

THE CUBAN EXPEDITION.

The Bohemian Bubble Burst—Sensations Spoiled—The Steamer Perit—The Cuban Revolutionists and the Spanish Government Shipping Munitions of War to Cuba.

The sensational reports of the Bohemian scribblers were pretty well ventilated yesterday, when the statement in regard to the great expedition, which is said to have left this port on Tuesday night for Cuba, dwindled down from thousands of men to a hundred or less, who left on a nondescript steam vessel called the Perit.

Messrs. Spofford, Tilton & Co. chartered the steamship a few days ago to certain persons, and although it is claimed by her owners that she cleared for Jamaica on a lawful voyage they refuse to state whether there were any Cuban recruits on board.

Among other falsehoods published by sensational journals are the following, which are here contradicted:—

First—That 25,000 Spencer rifles were sent to Havana per steamship Morro Castle.

Second—That the schooner Grapeshot, with fifty volunteers on board, left this port a few days ago for Cuba. The vessel is now moored at one of the city piers.

Third—That a revenue cutter had been despatched from the Brooklyn Navy Yard to intercept the expedition alleged to have been sent to Cuba from the Florida coast.

Fourth—The report that thirty vessels are building for the Spanish government at this port and Boston.

The Spanish Consul at this port states that the Spanish government is constantly buying arms in this city, and that a large quantity of Spencer rifles went out by the Havana steamer of yesterday. The Consul admitted that he is constantly in the receipt of valuable information concerning the movements of the insurgents, but he declined to furnish any facts for publication.

The Cuban authorities in this city are acting with great caution, and say that as they are surrounded and constantly watched by persons in the interest of the Spaniards, they cannot, without seriously compromising their cause, make known even to their friends the extent of the aid they are affording the patriot army. They deny the statements in some of the papers to the effect that recruiting offices have been opened at four different points in this city, and say that they are able to get all the men they want without resorting to such an open method.

There is no doubt that small detachments of recruits for the Cuban revolutionary army have left this city during the last three or four months, proceeding South and rendezvousing at one of the Gulf ports, from which they proceed to their destination in small, swift steamers and clipper vessels. On the other hand, the Spanish authorities have purchased large quantities of arms and ammunition, which have been forwarded on the regular steamers running from this port to Havana.