

THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.

THE CUBANS IN NEW YORK.

Change in the Management of Affairs—The New Administration and Operations of the Junta—A Privateer Reported to Be Fitting Out.

The quiet which has for some time prevailed in Cuban circles in this city is enlivened somewhat by the expected arrival of a new agent from Cuba to assume charge of the operations for forwarding material aid to the struggling patriots. Ever since the capture of the expedition at Gardiner's Island last June affairs at the Cuban headquarters have been very dull, the patriot agents realizing that so long as the United States government maintained its unexpectedly announced policy of preventing all assistance from going to Cuba from this country, they were powerless to accomplish any material good to their struggling countrymen. Occasionally reports have been circulated that an expedition was about to start for Cuba, and parties desirous of joining the patriot forces have, upon hearing the rumor, flocked into the city; but at no time since the Gardiner's Island affair has there been any organized effort to fit out an expedition from this port. The vigilance of Spanish agents and the promptness of the United States civil authorities to arrest all parties engaged in such an undertaking in New York were sufficient to deter the Junta from renewing any military movements; and, besides, it was well known that revenue cutters with steam up constantly have watched the bay and East river ever since May, and are on the same duty still. In fact it would be impossible for a Cuban expedition to depart from New York at the present time, and the Junta has for the last two months formed more of a headquarters for inactive Cubans than a department of warfare.

THE CUBAN JUNTA

Was organized in New York soon after the revolution commenced in the island and consisted of the following officers:—

Señor Lemus—Cuban Envoy.
Señor Alfaro—Secretary of War.
Señor Mora—Financial Agent.
General Golcourtia—General Purchasing Agent.
Señor Bassora—General Recruiting Agent.
Colonel Ryan—American Recruiting Agent.

The headquarters has always been in the building No. 11 Broadway, and were located on the second floor in the corner apartment, looking out upon Broadway and Trinity church. There are three rooms, the first of which serves as an ante-chamber, and has, in addition to a desk, chairs, maps, &c., a paper Cuban flag displayed between the windows, and a notice on the wall outside the railing that no men are recruited in that office. From nine A. M. until evening this apartment is occupied by Cubans discussing the cause, and gentlemen of various nationalities whose military bearing and earnest consultations often attract the notice of the casual visitors. Adjoining the ante-chamber is a large room for ordinary interviews and clerical work, and next to this is the private office of the principal officials. The utmost caution is observed in the presence of strangers by the Cubans in their conversation respecting Cuban operations, and in reply to inquiries by individuals relating to the opportunities for joining an expedition the officials emphatically assert that no new expedition is contemplated.

WHAT THE JUNTA ACCOMPLISHED.

The first few months of the Junta's operations were attended with so much success that everything promised fair for the early triumph of the patriot cause, and the management of the last ill-fated expedition was no doubt conducted much more loosely than would have been the case had not the Junta been led to believe, from the sympathy expressed by our citizens and the inaction of the United States authorities in the matter, that our government had no disposition to interfere. The steamer Perit was the first vessel to leave for Cuba with a large amount of material. She took 400 men, a battery of artillery, 5,000 stand of arms and a supply of quartermasters' stores and equipments, all of which reached the patriot army in safety. This vessel was followed by General Jordan's expedition, consisting of 180 men, with heavy barbette guns for land batteries and valuable war material. It is proper to state that the Perit expedition was also fitted out under the direction of General Jordan.

It is unnecessary to refer in detail to the Ryan expedition, complete particulars of that expedition having been published in the *Herald* on the occasion of its departure and capture. As before stated, the sudden frustration of that attempt, and the imprisonment of the officers of the Junta and expedition, effectually put a stop to all organized efforts toward fitting out commands for Cuba. A few officers undertook to get off with detached parties, and in the Southern States two or three attempts were made to recruit men and get them across the Gulf to Cuba; but the activity of the United States marshals broke up all such movements. The Junta had nothing to do with the Southern movements, except to give information and advice when inquired of respecting the means of communicating with the patriot army after landing on the island. The whole amount spent by the Cubans in this country for men and material thus far is estimated at over \$1,000,000, in gold.

PENALTIES INFLICTED.

None of the Cuban officials nor officers of the captured expedition have suffered anything at the hands of the government aside from the loss of their material seized by the authorities and their temporary confinement in jail awaiting examination. All were released on bail soon after their arrest, and will probably never be troubled by the authorities on the subject again unless they should resume expeditionary operations. The vessels employed in the expeditions have also all escaped loss, with the exception of the Perit, which had to pay a fine of \$500 on account of some informality in her manifest from Jamaica. The men composing the Ryan expedition have scattered throughout the country and the officers have resumed their ordinary avocations, having abandoned the idea of joining Cuba with any force from this country.

THE NEW CUBAN AGENT.

Señor Francisco Cesavarios is expected to arrive in a few days, and will assume charge of Cuban affairs here. He is the personal friend of President Cespedes and comes with abundant means and authority to direct the Cuban interests in this country. Captain Camancho, who went out on the Perit in the capacity of pilot, has been here some time, and will be associated with Señor Cesavarios. Both these gentlemen were actively engaged in fitting out the first expeditions, and went to Cuba in the Perit. The present Junta will probably remain very much as it is now, except that Señor Cesavarios will be the principal manager.

REPORTED PRIVATEER.

The Spanish agents in the city state that they have reason to believe that the *Hornet* is fitting out as a privateer, and that she will take a picked crew of 100 men from Boston and New York. It is alleged that she will receive her armament at sea, and with letters of marque will proceed to destroy Spanish commerce. The agents admit, however, that they have no conclusive evidence to substantiate these suspicions, and are of the opinion that the *Hornet*, if she really be intended for a privateer, will succeed in getting to sea. The Cubans deny all knowledge of such an enterprise, and assert that no efforts whatever are being made to forward men or supplies to Cuba, nor to fit out privateers.