

The Reported Expeditions Against Cuba.

Certain Bohemian sheets have lately been making efforts to prove that gigantic warlike expeditions have been fitted out from this port and others of the United States to land troops and munitions of war upon the island of Cuba for the benefit of the revolutionists. Much of this noise is, in reality, created to cover up the immense war stores which Spain herself is constantly shipping to Havana from New York and other of our cities. Many of our manufacturers are to-day busily employed making improved weapons for the purpose of killing those brave Cubans who are struggling for independence and liberty.

It is a well known fact that the journals which are supporting the effort to overthrow the insurgents are very hard pressed for funds, and are obliged to resort to a species of mendicancy to sustain themselves. They send their agents into the country districts to solicit subscriptions, and are thankful for the smallest favors. It is very natural, under these circumstances, that Spain, taking advantage of their poverty and easy honor, should try to use them as tools—how successfully the late sensational news is the best proof. It is for Spanish interests that three or four columns of weak newspaper articles should be used as wadding to every bullet that leaves our shores for the Cubans. It is a curious fact that some of the journals we allude to are the representatives of the party which has heretofore clamored most loudly for the acquisition of Cuba. Their party has already assisted in launching several filibustering expeditions against the island. We are reliably informed that a Spanish agent whose name is known to us is very busily engaged in scattering Spanish gold among those newspapers which stand sadly in need of a financial propping up, and are willing to receive it even at the expense of their independence. Through such journals our government is forced to take cognizance of every musket or ounce of ammunition which may be intended for defence against Spanish atrocity or barbarism in her dealings with her colonists. We are ashamed that we have newspapers among us so un-American in principle. By siding with Spain they of course adopt the Spanish ideas and retrogradism. It is a good proof of how far behind the times some of them may be and exist. There is, however, one redeeming feature, they do not receive sufficient support in the United States and only acquire a transient vigor through decrepit Spain.