

A Cuban Regiment Raised in Philadelphia— An Expedition to Sail from this Port To- Night.

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It having been decided to raise a regiment of volunteers in this city for the cause of the revolutionists in Cuba, the recruiting officers first established their headquarters here at a house on St. John street, near Callowhill, last week. They succeeded in obtaining in two days fifty-seven men, all of whom were able-bodied, and had served either in the Union or rebel army. They could have procured at least 100 in the time specified had they accepted every man who offered himself, but the officers did not wish any but those who had endured the trials and privations of war, and hence refused all who were ignorant of military duty.

As it was necessary that a regiment or a portion of a regiment should be raised here at once, in order to complete the expedition, the officers, Lieutenant Norman and Captain Brady, resolved on another plan to obtain volunteers. To accomplish their purpose they inserted in the columns of a newspaper an advertisement to the effect that 500 ex-soldiers were wanted at once at No. 533 Chestnut street, a public house, kept by Colonel Asher M. Ledy. This notice first appeared on Tuesday. On that day fully 300 persons presented themselves to the officers, whose headquarters were in a little back room on the first floor of the establishment. The applicants were received one at a time, and on entering the apartment were confronted by the recruiting officers, who inquired whether they had served in the army. If the answer was in the affirmative, the enlistment or discharge papers were required to be shown. If everything was satisfactory, and the applicant willing to enlist in the Cuban cause, his residence, age and height were recorded. Instructions were then given to the recruits as to the time for them to report, coupled with a request to keep shady on the subject.

The first day's work on Chestnut street netted over 100 men; the second day (Wednesday) another 100 was added to the list, the recruiting office closing at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. A majority of the men enlisted were Americans, the remainder being principally Germans and Irish. One or two Frenchmen and a couple of Cubans were included in the total number. Nine-tenths of the men had served in the Union army during the late war, the remaining tenth having seen service in the Confederate ranks. One of the officers was an ex-sergeant of the Twelfth Virginia regiment.

On Wednesday night upwards of 100 of the recruits were sent by rail to New York. Yesterday morning about the same number were forwarded, and last evening the rest of the party were sent on. They were all provided free transportation to the metropolis. On arriving there they will be transferred to a large steamship which lies in the lower bay. They will be conveyed from the city to the vessel in a tugboat.

The Philadelphia recruits will complete the expedition, which will consist of about 1,500 men, the greater part of whom were enlisted in New York city.

The steamer has an ample supply of small arms, and all the necessary outfit for cavalry and infantry regiments. The uniforms are all on board, and when the steamer is ready for sea the clothing worn by the volunteers will be thrown off and all hands will be rigged out in full uniforms of blue, similar to those worn by our troops.

No bounty money was given any of the men. The only inducement offered was a free passage to Cuba and thirty-four dollars per month in gold for their services while fighting the Spanish troops. We heard several of the men say that they anticipated a good time, and would handsomely remunerate themselves when the opportunity offered. One of the officers who goes with the expedition, a boyish-looking chap, told us that the only thing he feared was the scorching sun. He at first doubted whether he would be able to stand the effects of it, but finally concluded that during the war he had been exposed to as much heat as he would have to endure on the island, and could go through safely. He was particularly anxious that his name should not appear in print, as he did not care to have his relatives and friends know that he had connected himself with the movement, not, he said that he considered the cause dishonorable, but that his friends might undertake to prevent his leaving. He was firmly of the opinion that he would be handsomely rewarded before six months passed, and assumed to have information that the Spanish cause was on its last legs and that the war now going on will last but a short time.

The recruiting was conducted so quietly that but very few persons were aware of what was going on at the hotel. There was no unusual assemblage of men around the headquarters, and there was nothing whatever in the advertisement which would attract the public's attention. The authorities claim that they knew nothing about the movement, and we doubt if they did. The recruiting was managed with shrewdness, and as the managers have succeeded so well with but little effort, they will probably again try their hand here in raising another battalion for the Cuban cause.

The expedition will sail from New York harbor tomorrow evening, direct for some Cuban port. On arriving there the men will be assigned to the com-

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called at the entrance