

CUBA.

Mr. Seward's Reception in Havana—A Warm Greeting Given Him—A Peaceful Speech.

HAVANA, Jan. 20, 1870.

On Tuesday evening the bands of the different volunteer battalions in this city serenaded Governor Seward. Several thousand people assembled in the street in front of the hotel, and Marte square was splendidly illuminated. The officers of the volunteers and many others entered the hotel, where Colonel Zulueta delivered a speech of welcome, saying the serenade was a manifestation of the sentiments of the loyal Spaniards for their distinguished guest.

Mr. Seward shook hands with all the officers and replied briefly to the welcome. He complimented the people on the improvements they had made since his former visit to Havana. All nations, he said, were interested in the permanent peace and prosperity of Cuba. Pray God this progress may continue and peace and harmony be restored to the island. Referring to Spain, he expressed the hope that the political situation of the country that was the most ancient ally of America would result in a safe, happy and speedy issue.

Mr. Seward's remarks, from beginning to end, were strictly non-committal in the matter of the insurrection.

Ten of the gunboats recently arrived from New York have gone to sea. Their destination is unknown.

Exchange on London, $11\frac{1}{2}$ a $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent premium. Exchange on the United States, long sight, in currency, $18\frac{1}{4}$ per cent discount.

Two Insurgent Chiefs Said to Have Gone Over to the Spaniards—Collection of Taxes to be Discontinued.

The following report from Havana was received in this city last night by the Spanish Consul:—

Two insurgent chiefs, Coca and Carballas, have issued a proclamation endorsing the cause of the Spaniards.

The official *Gazette* of Havana will shortly publish the announcement that the collection of taxes will be discontinued.