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***Large Section Is Wiped Out in
Baracoa, Which Was Founded
by Diego Columbus in 1514.***

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HAVANA, July 10.—A fire that threatened to destroy the entire town of Baracoa, on the northern coast of Cuba in Oriente Province, broke out today in Matachin, a suburb, spread rapidly to the downtown district and was extinguished by troops and civilians in bucket brigades late tonight only after fourteen buildings there had been destroyed.

The telegraph and telephone buildings were burned, cutting off communication. The damage has not yet been estimated, but no casualties were reported.

The United Fruit Company, the

Atlantic Fruit Company and several other American concerns have banana plantations near Baracoa, as well as offices and warehouses in the town.

The American destroyer Worden, on its way to Baracoa, was ordered to return to Guantanamo when the flames were checked.