

SYMPATHY FOR THE CUBAN

LARGE MEETING HELD IN NEW YORK.

The Natives of Cuba Say They are Ready With
Men and Money to Help the Cause of
Cuban Independence—The Resolu-
tionary Sentiment is
Very Strong.

NEW YORK, May 6.—"Viva Cuba! Viva Cuba! Viva Cuba!" shouted about 1,000 men in Hardman hall last night at a meeting of the New York sympathizers of the Cuban revolutionary party. More than half of the Cuban male population had assembled to give evidence of their support to the movement. Among some of the prominent workers for Cuba's independence present were Benjamin J. Guerra, treasurer of the Cuban revolutionary party in America, Senor de Quesada, Tomas Estrada Palma, ex-president of the short lived Cuban republic; Antonio V. Alvarado, editor of the *Gaceta Del Pueblo*; Sotero Figueroa and Manuel Velaz Alvarado.

Gonzalo de Quesada, the secretary of the local league, said: "This meeting has been called to demonstrate our adhesion to the revolutionary movement which has broken out in Cuba, and although the Spanish claim it has been completely put down we are informed to the contrary. All news published in the Spanish press comes over the Spanish cables, and it is colored to fit their interest. This is to enlist all Cubans to procure money for them, and, of course, if the present movement should fail we will go on just the same, struggling for independence. We are the only country that is not free in America, and we have a large enough population, sufficient education and industries to constitute a nation by ourselves. For that purpose we want American sympathy and we are sure of it. We expect to have an American meeting soon, and if we are sure the island is in a state of revolution, we shall take further measures to assist our friends in Cuba."

Juan Traga, the chairman, in opening the meeting, said in part: "These are times of action. We must not content ourselves with empty phrases and im-

tant talk. While not acquainted with the details of the outbreak in Cuba we do know that the revolution is going on. We must do all we can in our power to help the movement."

Exhorting his audience to patriotism and dwelling upon the importance of the hour, Senor Traga went on to caution his hearers, saying: "You must remember, on the other hand, that you are living in the United States, and, therefore, you must not violate the laws of neutrality."

A deafening cheer followed the chairman's announcement that a telegram from Key West announced that \$30,000 had been subscribed by Cuban residents there. Other speakers were ex-President Palma, Enrique Trujillo, Gonzalo de Quesada and Francisco Marin, Porto Rican.

During the speeches there were many enthusiastic interruptions. "I am ready to shed my last drop of blood to free the island of its slavery," shouted one patriot. Emilio Nunez, a colonel in the last revolution, jumped up, shouting: "I offer my money and my all."

A committee was formed to solicit contributions and about \$1,200 was paid in. A dispatch from Key West says that no confirmation of the news of the surrender of the Bartorius brothers has been received from Spanish authorities. If the story is true it seems probable the authorities would acquaint their consul here with all the facts, for they recognize the fact that Key West is the strongest outside center of Cuban revolutionary feeling. However, the Cubans accept the news, but still hope, of course, that it may prove false. A meeting to discuss the situation was held in San Carlos hall Thursday night, which for magnitude and display of enthusiasm has never been surpassed. Jose Marti was the principal speaker. He admitted that there were chances for the failure of the present movement, and explained the causes that may lead to its early abandonment, but at the same time he set forth the fact that such a result can have no serious effect on the Cuban revolutionary party, which will work until Cuba is free. He was greeted with great applause, and was followed by other prominent orators.