

THE CUBAN FILIBUSTERS.

Completion of the Capture—All the Vessels and Two Hundred Additional Prisoners Seized—Affairs at the Navy Yard—England the Future Base of Operations.

At last the finale of the great Cuban filibustering expedition has been reached, and its failure is as absolute as its results are disastrous. When Marshal Barlow directed all his energies to the detection and detention of the Catharine Whiting as the transport ship of the entire force, he effected an easy victory by a piece of clean strategy, as positive in its result as though he had seized each of the auxiliary vessels at their piers of debarkation. The capture of the tugboats Cool, Mable and Webb, with 112 prisoners on board, has been already fully detailed by the HERALD correspondent who accompanied the expedition, who also stated that Colonel Ryan, with about 300 men, the steamer Chase and two schooners laden with ammunition and war *matériel*, had remained at Gardiner's Island, at the head of Long Island Sound.

On Wednesday evening, acting under instructions from Marshal Barlow, Deputy Marshal Crowley proceeded by rail to Milford, Conn., information having been received that the two schooners were unloading their cargoes at that place. The revenue cutter Mahoning also steamed up the Sound to the same destination. The two schooners, the Fancy and the Winona, were found at an abandoned pier a short distance from Milford, and an armed crew from the cutter was sent on board each vessel. The Fancy had already discharged the greater part of her cargo; but the Winona had not yet done so—in fact, being heavily laden, she could not get near the dock. The portion of the Fancy's cargo which was on the pier comprised about 150 cases, containing sabres, rifles, fixed ammunition, saddles, bridles, clothing, shoes, medical stores and other material necessary for the purposes of the troops, and in quantity sufficient to equip 1,000 men more completely than are any similar number now in the ranks of the revolutionists. Several pieces of field artillery are also embraced in the seizure.

The tugboat Chase was pursued and captured with about 200 of Colonel Ryan's men on board, but it was unknown whether Colonel Ryan was among the number, as no one of the officials present could identify him. One of the deputy marshals, who is known also, in addition to that position, to hold the very enviable post of a Spanish spy, has "laid himself out" for the capture of Colonel Ryan especially with the eagerness of a bloodhound, and should the colonel be among the captives, his pursuer, although baffled in his frantic efforts to capture, will no doubt gloat like a savage over the pleasure of identifying him. The deputy referred to has made himself the personal foe of Colonel Ryan and the mutual feelings of each toward the other are of a deadly description.

All the vessels captured started yesterday on their way down the Sound and were expected to arrive at the Navy Yard late last night, when the prisoners from the Chase would be placed with the captives who arrived on Wednesday, and the vessels will be also detained there with the steamers already seized.

AT THE NAVY YARD.

Yesterday afternoon, in conformity with instructions received from Washington by Admiral Godon, all the prisoners who arrived on Wednesday and who had been transferred to the receiving ship Vermont, were taken from the latter vessel and "put on board their own vessel, the Whiting," as Captain Strong, the gentlemanly executive officer of the Navy Yard, expressed it. The instructions received directed that the prisoners should be placed in the custody of Marshal Barlow, and be subsisted by him, the United States authorities to furnish the necessary guard. During the time they have been at the Navy Yard they have been victualled by the naval authorities. The prisoners generally express themselves as satisfied at the treatment shown them by the authorities, from the Admiral down to the marines and seamen. Numbers of officers and seamen have expressed openly at the Navy Yard, while on duty over the prisoners, the disgust they feel at being required to interfere with them, and openly avow their sympathy with the patriot cause. Señor Alfaro, the reputed Secretary of War of the Cuban Junta, is among the number, and has been promoted to the position of "cook of prisoners' mess No. 11," which duty he discharges as well as his limited culinary experience will allow, but with the best possible humor and kindness to his fellow messmen. It is rather strange, however, to see a fine-looking and wealthy Señor handling pots and pans, serving out spoons and soup dishes and issuing to the men their doses of broth.

FORFEITED AS A PRIZE.

Mr. Franklin, part owner of the tug Mable, which was seized with the Cool at Gardiner's Island, called on the Marshal yesterday morning to learn the fate of his boat. He was informed that she is forfeited to the government on account of her implication with a violation of the neutrality laws, and that she will be sold and the proceeds of the sale divided among the crew of the cutter Hugh McCulloch. On application he was given a permit to go on board of her, and got a recommendation from the Marshal to the Admiral of the Navy Yard to be allowed to place a man on board of her to look after the machinery.

THE TREASON

of some of the men connected with the enterprise is slowly developing itself, and there is little doubt that their conduct had much to do with the frustration of the object of the expedition. Besides this it is asserted that a Spanish spy on board the Cool disembarked at New London when the vessel arrived there on Monday and telegraphed information of the whereabouts of the squadron to New York.

The result of this matter is such as to deter any future attempts of a like character; but the leaders of the enterprise are still undaunted at their reverse, and it is probable that parties will in a few days leave New York for England to make arrangements for the fitting out of an expedition from that country, and to tender the protectorate of Cuba to Great Britain. Another expedition is about completed and will start from a part of the coast remote from New York, where there is no chance of detection or interference.