GEN. URIBE ASKS FOR ARMS FOR HIS FORCES

Also Wants Cartridges for Captured Field Pieces.

Rebel Chief Wires, "Enemy Retreating; Will Pursue"—Rifles and Cartridges Will Be Sent to Him.

Dr. A. J. Restropo, diplomatic representative of the Colombian revolutionists, received a cable dispatch yesterday from Gen. Rafael Uribe Uribe, in which the latter asks that arms be shipped immediately for his increasing army, and also for cartridges to be used in the field pieces taken from the Government forces in the battles on the Venezuelan frontier. The message, which is a long one, was sent from San Cristobal, Venezuela, via Maracaibo, although Dr. Restropo believes that Gen. Uribe is now in the interior of Colombia, and that the message was sent by messenger to the frontier of Venezuela, whence it was cabled here.

The rebel chief adds: "Enemy retreating into interior. Will pursue. Clericals severely beaten in both battles. Have no time to write letters. Am busy fighting." The battles referred to are those which took place at San Cristobal, in which the General led the combined Venezuelan and Liberal Colombian forces.

"I will send Gen. Uribe immediately 5,000 rifles and a quantity of cartridges for the captured guns," said the diplomatic agent last night.

"Will you send these from New York?" he was asked, whereupon he changed the topic of conversation.

Other news of a favorable character was received. One story was to the effect that Col. Andreas Marquesz had landed an expedition from Trinidad at Boyaca. This filibustering expedition, which reached its destination by way of the Rivers Orinoco, Meta, and Arauca, is supposed to have landed 5,000 rifles and 5,000,000 cartridges.

Gen. Vargas Santas, Commander in Chief of the insurrectionary army, who is now at Curacao, where he is directly the organization of the rebellion, reports that everything is progressing favorably. He is seventy-five years old, but says he is determined to return soon to Colombia and take up the fight against the Government where he left it off.

Representatives of the Colombian Government here continue purchasing war materials. They have just bought a Driggs-Seabury gun, which will probably be shipped on the steamship Athos within a week. Five hundred rounds of ammunition will also be sent.

That several battles have recently been fought in the interior of the republic was positively confirmed by advices that Señor Comas Herran, Secretary of the Colombiau Legation at Washington, received yesterday. These say that one battle took place at Tumaco, in the south of Cauca. The Government is reported to have been victorious, taking several prisoners and arms and ammunition. The prisoners have been confined on board the gunboat Gaitan. Another battle was fought at Anapoima, in Tolima, but the details are lacking, and both sides claim the victory.

Señor Herran said yesterday: "It looks as if the situation was getting serious. Gen. Marin, they say, has now quite an army. The guerrilla bands have probably united." The force of Gen. Marin, it is known, numbers 2,500 men, and their objective point is Bogota, the capital. It was this army that fought the Government troops at Anapoima.

Since the visit here of Gen. Herbert O. Jefferies, the American who is now taking an active part in the warlike preparations being made by the Colombian Government, it has been known that military supplies were being quietly shipped from American ports to Colombia. These shipments were quietly made, and some of the arms are said to have been manifested as machinery

Gen. Jefferies, since his return to Colombia, has been fitting out the yacht Namouna, which has been converted into a small warship, and is now called the General Pinzon.

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