Fourteen Recovered

That Is the Number of Bodies Now Taken From the Mine.

Some Time Will Elapse Before the Remaining Victims Are Reached.

As the Safety of the Workers Has to be Fully Considered.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Cumberland, Feb. 21.—Three more bodies were recovered to-day, those of Pedro Bardisoni and two Japanese helpers, G. Morikawa and Soku. This makes 14 taken out of the mine thus far. To-day the work by way of No. 5 shaft was abandoned, for at 1 o'clock the shift came up and all work ceased.

The air had been carried as far as it could be taken into No. 6 from No. 5 shaft, but was weak at the face, some of the miners saying that the smell of the damp blew back to them. The brattices were boxed, leaks stopped, and all efforts to carry the air made, but its volume at the face was not great. Then several of the workers (although none of the managers thought there was ground for suspicion) were afraid that fire might lurk in No. 6. To make certain of safety, the management decided to abandon work in No. 6, and a meeting was called at the company's office, at which Managers Little and Mathews, Mine Inspectors Morgan and McGregor, and F. Russell, E. Sheppard, E. Priest, and other experts and fire bosses to the number of a score were present. The question was discussed for an hour in all its phases, and the management expressed their desire to take all possible precautions. It would mean a delay of two or more weeks in getting to the other bodies, which will then be taken out from No. 6, those in the lower level and now beneath the 30 feet of water now in the mine being then found first. It was thought, however, that the delay was warranted to assure the safety of the workers, and to this all assented.

Finally it was decided that the water in No. 6 mine will be increased to a vertical depth of 130 feet, which will mean that water will be pumped in for four or five days, and will then cover the lower and upper levels 75 feet, right up to the cave which has been reached from No. 5, and to the end of which the brattices have been carried from that mine. The flooding of No. 6 to its topmost level will begin on Saturday morning, or perhaps before, when the work of repairing the cage-guides and midwall in No. 6 shaft down to the 30 feet of water now there is completed.

After the mine is flooded, it will take a week or two to pump the water out again, and at least over two, if not three, weeks will elapse before the other 51 bodies are recovered. At the meeting to-day, Resident Manager Mathews returned thanks to Mine Inspectors Morgan and McGregor, and Mining Engineers Russell, Sheppard, Priest and others, as well as the fire-bosses and workers in the shifts, for the assistance given, and the able, encouraging manner in which they led.

Mr. Sheppard replied, eulogizing the actions of Resident Manager Mathews, who, since he bravely led the attempts at rescue down No. 6 shaft, after the explosion, until forced to take refuge by flight from the quick following clouds of fire-damp, had been untiring in his labors.

Mr. Russell also spoke, commending Mr. Mathews' earnest work, and said that he was now but repaying the company for the assistance their officials had given the New Vancouver Coal Company when the accident took place at their mines.

The bodies recovered to-day were found in Duncan Munro's level, which enters the main level above Crosetti's level, from the other side. Bardisoni, whose stall was off this level, was found standing bent over some debris, with his hands covering his face, and his cap screwed up in one of them. The Japanese were found close by, one doubled up and the other lying on his side, with arms outstretched. None were burned, their hair and moustache being intact; but all were like the others found—cooked by the heat. The level was searched, but Munro could not be found, nor could Fleck, whose level is entered from the stall from which Halliday was taken. They may be beyond the cave, which for a distance of 45 feet has littered with debris the main level, just below Fleck's and Mitchell's level.

Bardisoni, who was found to-day, leaves a wife and two children here. He will be buried at 7:30 a.m. to-morrow, his being the last of the funerals which have been so continuous for the last few days. To-day there were six funerals—one less than the day before. They were those of Vincenzo Crosetti, James Halliday, three Japanese and a Chinaman.

THE CUDAHY KIDNAPPING.

Callahan Charged and Remanded Until Monday.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 21.—James Callahan, under arrest in connection with the Cudahy kidnapping, was called before Judge Vinzenhaler to-day and arraigned on three complaints—grand larceny, robbery and false imprisonment. Callahan pleaded not guilty to all the charges. He had not secured counsel, and further proceedings were postponed until Monday next. Bail was fixed at $7,500, and in default Callahan was remanded to jail.

WINNIPEG BONSPIEL.

Results of the Finals in the Curling Contests.

Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—(Special)—The final games in the Winnipeg bonspiel, played to-day, resulted as follows: Chalmers, of Manitou, wins the Caledonian; McConachy, of Neepawa, the international prize; the Boissevain rinks, the Tuckett trophy; McDonald, of the Winnipeg Granites, the veteran's prize; and N. Campbell, of the Winnipeg Thistles, the first prize in points.

The Winnipeg manual school system, inaugurated by Sir W. C. McDonald, of Montreal, was formally opened to-night. Prof. Robertson, of Ottawa, presided.

J. S. Maxwell, of Brandon, was to-day elected Grand Master of the Manitoba Order Oddfellows' Grand Lodge.

SPANISH CABINET.

Submission of Resignation of the Members Has Been Postponed.

Madrid, Feb. 21.—At a cabinet council to-day, at which the Queen Regent presided, the premier, Gen. Arcarraga, explained the motives which compelled the ministry to declare martial law. Complete tranquility now prevails, and the situation caused by the strikes at Gijon and Valencia, which at one time was disquieting, had now much improved. After the council meeting, the ministers called on the Prince and Princess of the Asturias to offer their greetings.

The minister of the interior, Senor Ugarte, in an interview, said the cabinet crisis had been postponed. No cabinet council will be held to-morrow, as was expected. It is said that a solution of the crisis may be reached by the end of next week, when the resignation of the cabinet will be submitted, the present ministry revoking the martial law, which caused the popular feeling against the cabinet, but leaving to their successors the task of restoring the constitutional guarantees.

SOO TRAIN DERAILED.

Seventy Passengers Aboard but Nobody Injured.

—Portal, N. W. T., Feb. 21.—(Special.—The westbound passenger train on the Soo division, was derailed six miles north of here this morning. The engine and all the cars left the track. There were seventy passengers on board for the Pacific Coast and no one was hurt.

Canada and Pacific Cable

Government Proposes to Guarantee Five Eighteenths on Two Million Pounds.

Emmerson of Westmoreland to Succeed Sir Louis Davies in Cabinet.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The government proposes to guarantee to pay 5-18 of £2,000,000 sterling towards the cost of the Pacific cable. The bill of 1899 limited the proportion to £1,700,000.

Mr. Ralph Smith has introduced a bill to restrict the importation and employment of aliens.

Sir Louis Davies told Col. Prior to-day that the government is considering the matter of placing a day beacon on White Rock, off Schell Island.

Questions of the regulation of the price of government-made binder twine, export embargo on logs cut on Indian reserves, and other matters of little interest were discussed to-day. Several new members spoke.

Over 2,000 applications have been received for the South African constabulary. Only 1,200 will be accepted.

It is definitely settled that Major Meade, of the Shropshire regiment, is to be the new commandant of the Royal Military College.

There will be a ministerial shuffle immediately after the session. Sir Louis Davies goes out and will be succeeded by Mr. H. R. Emmerson, M. P. for Westmoreland, N. B., and Sir Louis would like to get the position of Canadian representative on the judicial committee of the Privy Council, which bears with it a salary of $30,000, but failing that, will take a Supreme Court judgeship.

REFERRED BACK.

Chief Justice McColl Grants Order on Contested Water Rights.

Rossland, Feb. 22.—Chief Justice McColl, at a sitting of the Supreme Court here to-day, granted an order referring back to the land commissioner at Nelson for reconsideration a former decision of the commissioner awarding to the Trail smelter certain valuable water rights on Murphy, Trail and Stoney creeks. The order was sought by the War Eagle and Centre Star mining companies, which held that the Nelson award had been made without their knowledge and at a time when their own applications for water rights were pending before the gold commissioner at Rossland. The effect of the Chief Justice' order will be to enable the land commissioner to cancel, or amend, his first award, and to allow the interests of all the parties to be considered. The second payment, consisting of $30,000, was made by the Onondaga Mining Company yesterday, to Messrs. J. M. and C. B. Etner, and J. and D. Cromie. The claims purchased consist of the Maude S., Lellow Jacket, Standard and Touch-Me-Not mineral claims, situated some seven miles from Waterloo, for which the Onondaga Mining Company has been formed to operate.

COMPETITION.

C. P. R. to Make Improvements on the Crow's Nest Branch.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—(Special)—In view of the application for a charter for a line from the Great Northern into British Columbia, the Canadian Pacific have decided to carry out many important improvements on the Crow's Nest Pass branch of their system during the coming summer. Fifteen locomotives have been ordered for use exclusively on this line, and a large amount of rolling stock which has been ordered is expected to be ready to cope with traffic about March 1. It is to meet the rapidly expanding output from the mines that this new equipment is being obtained and improvements on the system are being made.

MERCENARIES CAUGHT.

Gang of Dynamiters Made Prisoners—Some Shot.

London, Feb. 23.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg records the capture of a gang of German mercenaries and dynamiters who were attempting to destroy a bridge near Krugersdorp. After they were captured they tried to escape, and some of them had to be shot down.

De Aar, Cape Colony, Feb. 19.—Commandant Froneman's force, about 1,000 strong, has separated from Gen. Dewet and gone north. Gen. Dewet is moving westward to meet Commandant Hertzog, who is coming with a fresh supply of horses.

If you are tired taking the large old-fashioned griping pills, try Carter's Little Liver Pills and take some comfort. A man can't stand everything. One pill a dose. Try them.

Are Off to The Front

Quick Marching Orders for Recruits for Baden Powell's Police.

Thirty-Two Men Enlisted and Sent Forward Last Night—Recruiting To-day.

Capt. Burstall, recruiting officer of the Baden-Powell constabulary, and Capt. Vaux, examining surgeon, who arrived Wednesday evening to examine and enrol recruits, had a busy day of it yesterday at the Drill Hall, where the men who wish to serve under B.-P. were put through the prescribed tests and accepted or rejected, as the result warranted.

Some thirty-two men were accepted and sworn in, and, with military promptness, are already on their way to the East to prepare for the long voyage to the front. A number more were examined, but it was 6 o'clock before all were sworn in, and the remainder will be passed and sworn this forenoon, Capt. Burstall having appointed 11 o'clock as the hour when he will attend at the armories to receive the men.

As will be seen by the list published herewith, the men are mainly from the company of the 3rd R. C. R., whose term at Hospital Point is nearly over. Capt. Vaux spoke in very flattering terms of the high standard of the men from the corps whom he examined. All were in good condition, and few were unable to satisfy the requirements of the medical and physical test, which is very searching. All the applicants were of very good standing when examined, though of course some were rejected by the sifting process of the strict code which debars for what might seem to the lay mind as very trivial defects.

Capt. Burstall will leave with the balance of the men enlisted on to-night's boat, and will proceed with the examination of candidates in Vancouver to-morrow. Speaking of the climate, he chanced to remark that it was not his first experience of the beautiful weather British Columbians often enjoy in the winter. He was a resident of Victoria for a year at one time, having been with "C" Battery, R. G. A., of the old permanent force, during the time that battery was stationed here. Capt. Burstall also was one of the officers of the Yukon field force which went to the Klondike under Col. Evans some three years ago. He is a typical soldier, and one Canadians are proud to know as a Canadian. He is an officer with a good record, and his fitness for the position is well shown by the personal popularity he enjoys among the men of the khaki guard, who were all more or less acquainted with him in South Africa.

The men who were sworn in, and who sailed on the Charmer this morning, are given in the following list, together with their former residence, also whether they had been in the R. C. R. here:

Fred. Hicks, R. C. R., Vancouver.
H. F. Hilton, Victoria.
J. H. Rushton, Ladysmith.
A. G. Turner, Victoria.

MINER KILLED.

Fall of Coal in Extension Mine Fatally Injures John Latti.

Nanaimo, Feb. 22.—(Special)—The alleged case of stealing boxes at Extension mines was heard in court here this afternoon. The accused is an Italian, Alfonso, employed by the company. He has a brother working on the ordinary miners' lay. When Alfonso got any coal it is alleged he put his brother's labels on it and had the box credited to him. The case was adjourned till Monday.

John Latti, a Russian Finn, was accidentally killed by a fall of coal while working in a stall in the tunnel at Extension yesterday afternoon. He died while being taken out. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

Subscriptions for the Cumberland sufferers already reach between $200 and $300.

ATLANTIC SERVICE.

Government Calling For Tenders For Carriage of Mails.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—(Special)—The Minister of Trade and Commerce has asked steamship companies to tender for carrying mails between Canada and Great Britain, from the re-opening of navigation in the St. Lawrence. The contract is for one year, nominally from May 1; tenders to be in by March; names of steamers intended to carry mails, the speed and necessary financial estimate to be submitted.

EDEN BANK CREAMERY.

Chilliwack Farmers Reap Reward of Progress.

From Chilliwack Progress.

The annual meeting of the Eden Bank Creamery Co., Ltd., was held on Feb. 11, 1901.

The presidentin his report, said: "It is my privilege to meet you at another annual meeting, to lay before you the usual report and balance sheet of the company, all of which are of a highly satisfactory character.

There were delivered to the creamery 93,228 pounds of butter fat, from which were made 107,615 pounds of butter. There has been credited to the patrons $25,174.42, an increase of $4,647.18 over the previous year.

A comparative statement for the past four years shows a steady increase in the output and a yearly decrease in the cost of manufacturing, in detail as follows:—

	Pounds of Butter	Cash to Patrons.	Cost of Making Per lb.	Average Price.
1897	53,605	$10,591.39	4.55	19.70
1898	81,212	16,763.94	4.02	20.64
1899	96,943	19,527.24	3.86	20.14
1900	107,615	24,174.42	2.95	22.46

The trading account for the year ending 31st December, 1900, shows a net profit of $2,084.11, being a marked proof of the great progress and solid prosperity of the company.

Your directors would recommend that the profits earned be distributed as follows, namely:—That $50 be donated to the managing director; that $300 be placed to reserve against bad debts; that $181.52 be reserved for repairs and renewals; that $57.50 be reserved for fire insurance, and that the balance, $1,495.19, be returned to the patrons supplying milk or cream during the year 1900.

British ship Sierra Miranda, which arrived in the Royal Roads on Wednesday night, proceeded to the Sound yesterday in tow of the tug Tyee. She came from Hongkong, which port she left on November 27.

Up-to-Date Styles at

WEILER BROS.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchasings.

Latest Novelties From

Paris, Berlin, London.

WEILER BROS.'

NORTHERN TELEGRAPHS

Extensive Work to be Done This Year in Northern British Columbia.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 21.—J. B. Charleson, superintending the construction of the all-Canadian telegraph line to the Yukon country, arrived to-day with his party to exploit a route for 100 miles of telegraph between Fort Simpson and Hazleton. The line is of the greatest importance, as it will place the large fleet of northern vessels passing Fort Simpson in telegraphic communication with the outside world, as well as all the northern canneries, and wrecks and casualties will thus be reported promptly. Mr. Charleson says that this line, as well as the branch lines in the Omineca country between Fraser lake and Manson creek, and in Cariboo, as well 150-Mile House and Quesnelle, as well as the 35 miles now unfinished of the all-Canadian main line, will be under construction at the same time and all completed during the coming summer. North of Hazelton the snow is still nine feet deep, and will not be off till May, but the Fort Simpson branch could be constructed at once. Gangs of men on construction will be busy from now all through the summer. At present his foremen will work on widening the trails and bringing in supplies. Mr. Charleson starts for Fort Simpson next week.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

Meetings to Be Addressed by Rev. Mr. Shearer on Sunday and Monday Evenings.

On Sunday and Monday, the people of Victoria will have a chance to hear one of the best speakers in Canada, as the Rev. J. G. Shearer, field secretary of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance, is to arrive on the Charmer on Saturday. The members of the executive of the Victoria branch of the organization will meet him at the wharf and entertain him during his stay here. On Sunday a mass meeting will be held in the Metropolitan Methodist church, at 8:30 p.m., after the evening service, when Mr. Shearer will give an address, his subject being: "Our Imperiled National Sabbath."

On Monday night the address will be: "The Savings of Our National Sabbath." The place where this meeting will take place will be announced later. The meeting will open at 8 p.m.

Mr. Shearer has been visiting the cities and towns through Manitoba and the

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Northwest Territories and he is now touring British Columbia.

The Lord's Day Alliance was first started in March, 1895, when it was only intended to operate through Ontario, but the movement was afterwards inaugurated throughout the Dominion. Mr. Shearer has always been an enthusiastic supporter of the movement, and he was unanimously chosen as field secretary. He had severed his connection with the Erskine Presbyterian church, but the subsequent results achieved by him prove that his choice was a wise one. Mr. Shearer's visit to Victoria should occasion a big rally upon the part of all who are interested in the Sabbath as a day of rest. Victoria was the first city in British Columbia to organize a local branch of this movement. Mr. Shearer has a reputation as a forcible and eloquent speaker, and he should have a good audience. He intends to hold a provincial convention in Vanvouver, before coming here, and he expects representatives from each district organized throughout the province.

A SMALL DOCKET.

County Court Cases Easily Disposed of—Chamber Business.

The sitting of the County Court yesterday, His Lordship Judge Walkem presiding, was very short. Only one of the cases set down for trial was defended and it was of a trivial nature.

In the Small Debts Court some evidence was taken in Sinclair v. Gutman, and the case was adjourned for a week.

IN CHAMBERS.

The following matters were disposed of in Chambers yesterday:

Wallace v. Wallace.—Order made granting change of venue from Victoria to Nanaimo. Robertson for plaintiff.

Chong Man Chock v. Kai Fung.—Order made for examination of defendant as a judgment debtor. Aikman for plaintiff.

Re H. Wager, deceased.—Probate granted.

Applications set down for hearing in Mellor v. Victoria (trading stamp case).—Application for discovery and production of documents. Lawson for plaintiff; Mason for defendant.

Mellor v. Victoria (same case).—Summons to show cause why the action should not be set down for hearing forthwith on a point of law raised in plaintiff's statement of claim. Lawson for plaintiff; Mason for defendant.

Re S. A. Copeland estate.—Application under Trustees and Executors Act for order for a monthly payment of $10, to provide for the maintenance of an infant child of the deceased. Belyea for applicant

Got Off With a Fine.—Horace Simms and Louis Hansen, who were charged with offering inducements to sailors of the British ship Dunstaffnage to desert, were yesterday fined $40 each. When the court assembled, the magistrate said he had decided to try the case under the Imperial Act, which provides for a fine of not more than £50, whereas the Canadian Act provides for both fine and imprisonment. When this decision was given, counsel for the defence changed the plea of not guilty to one of guilty, and the fines were imposed as above.

DISCUSSING EXHIBITION

Deputation of Mainland Agriculturists Meets Officers of Victoria Association.

H. Dallas Helmcken, M. P. P., vice-president of the Victoria Agricultural Association, Mr. Joseph Pierson and Mr. William Dalby yesterday afternoon met an influential deputation of gentlemen from the Mainland interested in agriculture. The gentlemen, who all happened to be in the city together on other matters, seized the opportunity to approach the officials of the local association, and as their interests are identical in many ways and their ultimate objects the same, there were several topics which they were anxious to discuss with the society here.

The gentlemen who composed the informal delegation were C. W. Munro, M. P. P., of Chilliwack; John Oliver, M. P. P., of Delta; L. W. Paisley and J. C. Henderson, of Chilliwack; and Reeve W. H. Ladner of Delta.

The main question brought up was the suggestion of the visitors that the dates of holding the exhibition here be changed to October 7 to 12, instead of as at present fixed—for the latter part of September. The reason urged was that it would avoid conflict with the dates set for Chilliwack and New Westminster exhibitions, these having been fixed last fall.

The visitors promised to do all they could for the success of the exhibition here, as they considered it was the proper thing for Victoria to have an annual show.

Mr. Paisley said, in speaking of the growth of the influence of exhibitions, that he had been the experience to have in the last eight years the number of entries grow from an annual aggregate of 600 or 800 to the handsome total last year of 2,500 entries. He also said there was a movement to have an exhibit from Manitoba at the Westminster exhibition next fall, and this might also be secured for Victoria. All the great horse-breeders and breeders of cattle, sheep and hogs would join in sending down a big exhibit, and the various districts would send district exhibits to compete for prizes, as had been done at New Westminster.

Mr. Henderson recalled that eight years ago the steamer Rithet was not large enough to bring the exhibit of the Chilliwack district alone to the Victoria exhibition.

John Oliver, M. P. P., said the residents of the Fraser valley considered Victoria their best market, as there was such convenient and cheap communication direct by water. He felt that it would be in the interests of the common cause of agriculture, in which they were all engaged, and on the success of which their efforts in exhibition matters were being spent to have no conflict of dates.

Mr. Helmcken and the other representatives of the Victoria society expressed their pleasure at having the opportunity of discussing in a friendly spirit the questions which had been taken up. It would not be long till there would be a meeting of the association; and the matter of changing the date would be given careful consideration, and Mr. Helmcken said he felt that he could promise that it would be favorably viewed, whatever the final action taken.

All present were deeply impressed with the value of hearty co-operation in carrying forward the common object of their several societies.

Will positively cure sick headaches and prevent its return. Carter's Little Liver Pills. This is not talk, but truth. One pill a dose. See advertisement. Small pill. Small dose. Small price.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

House Opened Formally and Adjourns Until Monday.

Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—(Special)—After the formal reading of the speech from the throne in the legislature to-day, the house adjourned until Monday next. Premier Roblin gave notice that the railway bills would be the first read on Tuesday next. There was a very large attendance at the opening.

WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

The Boy and the Gun Were Fatal to Mrs. Coons.

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Mrs. John Coons, of West Copake, was accidentally shot to-day by the little son of Ernest Lasper: the boy was playing with the gun. Mrs. Coon did not think it was loaded. Her wounds are fatal.

EARTHQUAKES.

Three Shocks Felt in Chili on Wednesday.

Lima, Peru, Feb. 21, via Galveston, Texas.—There were three heavy earthquake shocks at Arica, Chili, at 3 a.m. on Wednesday. The inhabitants were panic stricken.

AN ONTARIO MURDER.

William Hull Shot and Killed at Stony Lake.

Peterboro, Feb. 21.—(Special)—Word has been received here of the murder of William Hull at Stony Lake last night. He was shot and instantly killed by a man named Sharp.

Burned in Their Beds

Terrible Calamity in a Hospital Attached to the Tokio University.

Chinese Reformers Murdered in Hongkong—Russo-Chinese Agreement.

A shocking accident occurred early on the morning of January 29 at the second hospital attached to the medical school of the Tokio University. The building was entirely destroyed by fire and twenty-one of the patients were burned to death, and ten patients and eleven nurses and attendants injured, while at the time the last mail, which arrived here by the Idzumi Maru yesterday, left there, there were a few persons missing. The fire broke out at 4 in the morning and raged for two hours, the building being burned to the ground. At first it was reported that only 30 of the 96 patients had escaped, but later it was ascertained that many got out of the building before it was wrapped in flames. Ten bodies had been taken out of the ruins on February 1, the day that the Idzumi sailed from Kobe, and at least eleven more were known to be buried beneath the pile of ashes. The building was a wooden one and burned fiercely, giving very little opportunity to rescue the unfortunates penned up in it.

There are two hospitals attached to the university, that known as the First being for foreigners, who go there to have the advantage of the experience of Dr. Scriba. It is situated in the university grounds. The Second hospital, the one burned, is at Izumicho Zanda, and is for the treatment of cases of interest in medical and surgical science, containing laboratories for carrying out researches upon subjects relating thereto. There are two wards in the hospital, containing forty-six rooms, provided with 160 beds, of which 150 were for free patients.

The emissaries engaged by the Chinese government to hunt down the more aggressive Chinese reformers, have met with a certain amount of success, they having already murdered two of the followers of Kang Yu Wei in Hongkong. One of the victims was Yueng Ku Wan, a schoolmaster, who was holding his class for boys when shot down. He was standing before his class, holding his text book, when a man entered the room, and creeping up behind the scholars, presented a revolver at the teacher and fired four shots in quick succession, all taking effect, one piercing the book that he held. Yeung Ku Wan was a well known reformer. On the previous day another follower of the reform leader was murdered in much the same way. Unable to reach the leader himself, who is accompanied wherever he goes by a British soldier, the emissaries of the old Chinese parties are hunting down his followers.

The Japanese government has forwarded a despatch to the Russian government asking for a definite reply in reference to the existence of a secret agreement between China and Russia.

Russian troops and the Chinese from Manchuria, whom they are driving before them, are looting the farms and villages along the northern frontier of Korea. The Korean troops are unable to protect the inhabitants and protests have been sent to the Russian minister.

There is an epidemic among the cattle of Nagasaki and vicinity. It is spreading to an alarming extent.

AUSTRALIAN SUGAR.

Large Contract For Supplies For Vancouver Refinery.

Vancouver, Feb. 22—(Special)—A very important contract has been closed by B. T. Rogers, manager of the British Columbia Sugar Refinery, as a result of a trip made by him to Australia. He arranged with the Colonial Sugar and Refinery Company of Australia for the shipment of 20,000 tons of raw sugar per year to the refinery at Vancouver. This sugar will be carried by the Canadian Pacific Australian liners, and, according to Capt. Taylor, will no doubt mean the putting on of a fourth steamer on the run, as it would be impossible, with what freight they are carrying, for the present vessels to handle the big contract.

CHINESE CULPRITS.

Li Hung Chang Says Two Princes Have Been Punished

London, Feb. 23.—"Li Hung Chang asserts," says the Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, "that the punishments to be imposed upon Princes Chuang and Yu Hsien have been carried out in accordance with the demands of the foreign envoys."

Wreck on The Rail

Ten Killed and Many Injured in New Jersey Railway Smash Up.

Trains Collide on the Pennsylvania Line Not Far from Trenton.

The Cars Catch Fire and Add to the Horror of the Accident.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 21.—One of the worst collisions in the history of the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad occurred at about 5:30 this evening at Ruslings Siding, near Bordentown, and about eight miles south of Trenton. The "Nellie Bly" express, from New York for Atlantic City, collided with passenger train No. 330, running from Camden to Trenton. The number of dead so far as known is ten, and the number of injured about twenty-five. A special train at about 9 o'clock from the scene of the wreck, brought four dead bodies and eighteen wounded persons to Trenton.

The wounded were distributed among three Trenton hospitals. Other wounded were taken to Cooper hospital, Camden. Among the killed was Walter Earl, engineer of the express, and James Birmingham, baggage master of the local train. Most of the killed were Italians.

Frank Boland, a passenger on train No. 330, an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad, had both legs cut off. The doctors say he will die.

Michael McGraw, fireman on the "Nellie Bly," was badly injured, but is expected to recover.

Frank Thompson, engineer of No. 330, had a leg broken and is badly bruised. He is in a precarious condition.

Edward Garwood, fireman on No. 330, was badly bruised by jumping, but will recover.

Edward Supp, conductor of No. 330, was also injured, but his wounds are not believed to be serious.

Most of the remaining dead and injured are Italians.

The Italians were riding in the smoking car of the express train. They were being taken to Atlantic City to do construction work for the railway company. The two trains collided at full speed, and both engines were completely demolished. The forward car of each train in both instances combination baggage and smoker, were entirely demolished also, and to add to the horror, the wreckage took fire.

The second car of the "Nellie Bly" turned on its side and the passengers had to climb out through the windows. The track at this point is so close to the Deleware and Puritan canal that the passengers, in getting out of the overturned car, got into the canal, and many of the bodies of the dead and injured had to be taken from the water.

The "Nellie Bly" was running in three sections, and it was the third section with which No. 330 collided.

The local train had taken the siding to permit the express to pass, and it is believed that through some misunderstanding the local came out on the main track after the second section had passed, mistaking it for the third section.

RECRUITING.

Complaint That Not Enough Notice Was Given to the Applicants.

Vancouver, Feb. 21.—(Special)—The militia officers are not altogether pleased at the system adopted in Vancouver in recruiting for the Baden-Powell police. Of the 75 or 80 applicants at this point, fully 50 or 60 were from outside sections, but all the notice given to those who had applied from the surrounding districts of Vancouver was two or three days' notice in the Vancouver papers. It is feared that in consequence a large proportion of these men will not appear for inspection on Saturday, as directed, owing to their receiving no notice.

The papers have been signed and filed in the Britannia deal, and H. Walters, managing director, and L. Boscowitz leave for England next week. It is understood that on their arrival in London the entire purchase money will be paid over to them, and the purchasers will commence a very thorough proving up of their property. If all is satisfactory, extensive machinery, tramways and reduction works and refinery will be installed. It is estimated that $1,000,000 will be spent in development.

GAETTE NOTICES.

Appointments and Other Items Gleaned From the Official Publication.

In yesterday's issue of the provincial Gazette, notice is given of the appointment of J. F. Boyd, of Harrison, and R. M. Woodward, of Lower Nicola, as justices of the peace; of Dr. G. Lewis as resident physician at Atlin; and of G. Murray as deputy mining recorder at Nicola.

On the petition of E. Copley Thompson and others, the Minister of Agriculture has authorized the organization of a Farmers' Institute in the Okanagan district, and has appointed March 23 as the day on which the first meeting shall be held, at the court house at Vernon.

The Treadwell Mines Company of British Columbia, Limited, and the Union Canning Company, Limited, have been incorporated.

Esther Robinson, carrying on business at Extension as Robinson & Co., has assigned to Alex. Cook, of this city; and Weeks & Robson, carrying on business as grocers and wine merchants at Vancouver, have assigned to J. W. McFarlane, of that city.

William Skene, of Vancouver, has been appointed liquidator of the British Columbia Iron Works Company, of that city. Creditors must send in their claims before March 8, and they will be adjudicated upon on March 22.

A general meeting of the Derby Mining Co. will be held at the office of the company at Rossland on March 29, for the purpose of deciding as to the sale of the assets of the company.

The partnership heretofore existing between James Gill, Robert Corlett, John Rowell and John Knudson, as the Fairview Lumber Co., has been dissolved, James Gill retiring.

The annual general meeting of the Upper Columbia Navigation & Tramway Company, Limited, will be held at Golden on March 4.