

Castro Is Too Vague

His Offer at Arbitration Does Not Satisfy the Powers.

No Guarantee That It Would Lead to Anything Definite.

Something More Than Word of Unreliable Venezuela Is Necessary.

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It is known that the Foreign office has made inquiry as to whether the United States would guarantee the fulfilment of Venezuela's pledges, either at the immediate cessation of the present European action, or at a later date.

It is reported that the British public opinion is against the partnership with Germany in connection with the canal. The newspapers are generally in long and bitter criticism of the partnership.

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Precautions Being Taken to Keep Bubonic Plague Out of Canada.

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To Inspect Cable Station

Assistant Chief Electrician Pacific Cable Board Going to Bamfield Creek.

Vancouver Municipal Elections Are Not Rousing Much Interest—Infanticide Case.

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