

# THE CUBAN FILIBUSTERS.

## Escape of the Remaining Filibusters from Gardiner's Island.

### A NEW EXPEDITION: ON FOOT.

The Cuban patriot filibusters in this city seem to be the embodiment of the fabled phoenix, or, not to draw the bow too far, they may at least reasonably be presumed to possess the thrice-tripled vitality of a cat. Any one who takes the trouble and exercises the requisite ingenuity to inform himself of their projects and movements will never be much surprised to hear that their plans have failed or have been abandoned, and on the evening of the same day to learn that they have another organization in progress. And such is the state of affairs at present.

The Gardiner's Island encampment, which has for three weeks been a "standing menace to the neutrality laws," as the authorities at Washington interpreted it, is ranked, beyond doubt, among the things that were, and at most but three of the Cuban volunteer patriots who sailed from this port on Saturday night, June 26, and who were to have been taken on board the Catharine Whiting remain. These three are Colonel Ryan, Colonel Courrier and Captain A. T. S. Anderson; all those who remained on the island evading the pursuit of the United States marines and deputy marshals, having made good their escape on Sunday morning, thus eluding a second pursuit by the marines, who were despatched from the Navy Yard on Saturday night to effect their capture. They numbered nearly forty persons, and their names, which may be of interest to some of their friends, are as follows:—

Lieutenants Hays, Hill, Havana, Day and Westerman.

Sergeants Melrose and Gillespie.

Privates Louis Thomas, William Grant, Patrick Burns, Frank Martin, John Ryan, W. H. Campbell, John McCarty, Oscar Swamy, John Curtis, Laurence Camisky, William Parish, George Buckley, S. M. Harmon, James Cox, William Hyams, James Carle, William H. Crook, A. H. Eva, Thomas McCarty, William J. Cummings, P. Burns, James O'Haran, Thomas Ladd, Edward Beigler, Tunis Van Brunt, — Welch, E. Heyderlyne, N. L. Lawrence.

In addition to these, Lieutenant Clinton de Priest, of Richmond, Va., and A. R. Snyder subsequently left the island, and the probability is that by this morning Colonel Ryan and his two companions will also have "retreated in good order."

It has been pretty well understood in this city that a difficulty had arisen between some of the leading spirits of this enterprise before they had been forty-eight hours afloat, the affair having its origin in a jealousy on the part of one or two of the prominent officers of the popularity of Colonel Ryan among the "rank and file." They seemed to see visionary prospects of the Colonel becoming captain general or president of the future republic of Cuba, and after they left the island and were overhauled about ten days since by blundering into the port holes of a revenue cutter off Fort Schuyler they began to blame Ryan for the failure of the expedition, but without being able to define in what manner he had erred. Later, or about three days afterward, they asserted that orders had been transmitted to him to disband his men and land them in squads in Connecticut or elsewhere.

Colonel Ryan, in a letter dated last Saturday and forwarded to a friend in this city, says, "I will send all my men to — this evening, as the order has just arrived directing me to disband them." These are asserted positively by the officers of his late command, some of whom were in this city yesterday, to have been the first orders he has received giving any such direction. Accordingly, upon their receipt, he at once set about getting the men off, but was unable to complete his arrangements with the fishermen for transportation before Sunday morning, and shortly after daylight they were all embarked, some being landed on Long Island, at Greenport, and others at various towns in Connecticut.

Upon parting with the remnant of his little band of 350 men, who had stood by him for three weeks under privation and reverse, he was much affected, and in a brief address told them that "he regretted parting with them, but that they must keep themselves together and not disband, and he would assure them that if they desired to follow him he would land successfully with them in Cuba before long." In concluding, he quoted to them the lines repeated by Walker, the Nicaraguan filibuster, urging upon them to remember that although—

The star of the fallen, which so often hath shewn  
On the field of battle, is set,

Enough of its glory still gleams on each sword  
To light us to victory yet.

Before embarking his men Colonel Ryan paid all the debts incurred on their behalf and provided them with means to reach a certain rendezvous at a period agreed upon. As soon as they were landed they separated into small squads and scattered, some taking one conveyance and some another to reach their various destinations.

And now that the Gardiner's Island camp is broken up finally, the tugboat Rocketts, which left here to capture that little band on Saturday evening, will return from her bootless cruise and lay up until the expedition which rumor says is now being organized and equipped will be ready to leave. It is reported that late on Saturday night some two hundred filibusters crossed over to Jersey and took quarters in a large double dwelling located on the Weavertown road, West Hoboken. They appeared all to be Cubans, and were so quiet in their movements that but few of the citizens knew of their presence in the place. They are reported to be a portion of the body stationed on Gardiner's Island, and who had succeeded in evading the United States deputy marshals, but this supposition is erroneous. They proceeded to their new location by way of the West Hoboken cars, and carried with them considerable baggage. They have been very quiet in their movements; but few were allowed outside their quarters. The headquarters are beautifully located, commanding a fine view of the Hackensack river, the flat and Orange Mountains. Several leading Cubans visited them during the day, and in the evening they were entertained with music and singing by several young ladies. The men all seemed in good spirits, and highly enjoy their new quarters.

There is no doubt that a reorganization is being at present effected in this city, but it is impossible to ascertain whether they will attempt to sail from this port when ready. It is generally believed they will not, however, but will merely make New York a place of rendezvous and equipment.

Colonel Ryan, in the letter alluded to above, speaks highly of the conduct of the officers in charge of the marines, but has not yet mastered his aversion to deputy United States marshals. He says that a horse and several cattle belonging to Colonel Gardiner, proprietor of the island, were shot by the deputies in their random firing when in pursuit of the men. Deputy Marshal Gregg comes in for a share of dislike for the manner in which he searched Mrs. Gardiner's bedroom, "prying" under the bedstead, &c., having entered the house before the family had arisen in the morning. Mrs. Gardiner suggested that Gregg be hereafter known as the "Knight of the Bedchamber."

The 147 men who were placed in confinement at Fort Lafayette, on Saturday, are still imprisoned there, but will be discharged within a couple of days.