

The boldness of this Indian made the Spaniards believe him not alone, or rather deprived them of all sense. A panic seized them ; they rushed out of the fort, and began to run in confusion in the direction of where Casenove was. The latter by cries warned de Gourgues, who pushed forward ; and inclosing the enemy between himself and his lieutenant, fell on them so furiously, that out of sixty that they were, there remained, after the first rush, only a few who were taken and reserved for a less glorious end.¹

Meanwhile, the cannon of the second fort kept playing incessantly, and galled our men. To silence their fire, the general planted on the bank of the river the two culverins² and two other pieces of artillery found in the first fort. This had its effect. He then, with eighty men, crossed in a bark which he had ordered up for the purpose, and he had promised the Indians to send it back for them as soon as he landed ; but they had not the patience to wait for him, and swam over, yelling fearfully. The Spaniards were terrified ; and not considering themselves safe in their intrenchments, fled to the woods, where Mr. de Gourgues, who was in ambush, surrounded and cut them to pieces. Of sixty that they numbered, he spared only fifteen, whom he kept as prisoners. He then entered the fort, which he found untenanted. He demolished it, and put the provisions and arms in the former, which he made his stronghold. All this happened on the eve of Low Sunday.³

Caroline still had a garrison of over two hundred men ; but the consternation there was great. The Chevalier de Gourgues had among his prisoners an old sergeant, from

1568.

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¹ La Reprise de la Floride, p. 346 ; pieces of cannon.—*Charlevoix*. The Basanier, pp. 213, 214.

² The manuscript Relation, pre-
served in the family of Messrs. de
Gourgues, speaks only of one culverin
with the arms of France and the
name of Henry II., and of three

Reprise de la Floride (p. 346) says
the same. Basanier (p. 212) does not
specify, but says, four cannon.

³ La Reprise de la Floride, p.
349 ; Basanier, Histoire Notable, p.
218.