

VENEZUELA IS QUIET

Makes Arrangements to Pay Off Her Debts.

WAITING FOR ARBITRATION

When One Point Is Settled Payment Will Be Made.

Washington, Feb. 19.—From Minister Bowen's reports it appears that conditions in Venezuela are reaching a most satisfactory basis. He cables that by a decree just issued the government has opened the ports of Guanta, Sure and Guiriz, which have been closed for many months as a result of the revolutionary disturbances.

SKIN TURNING BLACK.

Strange Disease Makes Dowd Resemble a Negro.

New York, Feb. 19.—At first the doctors thought they had a negro turning white when they examined Nicholas Dowd at the Hudson Street hospital. After a more thorough study of his case, made yesterday at Bellevue hospital, Dowd was found to be a white man turning black.

ABOUT KOREA.

The importance of the American trade in Korea is undeniable. It is composite in its character, carefully considered, protected by the influence of them inister supported by the energy of the American missionaries, and controlled by two firms whose knowledge of the wants of Korea is just forty-eight hours ahead of the realization of that want by the Korean.

clean, admirably made, and well drained. The narrow dirty lanes have been widened, gutters have been covered, and roadways broadened, until, with its trails, its cars, and its lights, its miles of telegraph lines, Seoul is within reasonable distance of becoming the highest, most interesting, and cleanest city in the east.

The aspect of Port Arthur from the sea is uninviting. Rugged hills, offshoots from the range of mountains which divide the Liao-Tung peninsula, cluster round the bay, and, encroaching upon the foreshore and bearing neither trees nor vegetation, impart to the surroundings a desolate and even wild appearance.

Since the Russian government entered upon possession of the work of extending the perimeter of the defenses, as well as strengthening the fortifications, has been a continuous labor. It is quite clear that the authorities are determined upon no half measures. They have gained Port Arthur and they propose to keep it.

On land, the immense superiority of the reserve numbers of the Russians reduce the advantages which would accrue to the Japanese if the fighting were confined to the sea. At the same time, however, it should be remembered that the Russian troops are slow movers, and although they may exhibit magnificent endurance, and although they may be relied upon to fight well, the lack of individual initiative upon the part of the Russian officer robs the operations of that dash and address which is embodied in the spirit of the Japanese army.

Against this instinctive feeling of antipathy there may be set the racial sympathy with the Japanese which governs every Chinaman. In Manchuria particularly the Japanese enjoy a high reputation in the minds of the populace, while there is remembered above all else that prompt redemption of all obligations during the Chino-Japanese war, which distinguished the policy of the invaders toward local interests.

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"Another little invention," said Prof. Dressmer, thrusting a lean finger into his sealskin jacket and drawing forth a large pipe of material looking like brier. "Having had what is vulgarly termed a 'pipe dream' last night, I have invented this simple invention, which may be called 'the pipe of isolation,' or 'the pipe of peace.'"

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Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway.

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