to traveling in this wooded country, without regular roads, and with heavy grasses and low brush wood for cover, have been able to keep up to the mark to be able to catch up with the quickly moving Cubans, whose machetes clear a road for their advance, and who are accustomed to the forest country and accustomed to the climate.

EXAMPLE OF GOOD GENERALSHIP.

Gomez, by a beautifully executed counter march, has turned the flank of the famed Spanish commander, and today with his army made his appearance close to the rear of the Spanish column, and he is commanding the railroads to Cardenas, Matanzas and Havana. The movement of the insurgents with an splendidly maintained communication between Jovellanos and Colon, which latter is an important center in the province of Matanzas.

THEIR PLEDGE OF IRISH SUPPORT TO AMERICAN ARMS BRINGS DOWN ON HIS HEAD THE OUTPOURING OF TORY WRATH.

Copyright, 1895, by Press Publishing Company. LONDON, Dec. 24.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Today, as yesterday, in the case of Mr. Gladstone's message, both morning and afternoon papers give the leading place to the cablegram from Lord Rosebery, Mr. Redmond and various English bishops to the World.

SOBER WORDS FROM ROSEBERY.

Language of the Liberal Leader Praised by His Party Organs.

SOBER WORDS FROM ROSEBERY.

Language of the Liberal Leader Praised by His Party Organs.

JOHN REDMOND DENOUNCED AS A TRAITOR

His Pledge of Irish Support to American Arms Brings Down on His Head the Outpouring of Tory Wrath.

Copyright, 1895, by Press Publishing Company. LONDON, Dec. 24.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Today, as yesterday, in the case of Mr. Gladstone's message, both morning and afternoon papers give the leading place to the cablegram from Lord Rosebery, Mr. Redmond and various English bishops to the World.

LIBERALS HOPE FOR ARBITRATION.

The three organs of the liberal party, the News, Chronicle and Westminster Gazette, express the hope that Lord Salisbury may yet find his way open to arbitration with due regard to England's honor. This would be much more significant if it came from any one of the administrative organs. The Times from the beginning has been quite resolute, maintaining that the American contention is altogether wrong and Lord Salisbury altogether right and should be maintained to the end.

ENGLISHMEN ADDRESS AN OPEN LETTER TO THOSE OF AMERICA.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The open letter issued by the British authors, signed with 300 names, to their confederates in the United States. The names include those of Walter Besant, John Morley, John Ruskin, Hall Caine, Rider Haggard, Sir Edwin Arnold, George Meredith, Prof. W. E. H. Lecky, Martin Conway, R. D. Blackmore, William Black and Alfred Austin. The appeal says: "The Times from the beginning has been quite resolute, maintaining that the American contention is altogether wrong and Lord Salisbury altogether right and should be maintained to the end."

RECORDER GOFF URGED TO SUSPEND HIS SENTENCE INDEFINITELY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Old Bill Vosburg, the green goods man who swindled Anoton Clinef, a farmer of Clarkson, Neb., out of \$500, was arraigned for sentence before Recorder Goff in part II of general sessions today. His counsel made a plea for clemency, based upon the ground that his client had never sought to take human life, Vosburg contending, "simply by making war on property."

RECORDER GOFF URGED TO SUSPEND HIS SENTENCE INDEFINITELY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Old Bill Vosburg, the green goods man who swindled Anoton Clinef, a farmer of Clarkson, Neb., out of \$500, was arraigned for sentence before Recorder Goff in part II of general sessions today. His counsel made a plea for clemency, based upon the ground that his client had never sought to take human life, Vosburg contending, "simply by making war on property."

RECORDER GOFF URGED TO SUSPEND HIS SENTENCE INDEFINITELY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Old Bill Vosburg, the green goods man who swindled Anoton Clinef, a farmer of Clarkson, Neb., out of \$500, was arraigned for sentence before Recorder Goff in part II of general sessions today. His counsel made a plea for clemency, based upon the ground that his client had never sought to take human life, Vosburg contending, "simply by making war on property."

RECORDER GOFF URGED TO SUSPEND HIS SENTENCE INDEFINITELY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Old Bill Vosburg, the green goods man who swindled Anoton Clinef, a farmer of Clarkson, Neb., out of \$500, was arraigned for sentence before Recorder Goff in part II of general sessions today. His counsel made a plea for clemency, based upon the ground that his client had never sought to take human life, Vosburg contending, "simply by making war on property."

RECORDER GOFF URGED TO SUSPEND HIS SENTENCE INDEFINITELY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Old Bill Vosburg, the green goods man who swindled Anoton Clinef, a farmer of Clarkson, Neb., out of \$500, was arraigned for sentence before Recorder Goff in part II of general sessions today. His counsel made a plea for clemency, based upon the ground that his client had never sought to take human life, Vosburg contending, "simply by making war on property."

RECORDER GOFF URGED TO SUSPEND HIS SENTENCE INDEFINITELY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Old Bill Vosburg, the green goods man who swindled Anoton Clinef, a farmer of Clarkson, Neb., out of \$500, was arraigned for sentence before Recorder Goff in part II of general sessions today. His counsel made a plea for clemency, based upon the ground that his client had never sought to take human life, Vosburg contending, "simply by making war on property."

RECORDER GOFF URGED TO SUSPEND HIS SENTENCE INDEFINITELY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Old Bill Vosburg, the green goods man who swindled Anoton Clinef, a farmer of Clarkson, Neb., out of \$500, was arraigned for sentence before Recorder Goff in part II of general sessions today. His counsel made a plea for clemency, based upon the ground that his client had never sought to take human life, Vosburg contending, "simply by making war on property."

RECORDER GOFF URGED TO SUSPEND HIS SENTENCE INDEFINITELY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Old Bill Vosburg, the green goods man who swindled Anoton Clinef, a farmer of Clarkson, Neb., out of \$500, was arraigned for sentence before Recorder Goff in part II of general sessions today. His counsel made a plea for clemency, based upon the ground that his client had never sought to take human life, Vosburg contending, "simply by making war on property."

REBELS APPROACH HAVANA

Spanish General Evaded by the Insurgents with Ease.

DECISIVE CONFLICT IS NOW IMMINENT

Gomez and Maceo with Large Forces in Possession of Many Strong Points and Much Apprehension is Manifested.

Copyright, 1895, by Press Publishing Company. MATANZAS, Cuba, Dec. 24.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Three weeks ago the principal seat of military operations in Cuba was in the province of Puerto Principe, between the line of the Trocha and the border of the operations is transferred 160 miles to the westward, into the heart of the province of Matanzas.

Generals Gomez and Maceo, at the head of a column numbering from 4,000 to 6,000 men, probably the latter, have moved swiftly across the entire province of Santa Clara, and were at last accounts in control of the country defined by the railway from Jovellanos to Cardenas, and the railway line between Jovellanos and the city of Matanzas.

General Martinez Campos transferred his headquarters from Colon to Jovellanos three days ago, coming by a roundabout route, the direct railway line having been cut by rebels. Yesterday the railway station at Colloco and Jovellanos were in the hands of the insurgents.

CONTINUAL SKIRMISHES.

They are on the direct route to Matanzas about twenty-five miles distant from that city. During the week past the insurgents have been continuing their advance with the Spaniards. It was thought that the latter had surrounded Maceo, but he escaped. Gomez marches with about 2,000 men. Maceo is accompanied by General Serran, Sanchez, Aguerre and others, follow. The country is lighted with the flames of burning sugar estates. I know of no other properties which have been destroyed, including the Espana and Alavo estates, belonging to Romero Robledo, the recently retired minister of justice.

Closest left Jovellanos yesterday at the head of a Spanish column of 2,000 soldiers, expecting by a quick movement to engage the rebels. The latter were at Matanzas, but a point on the railway from Jovellanos to Cardenas. Small detachments were evidently scouting or reconnoitering the country. The general character of the fighting was a series of small skirmishes. The rebels were everywhere to be seen. There have been several sharp encounters between the Spanish columns and the insurgents, but no pitched battle had as yet taken place.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

The present location of the rebels is dangerous from a military point of view. Strong columns are closing around them. Gomez has probably become reckless, because of several successes in moving west from Puerto Principe.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPROACH HAVANA

Spanish General Evaded by the Insurgents with Ease.

DECISIVE CONFLICT IS NOW IMMINENT

Gomez and Maceo with Large Forces in Possession of Many Strong Points and Much Apprehension is Manifested.

Copyright, 1895, by Press Publishing Company. MATANZAS, Cuba, Dec. 24.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Three weeks ago the principal seat of military operations in Cuba was in the province of Puerto Principe, between the line of the Trocha and the border of the operations is transferred 160 miles to the westward, into the heart of the province of Matanzas.

Generals Gomez and Maceo, at the head of a column numbering from 4,000 to 6,000 men, probably the latter, have moved swiftly across the entire province of Santa Clara, and were at last accounts in control of the country defined by the railway from Jovellanos to Cardenas, and the railway line between Jovellanos and the city of Matanzas.

General Martinez Campos transferred his headquarters from Colon to Jovellanos three days ago, coming by a roundabout route, the direct railway line having been cut by rebels. Yesterday the railway station at Colloco and Jovellanos were in the hands of the insurgents.

CONTINUAL SKIRMISHES.

They are on the direct route to Matanzas about twenty-five miles distant from that city. During the week past the insurgents have been continuing their advance with the Spaniards. It was thought that the latter had surrounded Maceo, but he escaped. Gomez marches with about 2,000 men. Maceo is accompanied by General Serran, Sanchez, Aguerre and others, follow. The country is lighted with the flames of burning sugar estates. I know of no other properties which have been destroyed, including the Espana and Alavo estates, belonging to Romero Robledo, the recently retired minister of justice.

Closest left Jovellanos yesterday at the head of a Spanish column of 2,000 soldiers, expecting by a quick movement to engage the rebels. The latter were at Matanzas, but a point on the railway from Jovellanos to Cardenas. Small detachments were evidently scouting or reconnoitering the country. The general character of the fighting was a series of small skirmishes. The rebels were everywhere to be seen. There have been several sharp encounters between the Spanish columns and the insurgents, but no pitched battle had as yet taken place.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

The present location of the rebels is dangerous from a military point of view. Strong columns are closing around them. Gomez has probably become reckless, because of several successes in moving west from Puerto Principe.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPROACH HAVANA

Spanish General Evaded by the Insurgents with Ease.

DECISIVE CONFLICT IS NOW IMMINENT

Gomez and Maceo with Large Forces in Possession of Many Strong Points and Much Apprehension is Manifested.

Copyright, 1895, by Press Publishing Company. MATANZAS, Cuba, Dec. 24.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Three weeks ago the principal seat of military operations in Cuba was in the province of Puerto Principe, between the line of the Trocha and the border of the operations is transferred 160 miles to the westward, into the heart of the province of Matanzas.

Generals Gomez and Maceo, at the head of a column numbering from 4,000 to 6,000 men, probably the latter, have moved swiftly across the entire province of Santa Clara, and were at last accounts in control of the country defined by the railway from Jovellanos to Cardenas, and the railway line between Jovellanos and the city of Matanzas.

General Martinez Campos transferred his headquarters from Colon to Jovellanos three days ago, coming by a roundabout route, the direct railway line having been cut by rebels. Yesterday the railway station at Colloco and Jovellanos were in the hands of the insurgents.

CONTINUAL SKIRMISHES.

They are on the direct route to Matanzas about twenty-five miles distant from that city. During the week past the insurgents have been continuing their advance with the Spaniards. It was thought that the latter had surrounded Maceo, but he escaped. Gomez marches with about 2,000 men. Maceo is accompanied by General Serran, Sanchez, Aguerre and others, follow. The country is lighted with the flames of burning sugar estates. I know of no other properties which have been destroyed, including the Espana and Alavo estates, belonging to Romero Robledo, the recently retired minister of justice.

Closest left Jovellanos yesterday at the head of a Spanish column of 2,000 soldiers, expecting by a quick movement to engage the rebels. The latter were at Matanzas, but a point on the railway from Jovellanos to Cardenas. Small detachments were evidently scouting or reconnoitering the country. The general character of the fighting was a series of small skirmishes. The rebels were everywhere to be seen. There have been several sharp encounters between the Spanish columns and the insurgents, but no pitched battle had as yet taken place.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

The present location of the rebels is dangerous from a military point of view. Strong columns are closing around them. Gomez has probably become reckless, because of several successes in moving west from Puerto Principe.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPROACH HAVANA

Spanish General Evaded by the Insurgents with Ease.

DECISIVE CONFLICT IS NOW IMMINENT

Gomez and Maceo with Large Forces in Possession of Many Strong Points and Much Apprehension is Manifested.

Copyright, 1895, by Press Publishing Company. MATANZAS, Cuba, Dec. 24.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Three weeks ago the principal seat of military operations in Cuba was in the province of Puerto Principe, between the line of the Trocha and the border of the operations is transferred 160 miles to the westward, into the heart of the province of Matanzas.

Generals Gomez and Maceo, at the head of a column numbering from 4,000 to 6,000 men, probably the latter, have moved swiftly across the entire province of Santa Clara, and were at last accounts in control of the country defined by the railway from Jovellanos to Cardenas, and the railway line between Jovellanos and the city of Matanzas.

General Martinez Campos transferred his headquarters from Colon to Jovellanos three days ago, coming by a roundabout route, the direct railway line having been cut by rebels. Yesterday the railway station at Colloco and Jovellanos were in the hands of the insurgents.

CONTINUAL SKIRMISHES.

They are on the direct route to Matanzas about twenty-five miles distant from that city. During the week past the insurgents have been continuing their advance with the Spaniards. It was thought that the latter had surrounded Maceo, but he escaped. Gomez marches with about 2,000 men. Maceo is accompanied by General Serran, Sanchez, Aguerre and others, follow. The country is lighted with the flames of burning sugar estates. I know of no other properties which have been destroyed, including the Espana and Alavo estates, belonging to Romero Robledo, the recently retired minister of justice.

Closest left Jovellanos yesterday at the head of a Spanish column of 2,000 soldiers, expecting by a quick movement to engage the rebels. The latter were at Matanzas, but a point on the railway from Jovellanos to Cardenas. Small detachments were evidently scouting or reconnoitering the country. The general character of the fighting was a series of small skirmishes. The rebels were everywhere to be seen. There have been several sharp encounters between the Spanish columns and the insurgents, but no pitched battle had as yet taken place.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

The present location of the rebels is dangerous from a military point of view. Strong columns are closing around them. Gomez has probably become reckless, because of several successes in moving west from Puerto Principe.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.

General Navarro has had an engagement with Gomez on the railway near Matanzas. The rebels burned the station and the Spaniards passed through the fiery hell after their adversaries. Gomez entered the town of Rogue, a short distance east of Matanzas, and after a short stay there for two hours, and afterward destroyed the railway station at Quintana.

REBELS APPLY THE TORCH.