

## MOVEMENTS IN THIS CITY.

### STATEMENT FROM UNITED STATES MARSHAL BARLOW CONCERNING THE "SO-CALLED" CUBAN EXPEDITIONS.

Marshal Barlow gives it as his opinion, entertained from the first, that no regularly organized, armed and equipped expedition has sailed from this port for Cuba since the commencement of the Cuban troubles. He believes that many men have, since the commencement of the Cuban insurrection, taken passage from this port for Cuba, perhaps to assist the revolutionists, and that much war material has also been shipped from this port to that island; but as far as can be ascertained, all these men went ostensibly as passengers, and all the war material ostensibly as freight consigned to regular consignees, and that most of the men went singly or in small parties, and nearly all the war material shipped was sent in small quantities by various vessels. He thinks that these facts comprise all the truth contained in the many sensation reports about Cuban expeditions.

### GUNBOATS FOR THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

The Spanish Government is busily engaged in making preparations to prosecute its designs in Cuba, and with this intention has made a contract with the DeLamater Iron Works of this city to build 20 gunboats of 20 tons burden each, to be launched, part in 60 and part in 90 days, and be completed within two months afterward. These vessels are designed to act as tenders for service in the shallow waters along the Cuban coast and in the rivers, and are to be not over five feet draft, and of a speed of 12 knots per hour. They are to be screw-driven, with turn screws, and will cost over \$50,000 each. Each one is to have a 100 pound Parrot gun mounted forward on a pivot. The DeLamater Works have transferred 1/3 of their contract to ship builders in Mystic, Connecticut, and will furnish the other 15 themselves. It is stated that 70 other gunboats are being built in Spain and will be completed in time for service in Cuba about the latter part of June. These, however, will not compare in excellence with those which are to be built in this city, as the Spanish ship-builders are far inferior to our own.