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MADRID, June 28.—Fourteen bodies and 30 injured persons have been extracted from the wreck of the Bilbao train which overturned at the Nejerilla river last night.

According to official information, 20 persons were killed and 60 others seriously injured. Many of the latter will die. Of the 300 passengers on the train, it is stated that only six escaped unhurt.

The train, which was composed of two engines and 15 coaches, was crossing the bridge, when the couplings between the engines broke. The second engine left the track and fell, followed by the main train, into the bed of the river. Fortunately, the water was low.

The nearest medical attendance was a mile and a half distant, and those passengers who were least injured aided the others and did all possible until the arrival of relief trains bringing nurses, doctors and soldiers from Bilbao.

The train fell 50 feet from the bridge to the river bed, the coaches piling up in a mass of splintered wood and iron-work. The scene is described as horrifying. Many corpses were carried down the stream, which was actually reddened with blood.

It was found impossible to extricate numbers of the injured who were pinned under the wreckage. A railway guard was arrested in the act of robbing the dead and narrowly escaped lynching.

It is believed that the official figures underestimate the number of killed, some accounts giving the number of dead as 100. The full extent of the catastrophe will be known only when the wreckage has been cleared away.

The latest dispatches from Saragossa, near which place the catastrophe occurred, give the number of dead as 90 and the injured as 100. The rescue of the injured from the debris is not yet completed.

CHINESE TREATY ON THE WAY.

England Expects No Trouble From Loosely Stated Clauses.

LONDON, June 28.—The Times correspondent at Peking says it is announced that the ratification of the commercial treaty between China and Great Britain, which was signed by Sir James Mackay and Chinese Commissioner at Shanghai last September, is on its way to Peking, and ratifications will be exchanged after its arrival, although China has not yet voted a reply to the queries of the British government regarding her intentions as to the carrying into effect of some of the more loosely worded clauses of the treaty.

Article eight of the treaty provides for the abolition of the Hsin Fencio, while the native custom-house are retained. The functions of the Hsin Fencio and the custom-houses are largely interchangeable. The treaty also provides that the Hsin Fencio are to be a list of custom-houses, concerning the number of which there is great diversity of opinion. The treaty commissioners estimated their number at from 15 to 25 only, while the Chinese insist that there are the custom stations number at present 100.

If article eight becomes operative the British officials in China will require to trouble the Chinese authorities, possibly not operate because Great Britain will obtain the advantage in the American treaty under the most favored nations clause.

Japan is Becoming Excited.

LONDON, June 28.—According to the Tokyo correspondent of the Times the excitement in Japan over the Manchurian problem is increasing and the nation is plainly resolved to support the government in the maintenance of its position, and to assert the rights and safeguard the interests of the country.

Marquis Ito and Count Yamagata, who have advised a "waiting" policy, may be understood, advocate resolute action by the Japanese government.

Russian Soldiers in Corea.

YOKOHAMA, June 28.—A dispatch from Seoul, capital of Corea, reports that a Chinese military detachment at Shantung, the Yalu River, states that 150 Russian soldiers have crossed the river and are now stationed at two points on the Korean side.

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Pope Says Standard of South American Clergy is Too Low.

ROME, June 28.—The Spanish Embassy to the Vatican has received telegrams from Madrid anxiously inquiring about the health of the pope, saying that from a reliable source it was learned that his holiness was seriously ill. The rumor soon spread here, producing the usual sensation on going to the Vatican, however, it was found that it was only another false alarm.

The pope is in his usual health, and received in private audience the bishop of Basiglio, who had the pontiff conversed with him on conditions prevailing in the South American republics and the necessity of raising the standard of the clergy so that they might contribute to the intellectual progress and moral progress of the people.

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Great English Freight Warehouse Flames for Hours.

LONDON, June 28.—The freight depot of the Midland Railway was destroyed by fire tonight. It was one of the largest warehouse buildings in London, and burned fiercely for several hours. The loss will be enormous, although an estimate has yet been given. Some of the contents of the warehouse were saved, but a great quantity of freight was destroyed.

TO EDUCATE BRITISH YOUTH.

Great Technical School Proposed to Be Located in London.

LONDON, June 28.—The Earl of Rosebery has written to the chairman of the London County Council submitting a plan for the establishment of a great institution for advanced scientific and technological education at a cost of \$1,000,000, toward which some £100,000, and other well-known diamond firms and others offer large contributions. A site for the institution has also practically been secured. Lord Rosebery asks the Council for an annual grant of \$100,000 for the

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