

Col. Schlessinger.

Col. SCHLESSINGER, to whose pusillanimity late accounts attribute the defeat of WALKER'S forces in Costa Rica, went from this City not long ago, making his escape from the U. S. Marshals, who were after him, in the disguise of a coal heaver. It was understood here that his previous history had shown him to be anything but a coward. By birth he is a German Jew. He is of medium height, good looking, his Jewish features not too prominent; he is well built, and of capital constitution. Having been implicated in the Hungarian and German insurrections, he took refuge in this country, when he soon became affiliated with the LOPEZ fillibusters. Being a well educated man, an accomplished linguist, and not overburdened with any nice scruples, he was soon a great favorite with the Cuban patriots, who gave him the commission of Major in the liberating army. He went to Cuba with Gen. NARCISO LOPEZ, and is said to have behaved with the most dare-devil gallantry, at Los Pozos, Bahia, Honda, &c., and when circumstances which they could not control disbanded the little army, he accompanied the General in his flight to the mountains.

The sufferings they endured are matters of history. They were taken prisoners; LOPEZ was garroted and SCHLESSINGER sentenced to be imprisoned for life in the Spanish fortress of Ceuta on the Coast of Africa. He was sent thither, and incarcerated in a dungeon, whence, though heavily ironed, and strictly guarded with a sentinel always in sight, he escaped within a few months and returned to the United States. One would suppose his hair breadth escapes had given him a horror of fillibusterism; but no sooner had SCHLESSINGER arrived here than he joined himself to the order of the Lone Star, and taking his orders from the Junta Central in this City was dispatched on business to General QUITMAN. On his return northward he was for a few days locked up in the Charleston (S. C.) jail on account of a romantic episode he had indulged in in New-Orleans, but through the influence of the Palmetto fillibusters he was soon set at liberty.

At one time he carried on a cigar and liquor business in this City, but it did not last long.