

## The Upton Expedition—Reported Successful Landing.

Were we to believe the numerous reports of Spanish successes in the Island of Cuba which are forwarded from Havana almost every day we should have little hesitation in regarding the revolution of the Cubans against Spanish oppression at an end. Though the accomplishments of the revolutionists in the field have not been remarkably brilliant it is impossible to lose sight of the fact that they have all along aimed at harassing their opponents in small bodies rather than depending on the chances of regular engagements. It is true that the Cubans have been unsuccessful in many of their armed expeditions, and that the attempts of the Cuban sympathizers to furnish the men battling for independence on Cuban soil with arms and ammunition have been frequently frustrated; yet, notwithstanding the glowing telegram of Captain General de Rodas "that the filibustering expedition which sailed from New York on the George B. Upton" has proved a failure, and that the men, arms and ammunition intended for the Cubans were captured by a Spanish force of one hundred strong, we are inclined to the belief that the expedition of the Upton was as successful as the truest well wishers of the Cuban cause might desire. In fact, the Spaniards knew nothing of the landing of the expedition until five days after it had taken place. Advices received in this city from Nuevitas and Havana confirm this view of the matter. Five days after the landing had occurred the fact was known in Nuevitas, and that space of time elapsed before the troops or the gunboats were placed in readiness to move. It is only natural, from these facts, to infer that the relief which the Upton brought was in the interior before the Spaniards arrived. Besides, the Cubans in and around Porto Brava are in considerable force, and the Captain General's "one hundred men arrested by two gunboats" would not have so easy a task to perform as the reading of his Excellency's despatch would lead us to suppose. Coming close on the news of the Upton's expedition we have the news of the sailing of the armed vessel Chieftain from London, England, for Cuba and in aid of the Cubans. What will De Rodas say to this? If he would be on the safe side this time he had better order his cruisers to sea in anticipation of the arrival of the Chieftain, capture her within five days' sail of the island, and thus make good the loss occasioned by being five days too late for the capture of the Upton.