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The Cuban Policy Developing.

If we may judge from what leaks from the White House, and is telegraphed to leading New York papers, the policy of the President in relation to Cuba is developing under vastly modified conditions.

Mr. McKinley's Personal Friends.

Mr. McKinley's personal friends, he has adopted such a scheme as a working plan. It must be evident that a strange sentiment of moderation has been evolved among the Spanish bondholders and the sugar trust.

Proposition to appoint ex-President Harrison as ambassador.

The proposition to appoint ex-President Harrison as ambassador extraordinary and refrigerator plenipotentiary to Spain is a highly commendable one.

Gov. Bradley of Kentucky recognizes the belligerency of the tollgate raiders.

The Administration press is making earnest efforts to explain to the country that, in violating the rules of the House and all parliamentary precedent to throttle the Cuban resolution, Mr. Reed is not showing the least unfriendliness to Cuba.

TARIFF TRANSIT REDUCED.

Important Action of the Postal Congress in Plenary Session. The Universal Postal Congress convened in plenary session, yesterday and before the hour of adjournment had accomplished several positive results.

Autocrat Versus Law.

The brief proceedings in the suppressed House of Representatives on Thursday were productive of an episode of national interest.

Mr. Lewis then read from the House Manual the following rule:

"A resolution expressing the sense of the House relative to the foreign policy of the United States is privileged."

NEWS OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

Negative Information Concerning the Spanish Mission.

It is thought possible that the nomination for the Spanish mission may be sent to the Senate today, and official word has been given out that certainly some time next week, if not today, the gentleman who is to conduct the Madrid end of the Spanish-American negotiations for this country will be named.

Mr. John Russell Young, ex-Assistant Secretary Rockhill, ex-Senator Edmunds, ex-President Harrison, Representative Blaine, and Mr. Aldrich of Chicago, all of whom, at various times, have been prominently mentioned.

Mr. Whiteley held it still thought to have a very good chance, if the would take the office of Secretary of State. Cuban news at the White House is given out of the President's ideas, if he has any new ones as yet, and there are no stir and excitement, such as those of a few days ago, which kept everybody interested.

The Havanaer Acquitted.

The sudden termination of the trial of Mr. Henry O. Havanaer, president of the Sugar Trust, and his acquittal by the jury by order of Judge Bradley, is undoubtedly a relief to the feelings of the defendant, but will not strike the public as conclusive of the case, in any sense.

The court, in effect, decided that the committee would have been clearly within its rights if it had officially, as a legally constituted body, asked the questions which Judge Bradley considers were in fact only asked by Senator Allen in his individual capacity.

Secretary Long introduced Mr. Frank W. Hackett, of Washington, whom he has appointed one of the board of visitors to Annapolis.

It is rarely that any one from the District is appointed on this board.

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