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VENEZUELA AGAIN.

As a result of the blockade of Venezuelan ports property stolen by foreigners...

To all this Venezuela was bound by treaty. She had no right to expect other results than those that were reached by arbitration.

The Hague is a court without a sheriff. Its findings are the highest judicial decrees known to the world, but they are worthless if they can not become judicial finalities by enforcement.

As long as the convention has no provision for enforcing a decree nations like Venezuela are very willing to go to it.

In the situation created by Castro's disregard of the awards and of The Hague decision it is said that Germany proposes another naval demonstration and she will doubtless be joined by the other preferential powers.

One recent occurrence has disclosed his recklessness and ingratitude. The American minister, Bowen, went to the verge of diplomatic propriety in standing by Venezuela.

That silver service will perhaps have the effect of preventing a change of the name of the good old steamship Tacoma.

cial organ has vilely lampooned and libeled him and his government. It has slandered McVeagh and Penfield, the eminent American counsel who appeared for Venezuela at The Hague, and has incited hatred of them and their government by sheer lying.

There is no doubt that this course was taken by Castro's orders, for when Bowen appealed against these calumnies to him and the minister of foreign affairs he refused to compel a correction of the falsehoods, declaring that he would not limit the freedom of the press.

ARMIES FACING EACH OTHER.

The Japanese and Russian armies are practically facing each other in northern Corea, and yet the long expected battle does not materialize, says the Post-Intelligencer.

Foreign military critics are of the opinion that the delay in the commencement of active hostilities is rather more to the advantage of Russia than of Japan.

The censorship on correspondents, temporarily relaxed, seems drawn tighter than ever, and for the moment no further dispatches are permitted from northern Corea.

From the news standpoint the situation in the orient is best described in the language of the street: "Nothin' doin'."

Heinze, the Montana copper king, stepped up to the clerk's office yesterday and paid his fine of \$20,000 for contempt of court for violating an injunction order by working the Michael Davitt lode claim.

The Chicago lawyer who has instituted legal proceedings to stop the construction of the Panama canal is said to have some clients at Bogota.

Mr. Bryan's motives are, of course, purely philanthropic, in his desire to relieve the widow of Philo S. Bennett of the burden and responsibility of that \$50,000.

Tacoma's coal bunkers are believed to hold the world's record for quick dispatch. A collier was given 3570 tons of coal on Wednesday in nine hours and a half.

A Chicago doctor has denounced bathing. There are some men who are afraid of water to drink, but the man who is afraid to wash, even if counseled not to by a doctor, is cordially not to select Astoria as a place of residence.

If the price of rubber advances sufficiently some thrifty people might sell their proclivity to peek into other people's affairs. This would be a splendid inducement to cultivate a homely and prosaic but excellent virtue.

Some curiosity is expressed as to the permanence of the name of the steamship Tacoma. Since the change of ownership it is hinted that she may be rechristened Rainier.

Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, is for Hearst. The "yellow kid" is gathering together a rare collection of political freaks and misfits.

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