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An Appearance That May Deceive.

Only the warm personal esteem of the American people for President McKinley and the confidence which they feel in his desire to promote the nation's highest interests cause them to forego complaint at one phase of the new Cuban policy.

Spain has declared that Cuba is pacified. Our consular agents say it is not. Spain says that we have no right to intervene to stop wholesale destruction of life and property on an island ours by location but not by title.

Our consular agents say we have every reason for such interference. The president accepts and prepares to act upon the information received through the consular service in Cuba so far as relates to destitution existing among American citizens...

But that the president does not deem it advisable to do this at any time is a private fact for use among the destitute private citizens who are not American.

It is said in a Washington dispatch that the heartrending character of the situation in Cuba caused the state department to send for Miss Clara Barton of the Red Cross society a few days ago and seek her assistance in alleviating the condition of the sufferers.

Miss Barton thereupon explained that Mr. Olney, while secretary of state, had secured permission for her to go to Cuba for the purpose of distributing supplies.

But that the Queen of Spain had sent her personal thanks, yet the people of the United States had contributed no money nor food to aid her in carrying out her charitable desire.

She announces her willingness to go to Cuba as soon as the necessary funds shall be raised.

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without warrant, and in such manner as to commit by himself a gross contempt of justice.

It is obviously fit and proper that the rightful dignity of the court should not be disturbed by newspaper publications. The office of a judge is necessarily sacred, that extreme care should be taken by writers and editors for the press not wantonly to lower it in the public estimation.

A Chicago judge has outlawed the cigarette trust, which is good as far as it goes; but it remains to be seen whether it will serve to annihilate the individual who buys the "cotton nails" by paying cash.

Gossip at the Capital

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Washington, May 16. Nothing in connection with the progress of the tariff bill has given so much satisfaction to the Democrats as the Secretary of the Senate...

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