

THE CUBAN FIGHT.

ANOTHER EXPEDITION AFLOAT.

Several Hundred Men on the "Alabama"
Bound for Cuba.

LATER NEWS FROM THE HORNET.

Interview with the Spanish Vice-Consul.

Yesterday the United States Marshal emphatically denied the statement that a Cuban filibustering vessel sailed from this City on last Sunday night. Under ordinary circumstances this official contradiction might be regarded as correct, considering the large number of fictitious expeditions which the Marshal has heretofore exposed; but we have received information from a good and reliable source to the effect that a steamer named the *Alabama*, Captain LIMEBURNER commanding, departed from this port on Sunday evening last for Cuba, carrying several hundred men and an extensive supply of munitions of war for the Cuban revolutionary army. Our informant, who is well known as an influential friend and warm ally of the Cubans, mentioned (*sub rosa*) that the vessel was fitted out for her warlike mission in such a manner as to escape the most rigid scrutiny on the part of the Government authorities, as well as the numerous Spanish detectives. Her armament was purchased at various times during the past few weeks, and was quietly and cautiously shipped on board of her without causing the slightest suspicions of its hostile character. It consisted of thirteen pieces of heavy ordnance, two thousand Remington rifles and a vast amount of powder and ordnance stores. The filibusters who took passage on the vessel numbered exactly 513 men, among whom were 163 men belonging to the disastrous Whitney Expedition which was seized at Gardiner's Island last Summer. Upward of one hundred of the filibusters were Cubans, and these were collected at the house of a lady in West Fourth street on Saturday, the 25th ult., subsequently proceeding from there to the place of embarkation in small and separate squads. The officers of the *Alabama* obtained a clearance for the vessel from the Custom House by representing that she was chartered to carry laborers to Ferdinandina, Fla., for the Florida Railroad Company.

Nothing new transpired concerning the steamer *Euterpe* yesterday. Workmen were engaged in filling her with a quantity of hay, which she is to carry in addition to the Spanish ordnance and ordnance stores. It is believed that she will be cleared early next week, after which she will immediately start for Havana, sailing under American colors in order to avoid capture by the Cuban privateer *Hornet*.

WHAT THE SPANISH VICE-CONSUL SAYS.

Our reporter visited the office of the Spanish Consulate yesterday afternoon, and had a conversation with the Vice-Consul, (in the absence of the Consul,) in relation to the Spanish-Cuban difficulty. In response to a question about the Spanish gunboats, the diplomatic official unhesitatingly said the United States Government could not interpose any legal obstacles in the way of the departure of the vessels. He also gave it as his opinion that there would not be any trouble in having the gunboats cleared from this port at the proper time. He scoffed at the idea that they were designed for use against Peru, or any power at peace with this country. He did not recognize the Cuban revolutionists as having any international rights. In reply to an inquiry about the privateer *Hornet* he made answer that she was virtually a pirate, and liable to seizure from every quarter under the international maritime laws. He said that the only injury could come would be in attacking and destroying unarmed Spanish merchant vessels.

GROUNDLESS SUSPICIONS.

The brig *B. F. Nash* was recently suspected of having concealed arms on board, but a thorough examination of her cargo proved that the report concerning her was false.

Further from the "Hornet"—The Vessel Seen Near Barnegat on Thursday—A Word About Her Commander.

We have already followed the movements of the alleged privateer *Hornet* from Philadelphia to her last appearance near the Highlands of Neversink. Still further news of her reached us yesterday, which shows that she has not yet left the vicinity of New-York Harbor. On Thursday evening about 6 o'clock she was seen some fifteen miles to the eastward of Barnegat by a pilot who returned to this port yesterday. He states that a vessel hove in sight of his boat at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the day referred to, and that supposing her to be bound for New-York, he bore down upon and spoke her. Then he discovered her to be the identical steamer which he had seen upon a former occasion off Fire Island, and which had at that time called herself the *Prince Albert*, or, as she is better known to the readers of the TIMES, the *Hornet*. He describes her as being under sail, and with banked fires, evidently saving her coals. She was steering S.S.E.

This later news would seem to corroborate the common opinion that the privateer is waiting off this port for the departure of the Spanish gunboats, and possibly the *Euterpe*. Her ultimate destination will undoubtedly be the Spanish Main, in the track of Spanish mail boats and transports.

A list of the *Hornet's* officers was published in yesterday's TIMES, from which it appeared that they are men who saw service during the Southern rebellion. Captain HIGGINS was formerly in the United States Navy, but forsook the old flag in the hour of trouble and became an officer in the rebel army. He was taken prisoner in one of the many skirmishes with our troops, and having given his parole of honor not to take up arms against his country he was set free. As we are informed he was not true to his pledge, but once more joined the ranks of the Confederates, and was at Fort Morgan when Admiral FARRAGUT commenced his memorable attack; but finding the fortune of war against him, HIGGINS quietly got away from his post and escaped. He will probably have an opportunity to show his mettle before many days.