

THE CUBAN WAR.

THE LATEST EXPEDITION FROM THIS CITY.

The Reported Departure of Another Company of Filibusters from this Port on Tuesday Morning—The Story Denied by Some—Have the Cubans Another Privateer Afloat?

The current rumor that another expedition left this port for Cuba during the past few hours is strongly denied by interested parties. Nevertheless, we are still assured that on Tuesday morning last at an early hour a side-wheel tugboat, called the *Aaron Wilbur*, had been chartered on Thursday of the previous week by certain friends of the Junta, to take stores and men from this City to a steamer, which had been purchased in Philadelphia, and which waited the company at the Delaware Breakwater. The stores were put on board of the *Wilbur* while she lay in the stream, off Pier No. 18 North River, from Thursday until Saturday afternoon. She was to have departed on Saturday night, but the bad weather commencing prevented the accomplishment of the plan until Monday night, when she proceeded to Peek-slip. There she remained under steam until 4 A. M. on Tuesday to receive one party of recruits. Thence she steamed up the East River to Grand-street Ferry, where another party embarked, and to East Brooklyn for still another, returning at 5 o'clock to Peek-slip, where a fourth detachment was in waiting. At 5:30 A. M. she left Peek-slip and steamed down the Bay toward Sandy Hook, with (as we are informed) 250 men on board.

The Captain of the *Wilbur* and the men in his employ deny having carried the filibusters, as stated, and say, in explanation, that they went to the lightship carrying a fishing party, who returned to East Fifty-third-street with the steamer. This story seems improbable, when it is known that the *Wilbur* was seen on Tuesday morning far to the southward, coming up along the Jersey beach.

Our informant was several miles south of Sandy Hook, on another vessel, when he sighted the *Wilbur*. She was then almost hull down, and coming rapidly toward him. Later in the afternoon he made her out to be the *Aaron Wilbur*; and as he had seen her leave New-York at an early hour in the morning with a large number of men on board, and heard of her having been chartered to go to some Cuban transport or privateer off the coast, he supposed that she had succeeded in accomplishing the object of her voyage, and was returning to the City. It appears that at some time during the afternoon the *Wilbur* did come to anchor near the lightship, as if she were on a fishing excursion, for she was seen by the steamer *Rapidan*, which arrived at this City that evening. Although it was generally reported that the tugboat was to meet a passenger steamer off the Delaware Breakwater, it is now evident that such was not the case. It is asserted by the initiated that she met an armed steamer somewhere off Barnegat and put a crew on board of her, so that the probability is that another privateer has been added to the Cuban forces.

THE HORNET AND EUTERPE.

Views of Cubans Concerning the Hornet—

Latest about the Euterpe.

Denial is given to the story that the Cuban residents in this City are in great uneasiness in regard to the probable action of the Government toward the steamer *Cuba*, or *Hornet*. It is claimed by Cubans that the steamer is neither a pirate nor a privateer, and that she is not amenable to the laws of the United States. She was fitted out at a Canadian port, and was purchased for the Cuban Government on the high seas; consequently, they argue, she has not violated any portion of the Neutrality laws. She belongs to a Government (Cuba) which has been regularly recognized by the Republics of Peru and Bolivia, and which has received belligerent rights from the Republics of Mexico and Chili, consequently she cannot be treated, say they, as a mere adventurer under the International laws. It is believed, under these circumstances, that the Government will immediately release her, and allow her to proceed on her course as soon as her true and legitimate character has been established. Mention has been made of the case of the Southern privateer *Santer* as affording a precedent to such action. That vessel was ordered out of a Spanish port in which she took refuge during the late war, but no attempt was made to hold her, however.

The steamer *Euterpe* is still lingering at this port. It is understood that her owners, Messrs. C. H. MALLORY & CO., have endeavored to procure indemnification bonds from the Spanish agents in order to save themselves from loss in case the *Euterpe* fall a pray to some Cuban vessel. The proposition was refused on the part of the Spanish agents, who offered to the owners to send to Cuba and secure the services of a Spanish man-of-war to act as convoy to the *Euterpe*. It is suspected that the latter course will be adopted.

The Suit Against the Bondsmen of the

Quaker City.

Testimony was taken before a referee, yesterday, in the case of the United States against the bondsmen of the steamship *Columbia*, formerly the *Quaker City*, for the recovery of the bonds on the vessel, amounting to several thousand dollars. The vessel was seized some time ago on a charge of having been fitted out to carry arms and men to Cuba. Her owners subsequently gave bonds that she would not violate the Neutrality laws. It appears, however, that she went to St. Mark's and hoisted the Haytien rebel flag, and that her crew refused to stay, and were offered \$75, in gold, a month to do so.

The Hornet in Custody of the Treasury

Department—A Banquet on Board

—Her Status.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—The *Hornet* is now in possession of the Treasury Department, having been seized by officials of the revenue service, and will remain under the control of the Secretary until the Courts shall have decided her legal status and the disposition to be made of her.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 6.—An entertainment, this evening, on board the Cuban sloop-of-war *Cuba*, was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen.

There are no new developments concerning the status of the *Cuba*; but the public mind here is unanimous in the opinion that she will be released as soon as an investigation is made. Her release by the United States authorities at Philadelphia and by the British authorities at Halifax, and the fact that she is a vessel-of-war, regularly commissioned by the Cuban Government, and not fitted out in any United States port, seems conclusive that there is no justification for her detention. Hon. GEORGE DAVIS, Ex-Attorney-General of the late Confederate States, is one of the counsel for the Cubans.

Rumors Regarding the Action of the

British and French Governments Contradicted.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—A report has been prevalent here to-day, and found its way into print, that Secretary Fish yesterday received dispatches from both the French and English Governments to the effect that they had notified their fleets to overhaul the Cuban privateer *Hornet* and sink her when found. They were further instructed to treat the officers and crew as pirates and hang them. On inquiry at the proper quarter it has been ascertained there is no truth whatever in this report, and further, that it was not known in diplomatic circles that the *Hornet* had been captured until twenty-four hours after she was in Government custody, when the fact was unofficially mentioned to several of the foreign representatives, the British Minister included. The Government received a telegram on Sunday night, and it was in consequence of the facts therein stated that an order was immediately sent to detain the vessel for judicial proceedings.

Presence of an American Man-of-War at Havana.

HAVANA, Oct. 6.—The appearance of an American man-of-war in this harbor has had a good effect.