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and in a few words thanked the company for this cordial display and assurance of confidence.

There was nothing more of note done that day, and I saw no more of Morgan, though I was once or twice again on the mountain.

The morning orders were given to build up the batteries, and all the crews were mustered and set to work. We found the chief's design was to make this a strong place, that we might have a haven of refuge in case things went wrong at Panama.

By the end of the next day we had the place in a very fair posture for defense, whereupon Morgan had us knock off, and preparation was forthwith made for the great expedition.

There were at this time in the river some small Spanish vessels, named, I think, Chatten, and these, with the four little ships that had been there at first, Morgan fetched up close to the guns and armed with cannon.

Our command numbered four, 1,393 men, including Morgan himself, and for conveyance we had five barges, ten ships' boats and 32 canoes.

I thought there must be 3,000 of them. The greater part were foot, but on each flank was a considerable body of horse. Their arms and appointments seemed of the best description.

At least, I thought, we have our work cut out. I greatly doubt if we can overcome such a strong force.

This I found was the opinion of many others, for a kind of growl of apprehension ran through the ranks.

"Halt!" cried Morgan, sharply. The men were only too glad to obey. "Listen, comrades," he went on.

The men set up a cheer, the second I had heard since the beginning of the terrible march, and immediately broke ranks.

I slept but ill, and that not only because my mind was excited but because in the night the Spaniards fetched some cannon out of the city and began firing upon us.

Fortunately, they advanced their battery but a little way, and none of the shot hurt us, but only kept up a considerable noise and sent down branches from the trees about us.

Mr. Tym seemed much less disquieted than I was, though once or twice he sat up and watched the commotion of the shot among the trees.

I fell asleep at last, though I had not believed so till I found myself coming out of a troubled dream, and my comrades beginning to stir about.

It was the gray of dawn, and everything looked dim and cheerless, the men not talking much and no fires yet alight.

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The Spaniards had destroyed the bridge.

gan made us halt, and after a little talk with his captains decided to take again to the canoes, sending along a few hundred men at a time, and this, though with great labor, was done, and the reserve force then being brought up, we were once more all together.

The eighth morning we still staggered along, weak, but in a sudden way determined. But now the terrible strain was nearly over. On the ninth day our guides showed us a little mountain, which, having ascended, behold there lay the South sea!

And so it proved. There was a little confusion in the Spanish ranks, as the flying riders rode back and wheeled to regain their old station, and then another trumpet sounded and the entire body of foot moved forward.

"Stand fast!" said Morgan in deep tones. The enemy came on slowly, and of a sudden stopped. The line of guns glittered, and instantly everything was confused in flame and smoke.

Some paces on they went, the enemy making no movement to stay them, and then of a sudden one of the bands of horse trotted into the road, and at the blast of a trumpet broke forward at a swift gallop.

I almost held my breath, as did I assure my companions. Down thundered the horse. They deployed right and left, and we almost upon our men. Then the cool buccaneers lifted their guns, and following the roar so their foremost of the riders, flash out of their saddles. There was a piling up and rearing and plunging of frightened animals, and almost before I could realize it the remainder of the troop had reined about and were thundering back whence they came.

We broke into frantic cheer, and by a common impulse the entire squad surged forward. "Lead on, Morgan!" thundered Paul Cradick; "we can wipe those fellows off the earth!"

"Not yet!" shouted Morgan, his face now red and fiery, and his voice set alight to the pitch of a laugh. "We must re-peat another charge or two first."

On the Spaniards came, their flanks expanding and their horse circling out into the meadow. In a flash the whole army seemed to be inclosing us.

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