

# TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD

## THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.

**Interesting Facts from an American Army Officer.—Strength of the Spanish Forces on the Island.—The Patriots Waiting for Warm Weather and Yellow Fever to Decimate the Spanish Troops.—A Formidable Expedition Fitting Out at New York and New Orleans for Cuba.**

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE BOSTON HERALD.

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Col. W. C. Squire, one of the keenest officers of the army of the Cumberland, arrived from Havana yesterday, having spent three or four weeks in Cuba. He says that the government has 15,000 regulars and 40,000 volunteers. He saw one review of 12,000 or 14,000 volunteers, and during his stay on the island he witnessed the arrival of 8000 or 9000 volunteers, mainly from Catalonia in Spain. The Spaniards have 5000 Peabody rifles and 15,000 Remingtons. They have also a contract for 10,000 more of the latter arm. Five thousand additional troops are expected from Spain. The Patriots have many sympathizers in Havana, but they dare not show their bands, at least until the Patriots win an important battle, and should a great battle be won, or should any large consignment of supplies reach the island, hosts of Havanaese sympathizers with the revolution would flock to the standard of Cespedes. The insurgents, Col. Squire says, seem to be waiting for hot weather and yellow fever to waste the government forces, hence they are not inclined to risk a general engagement, but the Colonel fears that the Cubans may lose if not soon recognized or materially assisted. Money and munitions are needed, but more than all the Patriots require recognition.

It is stated that the President has been made aware, since Thursday, that a very formidable expedition is openly preparing in this country at two points, New York and New Orleans, with the avowed design of proceeding to Cuba. The men at work to get up the expedition declare that the government will manage to let it alone very adroitly.