

NASSAU.

An Expedition for Cuba—The Steamer Salvador En Route with Men, Arms and Munitions—Arrival of a British Iron-Clad.

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The sidewheel steamer Salvador, formerly the blockade runner Gem, arrived here on the 7th from Key West, bound for St. Thomas and a market. She has been for some time at Key West getting overhauled, and I may say has been made anew. She is well known in Havana, but more so around this place. At the time of the American war she run the blockade several times between this port and Charleston. She is narrow and long, and any one can see what she is made for. The Salvador was duly cleared at Key West for St. Thomas, and has stopped here to take in cargo. She carries forty-three passengers, most of whom are Cubans. Among them is a Mexican colonel by the name of Medina. The Cubans seem to be well satisfied with the captain of the steamer, and he is the proper man to carry passengers anywhere. Captain James Carlin is well known here, and confidence can be placed in any vessel under his command. The crew and officers were all blockade runners during the American war. All on board are well and in good spirits.

There has been a little trouble in not allowing this steamer to take in cargo, therefore she has not been able to leave this evening. The Custom House here, instead of facilitating the trade, is pressing hard on a legal traffic. A lawyer has been consulted about the cargo, and asserts that there is no law that can prevent the vessel from taking as much cargo as she wants.

The hardware is now being shipped, and about eighty Cubans will take passage on board of her from this place. They go under the command of Colonel Quesada, brother of the general who is now fighting near Puerto Principe. The steamer carries one gun, and is said to have on board 1,500 rifles and a large quantity of ammunition. She has plenty of coal on board, and will leave this evening. She is very fast, and it is said can run thirteen knots an hour.

The British iron-clad Favorite, Captain McCray, two days from Havana arrived here yesterday evening. This vessel, I understand, has come to receive orders from the Governor of the Bahamas, Sir James Walker. The four sailors of the American brig Mary Lowell, captured at Ragged Island, have been brought to this city by the Favorite. This iron-plated vessel carries 375 men and ten heavy guns. She lies about six miles off this city, and either keeps herself at bay or is anchored. Another steamer of medium size is near her tacking about, and under the present circumstances this looks rather mysterious.