# RYAN'S LAST EXPEDITION.

## Alleged Scheme of the Cuban "Patriot" Ryan to Seize the Ocean Queen—Timely Presence of United States Troops—Doings of His Band at Aspinwall—The Hornet.

ASPINWALL, U. S. C., Dec. 31.—I am informed by a Cuban officer that a plan was organized to seize the steam-ship *Ocean Queen,* which sailed from New-York Dec 3. Gen. W. A. C. RYAN, of Cuban celebrity, took passage, under the assumed name of Ashbury, on the *Ocean Queen,* after shipping 2,000 cases of arms and ammunition. Two or three hundred Cuban troops were expected to go aboard as passengers, and when two days out, seize the steamer, land the troops and arms somewhere on the Island of Cuba, and then release her.

### WHY THEY DIDN'T.

Two hundred United States troops for San Diego, Cal., were on board the *Ocean Queen,* which so alarmed the Cubans that they did not embark, and Gen. RYAN went to Aspinwall alone, landed the arms, &c., and awaited the arrival of the steam-ship *Hornet.* This vessel arrived on Dec. 27, and sailed for Cuba Dec. 31 with a number of Cuban recruits.

### ANOTHER RUMORED ADVENTURE.

There were rumors that this expedition was arranged for the purpose of aiding Gen. MOSQUERA in an anticipated revolution, having for its object the overthrow of the present Government of Panama, and the visit of Gen. RYAN to the fortifications of Panama, accompanied by United States Consul PERRY, served to corroborate these suspicions; but thus far there have been no demonstrations pointing toward a revolution.

### CUBAN VERSUS JAMAICAN.

On Christmas Day, a collision occurred between a small party of Cubans and about 200 Jamaica negroes, originating from the display of Cuban flags from the Bethancourt House and the bark *Harriet Lane.* The negroes hoisted a British flag, which was promptly captured, and a general fight took place, in which knives, &c., were freely used. Some twenty persons were seriously injured. By the intervention of Gen. RYAN the disturbance was quelled, and the negroes retired, leaving the Cubans masters of the field.