

# READY FOR REVOLT

## Cuban Revolutionists Organizing in New York.

### MEN, MONEY AND ARMS.

An Expedition May Be Started at any Time to Strike a Blow for Cuban Independence—Their Veteran Generals Will Lead Them to Battle Once More—The Plans of the Projectors.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The Herald today prints the following story: "In New York is brewing today what may develop into a revolution in Cuba within the next few months. The project is one of long standing. The possibility of its climax within a short time is the result of the recent elections in Cuba, which were unsatisfactory to the people there and to Cuban patriots in America. Instead of starting an expedition from Key West or Tampa, Fla., it is probable that if one is undertaken it will be organized here, if not actually started from this city.

"In Hardman hall, Fifth avenue and Nineteenth street, was organized last evening the New York Cuban revolutionary party, its avowed purpose being to uphold the movement for independence and a lasting republican form of government in Cuba.

"Delegate Jose Marti, a well known Cuban patriot and member of the council of direction, presided at the meeting and Gonzalo de Quesada acted as secretary. Quesada is secretary of the council of direction. By a unanimous vote the election of the party's delegates in Cuba was approved after which the situation in the island was discussed at great length. The speakers were Estrada Palma, ex-president of Cuba; Juan Fraga, president of the New York branch of his party; Delegate Marti, Carlos Zahonet, Secretary Quesada and Treasurer Benjamin J. Guerra.

#### Ready For Action.

"While of course no open declaration was made that it was contemplated to start a revolutionary expedition to Cuba in the near future that idea was clearly conveyed by statements that money in plenty had been collected to send men, arms and ammunition the moment it should be decided that extreme measures were the only resort.

"Men enough to fit out not one, but five, six or seven expeditions, and arms and accoutrements are within reach it declared. Delegate Marti and the counsel of direction alone stands between the government and immediate insurrection. When they are convinced their plans are perfect and there can be no chance of failure, as in the 10-years' revolt ending in 1878, then the word will be given, and under the same generals who led the insurgents 15 years ago the armies of the Cuban patriots will begin their fight for absolute independence.

"Since its organization, about a year ago, the party has grown until in the United States alone there are now 97 clubs or organizations contributing to the funds and ready to give active assistance to their compatriots of Cuba. In New York there are 10 clubs.

"The New York clubs generally meet in Military hall, 193 Bowery, and their total membership is more than 500. The enrollment of all the clubs in the United States is considerably more than 5,000.

#### Plenty of Funds.

"Treasurer Guerra said:

"The party has plenty of funds, and when the time comes there will be no lack of money to carry on the revolution. The war may start at any time. It may come next month for the matter of that, but we are prepared for it. These reports of expeditions from Key West that have been sent out are malicious falsehoods. Our party has not been fitting out an expedition to start from Key West or anywhere in that vicinity, and for what purpose the stories have been circulated I don't know."

"The Cubans in this city believe that once in possession of their island they can put it on a good, solid war footing in 10 years. They estimate the net income of the island at \$40,000,000 per year. This amount they propose to invest in a navy, calculating they can at least purchase 10 cruisers or battle ships every year."