

Filibusterism.

It expressions of sympathy by all classes of Americans will do the thing, the patriots of Cuba may rest assured that they are destined to triumph in their struggle for liberation from Spain. For has not that distinguished body, the New York Board of Assistant Aldermen, joined its Democratic voice with that of the Republican House of Representatives, in the hope that the Island may be freed?

But the insurgents are in fair way to get something more substantial than mere words from this country. Already, it is said that several cargoes of American arms and ammunition have been landed upon that part of the coast held by them. And now we are told that a formidable filibustering expedition has been gotten off, under control of "a distinguished Federal officer"—Major-General Steadman, late of Louisiana, probably being "the party" alluded to.

It is not easy to see how such an expedition could set sail, if our customs and port authorities did their duty without fear or favor; nor how it can land, unless Admiral Hoff's fleet of observation conspicuously fails to observe. But it is very easy to discover how the success of an enterprise like this would embarrass our Government in presenting claims for damages, arising from outrages upon American citizens and neutral commerce. While we all hope that Spain will be whipped out of Cuba, there are many reasons why the job should not be done by American filibusters. If Steadman's expeditionary force has really made off from our shores, it is greatly to be hoped that Admiral Hoff will prevent it from landing upon those of the Island.