

SAFETY OF THE GUNBOATS.

Failure of the Cuban Expedition—Want of Co-operation Among the Leaders—Return of the Filibusters.

The Cuban expedition, which started from this City on last Friday night for the mouth of the Potomac, where an armed vessel was in waiting to embark the men who had sworn to sink or capture the Spanish flotilla, now on its way to the "ever faithful isle," has proved a failure. The particulars of the enterprise were published in Saturday morning's TIMES. We learn from Cubans well informed on the plans laid down to govern the movements of the destroyers, that Messrs. GEORGE ANNOTT and ALBERT LANG had arranged to coöperate with a certain leader of a former unsuccessful expedition, and he assured them that he had made such preparations for the enterprise that success was certain. He promised to meet Mr. ANNOTT at a certain house in Broadway, near Bleecker-street, on Monday night, at 10:30 o'clock, when he would accompany him to a tug-boat filled with armed men awaiting them in the East River. This boat was to have gone to sea in pursuit of the gunboats, which they expected to overhaul off Hatteras, where the armed steamer *Republica*, from the Potomac River, was to join them. Together the two steamers were to attack, and, if possible, board some of the gunboats and sink the others. But this leader failed to keep his appointment, and knowing that the *Republica* was provisioned only for three days, two of which had already expired without any movement on the part of the New-York portion of the expedition, LANG gave up the matter in disgust. He could do nothing without money, which the Cubans refused to advance him, and the lack of energy displayed by the above-mentioned Cuban leader, on whom all had implicitly relied, disheartened him and he withdrew from the affair. The fifty men who left this City on Wednesday night to join the *Republica* have returned.

The abandonment of this enterprise, says our informant, renders the safe arrival of the flotilla at Havana a certainty. He assures us that the *Atlanta*, or *Triumph*, as some call her, has nothing whatever to do with this or any other Cuban movement, and that no possible danger now lies between the gunboats and their destination. It is possible, however, that this statement may not be altogether correct, as vague hints are thrown out by Cubans in this City concerning the *Triumph*. They pretend to expect news of some disaster to the gunboats ere long, and kindly ask all interrogators to "wait and see." Thus far nothing has been heard of a startling nature by the well-wishers of the flotilla.