

MOROS FIGHT AMERICANS.

Two Soldiers Killed—Gen. Wood Tried to Avoid Bloodshed.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The following bulletin was posted at the War Department to-day:

“Gen. Wood reports that he invited the Sultan of Taraca to meet him at Vicars on March 31 for consultation, and that the Sultan refused to come, and instead made extensive hostile preparations. Marching columns from Marahui and Vicars left on the 2d of April, to assemble in Taraca Valley.

“The Vicars column was fired into all night ten miles from Vicars, and one enlisted man was seriously wounded. The Marahui column was strongly resisted at the mouth of the Taraca River, although every effort was made to accomplish a peaceful landing: two enlisted men were seriously wounded.

“The combined forces assembled in the valley on the 4th of April, and a large number of the hostiles' fortified cottas were occupied and destroyed from April 4 to 7. The troops then returned to their proper stations. Newcomb, Company K, Seventeenth Infantry, and Wampler, Company D, Twenty-third Infantry, were killed.

“Every effort was made to bring the Moros to terms peacefully, but in each instance our troops were attacked before firing a shot, and force was only used when all peaceful methods failed and the enemy attacked us.

“The two chiefs who have been at the bottom of all the trouble on the east side of Lanao for two years are now in hiding, and they will be arrested if possible.

“Gen. Wade, to whom Gen. Wood's report was made, and who transmitted it to the department, adds that the conditions in the Taraca Valley for the last three months have been such as to render the above action absolutely necessary.”

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