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> venezuela again
> As a result of the blockade of Venezuelian port property stolen by foreignersogytbarhingsrfetaoishr money and property stolen from foreigners by that government were to be arbitrated by special international commissioners, and the question of preferential treatment of the blockading powers was sent The Hague, says the Call. The international commis sioners have finished their work and made their awards, and at The Hague it was decided the blockading powers had preferential rights.
To all this Venezuela was bound by treaty. She had no right to expect other results than those that were reached by arbitration. She cannot elaim that raci prejudice affected the result, for the Latin races w represented in the arbitration commissioners. Th Spanish minister to Caracas was chosen to consid award he was assailed by personal abuse by the news. papers and was insulted in the street. The time has come now for Castro to observe his international obligations, and begin paying the awards in the ord deeided upon at The Hague. Of course he is no doing it. Pay-day is abhorred by Latin-America ne se exceptions. The Monkey of the Andees " makes treaties only to violate them. His disregard of of arbitration if there be no means of enforcing its payments.
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. The Hague convention needs revision in this respect. It should be made to provide that when a nation, found in de fault by the court's decree, refuses or neglects to keep faith, it shall be the lawful right of the nation suffering by that breach of faith to tax entire posses. sion of the revenue external and internal of the de gfault and administer it until the collections pay the elaim and the cost of administration. That will give the court actual power and vitality and will at the same time lessen the number of cases that go to it. As long as the convention has no provision for ening to go to it. All international courts are a projeetion of the principle of ou rordinary judicial court
into the affairs of nations. But our judicial court command respect because their judgments can be enforced. If it were otherwise their dockets would b overcrowded, for every litigant would be entirely
willing to get into a court that could not enforce it judgments. Otherwise many litigants are willing settle out of court and save the cost of trial.
In the situation created by Castro's disregard the awards and of The Hague decision it is said tha
Germany proposes another naval demonstration an she will doubtless be joined by the other preferentil powers. This means more turmoil in the Monroe hemisphere and another strain in our relationship with Europe. Castro is entirely capable of causing a most serious condition, that will go far beyond
blockade, for his conduct may compel the landing of military force and the occupation of his capital well as the blockading of his seaports. His conduct may be such that we will have to interfere to prevent the confliet taking on the nature of a conquest. The fellow is entirely capable of going to such lengths as to put the United States in a very difficult position. Were he capable of reasoning, or had he any genuine patriotism and sense of responsibility, he would patrriotism and sense of responsibinty, his contry
keep his treaty pledges and extricate his country from the serious position in which it has been placed by his blunders and crimes.
One recent occurrence has disclosed his reckle ness and ingratitude. The American minister, Bowstanding by Venezuela. When Le appeared at The in favor of Venezuela were irrit ting to the European powers concerned, and we commented on them at the time as being far more extreme than his po sition and duty required. Not only in Europe bu in Washington Mr. Bowen pursued his course, causing considerable embarrassment to our state department. If Castro were a normal person and Venezuela a civilized country the friendly attitude of Min ister Bowen would be requitted at least by decent
personal treatment. But instead of this Castro's offi-
cial organ has vilely lampooned and libeled him and his government. It has slandered MeVeagh and Penhield, 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 hese calumnies to him and the minister of foreign affairs he refused to compell a correction of the falsehoods, declaring that he would not limit the freedom of the press. At the same time he surpress ed and confiscated a newspaper that had told only the truth about his own conduct. This conduct is exasperating to the highest degree. But it will have on good effect. The fate of Bowen will admonish othe American diplomats that his course gets no favor for rriendship, and they will not repeat his acts and ex pressions of sympathy.

ARMIES FACING EACH OTHER.
The Japanese and Russian armies are practically acing each other in northern Corea, and yet the ong expected battle does not materalize, says the Fost-Intelligencer. Neither feels itself strong enough attack, and each is hurrying reinforeements paring for the struggle. It seems to be a waiting
Foreign military crities are of the opinion that the delay in the commencement of active hostilities is rather more to the advantage of Russia than of Japan. Their view is that if Jaapn had proceded dash that she operated on the sea the result migh have been the same. The Russians would have bee aught unprepared and a crushing blow or two mig dds. Now, it is theorized, the vast'y superior of Russia will emable her to take advanta $f$ the long lull and get in shape to resist a Japanese dvance.
The censorship on correspondents, temporarily $r$ laxed, seems drawn tighter than ever, and for the orthern Corea. It can be surmised what the mean ing of this is. Previous forecasts that a rigid ce sorship on correspondents meant that an importan eal, have proven inaccurate. No important move of ny magnitude, save the general advance into north Corea, was chronicled when the correspondent een choked off for awhile.
From the news standpoint the situation in Nothin' doin'.
Heinze, the Montana copper king, stepped up to he clerk's office yesterday and paid his fine of $\$ 20,00$ or contempt of court for violating an injunction order by working the Michael Davitt lode claim.
Perhaps Heinze made money by the deal and conidered the fine reasonable enough. But the next time he federal judge will make the fine large enough , if this one was too easy.

The Chicago lawyer who has instituted legal pro is said to have some clients at Bogota. It is a tri re paying him well for the senseless effort he making in his own name.

Mr. Bryan's motives are, of cource, purely philanhropie, in his desire to relieve the widow of Philo Bennett of the burden and responsibility of that on a cross of gold, and would actually sacrifice him

Tacoma's coal bunkers are believed to hold the world's record for quick dispatch. A collier was iven 3570 tons of coal on Wednesday in nine hour cord in this line?

A Chicago doctor has denounced bathing. Ther are some men who are afraid of water to drink, b oo by a doctor, is cordially not to select Astoria as lace of residence.

If the price of rubber advances sufficiently som hrifty people might sell their proclivity to peek into other people's affairs. This would be a splend xcellent virtue.
Some curiosity is expressed as to the permanenc of the name of the steamship Tacoma. Since th hristened Rainier.

Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, is for Hears The "yellow kid" is gathering together a rare co lection of political freaks and misfits.
That silver service will perhaps have the effect o preventing a change of the name of the good old
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