

EXPEDITION FOR CUBA.

A Formidable Flt Out for the Struggling Patriots.

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An expedition is now fitting out in this city which will be of the most formidable character, and which the government, if it desires to maintain its popularity and retain the affections of the people, had better not interfere with any further than merely to make a show of good faith towards the Spanish government.

The progress of the expedition may be retarded by official interference, but it cannot be stopped. There are men at the head of it and men at the back of it who never say fail, and those who are in the secret here look forward to certain success and beneficial results.

"Cuba must be free" is the watchword of the expeditionists, and they will not stop until the command becomes a fact.

That such men as Francis P. Blair and General Steedman are deep in the movement is no secret here and is common talk.

That the steamship Cuba, one of the fastest vessels that ever crossed the Gulf of Mexico, has been secured for initiatory service, is equally well known. The Cuba is now probably in Baltimore, she having left Havana on the 1st inst. for that port. She is comparatively a young vessel, and is well and strongly built. She is over 1,000 tons burden, and is fully able to convey 1,200 to 1,500 men to any part of the coast of the island in whose honor she is named.

Those who are contributing time and money to the enterprise say that they have no fear of government interference, as they had arranged matters to their satisfaction on that score before they commenced the job.

A few days will develop the details, and the public can then talk over the matter while the Cuba, with a formidable armament and well found in men, is steaming for the struggling patriots.