

THE CAUSE IN PHILADELPHIA.

WHAT THE AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE DOING THERE—DEPARTURE OF EXPEDITIONS—A LARGE QUANTITY OF WAR MATERIALS SENT FROM THAT CITY—AN IRON CLAD FITTING OUT—GEN. GRANT AND GEN. BANKS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

PHILADELPHIA, May 9.—Probably in no other city in the United States are there so many Americans identified with the efforts of the Cubans to free themselves as in this city. A large number of the leading men of the city have come out very strong, not only do they aid the patriots with money and advice, but they permit the influence of their names to be used and in every way possible give strength to the movement in this country.

Outside of this city it is not generally known that the originators of the great Cuban mass meeting that was held here week before last were without exception American gentlemen. Not only were Americans the originators, but every dollar of expense incurred in getting up the meeting was defrayed by 'em. The meeting was an immense success, many of the good brothers of the city declare it to have been, with the exception of some that took place during the war, the most spontaneous and enthusiastic gathering of people that ever assembled in the city. The Committee of thirteen (all Americans), who were appointed at that meeting to confer with the Cuban Junta at New-York City, are in direct communication with that Board, and much assistance has been given thereby to the Cuban cause. Subscriptions of money, clothing, medical stores, &c., to a considerable extent, have been forwarded from this city through various channels to the relief of the patriots. But more valuable assistance than that which is mentioned above has been given by many of the citizens of the city. A few weeks ago, several very wealthy men met at the residence of one of their number for the purpose of determining the course of action that would be the most beneficial to the

town. Thus far every man that has left this city to join it, with the army in Cuba has been fully armed and equipped, except many of them & the Spencer rifle. The "Advertiser" that left New-York last Tuesday night, had several men from this city aboard. They stopped at noon on Tuesday, and embarked for the steamer "Florida" one of the coast whalers near Jersey City. A Mr. ... from this city accompanied the party to the steamer, who returned to assure the sympathizers here of the safety & success of the expedition. He states that the steamer "Florida" had a greater quantity of arms and ammunition than was before sent at one time. Among the stores carried on board were several pieces of cannon—two of which are mounted on three balloons, and several field pieces. There were also aboard the same steamer about 100 pounds of ball cartridges, 1,500 knapsacks for the men, & the usual outfit of small arms, with a large number of Colt and Remington revolvers, etc., etc. If the steamer arrives safe, Uncle Sam's soldiers will meet with old friends in the shape of band, Zouave, etc.

21. One of the Cuban authorities in New-York is not satisfied at present the proclamation made by the "Junta" of the Cuban army in the field, and under command of General President in Cuba, declaring the object of their existence to be the annexation of Cuba to this country, is not met with general approval here. But perhaps some explanation of the facts connected with this proclamation or address would be interesting. Early in the month of March last, the officers of the Cuban army, and a number of the prominent Cuban residents met in session. The result of their deliberations was an address to the Cuban people, in which was set forth the address of the Cubans for this people, their great desire to become a portion of the United States, and decided on the objects of the war to be undertaken by this country. The official document was read at headquarters in New-York in April. The address was translated, and it was the intention to furnish a copy for publication to all the leading papers of the country. A few days before the time when the address was to be published a council was called to determine whether to publish the address until Cuba is free, on the condition that it would be more warmly and earnestly to wait until they had accomplished their independence, and then ask to be admitted to the Union of States.

As soon as the spirit of the proclamation, this action, however it is said, meets with the universal approval of Americans and Cubans here, who state that it will do much to bring them into general favor with the people of the United States.

The President of the New York Cuba Committee and
Kings' of the continent members are expected to arrive
on the 13th instant, and it is reported by reliable par-
ties that an expedition is being rapidly put in shape for a
voyage to a Cuban destination.