

CUBAN REFUGEES.

Arrival of a Steamer Load from Havana and More Coming—Why They Come and What They Say of the Revolution.

The steamer *Columbia*, which arrived yesterday morning from Havana, which port she left on Saturday last, brought among her passengers about ninety Cuban refugees. A portion of these took quarters at the New York Hotel, some are stopping at the Everett House, and the remainder have established themselves at the two Spanish boarding houses in Eighth street and another in Bond street. Among these refugees are some of the wealthiest creole residents of Cuba, including their entire families, and nearly all come from the higher and better classes.

Of the present condition and aspect of political affairs in Cuba they bring no news additional to that which has already been given in the *HERALD*. It is peculiarly noticeable, however, that as to stating any opinion on the subject of the revolution, as far as expressing any sympathy with either side, they are peculiarly, not to say pertinaciously reticent. The reason of this is obvious. They class themselves as neutrals. They do not know which side will win, although the undoubted preponderance of present opinion is that the Spanish government will be the final successful party. Still there is a doubt on this point and they propose to take advantage of this doubt. Being most of them large property owners, and, therefore, having large pecuniary interests at stake, they do not intend to jeopardize their interests in the future by any premature expression of views, carrying with it, in case they happen to take sides with the losing party, possible future confiscation of their property. Their coming here now, therefore, is only carrying out individual programmes of political policy, to get away from the country while in a state of revolution and the dangers incident to the existing unsettled condition of public affairs, and to be able, when the storm of the revolution has subsided and exhausted itself, to return on good footing with whichever side may hold the reins of government. As to the time the revolution will cease there are diverse opinions. Some think it will end before a month, others that it will not be brought to a peaceful termination for many months to come. While it is conceded that the Spanish government is putting forth energetic endeavors, and 5,000 Spanish troops are daily expected to arrive from Spain to join the government forces to put down the revolution, it is also conceded that the insurgents are daily increasing in strength, determination and efficiency. Meantime the effect has been to paralyze business and leave everything unsettled and insecure. Hence the hieira to this country. It is said that the present arrivals of refugees is but the beginning—that is, if the revolution lasts much longer. Another steamer load is now waiting to take the next steamer from Havana for this port.