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CONSIDERED THREAT TO RUSSIA

London, Jan. 12.-Premier Balfou speaking at Manchester last night, referring to the Far Eastern situation said: "NO ONE CAN CONTEM. PLATE HOSTILITIES BETWEEN TWO GREAT CIVILIZED COUN-TRIES WITHOUT FEELINGS OF MISGIVING AND DEPRESSION." Premier Balfour added that Great

Britain would carry out to her fullest extent all her treaty obligations. Mr. St. John Broderick, Secretary fo India, speaking at Guildford, said he hoped war would be averted. The government, he said, would do its utmost to promote a peaceful solution of the difficulties, but that if its effort failed Great Britain would seek to failed Great Britain would seek to LOCALIZE THE EFFECTS OF THE

CONFLICT.

Premier Balfour's guarded statement is commented on by this morning's papers as an intimation of the intention of the government to accord full support to Japan in the event of circumstances arising which would call into action the Anglo-Japanese treaty. The Daily News, which represents a large section of the British public heartily disliking that treaty, regards Mr. Balfour's language as a plain and unnecessary threat to Russia and declares that the treaty was made without consulting the British representatives in Japan, who, since its adoption, have repeatedly warned the government of the perils attaching to it.

RUSSIA MUST RECEDE.

London, Jan 12.—The Times' Pekin correspondent, cabling under yesterday's date, says that the Chinese at tionally Create an Annoying Waylaid and Duped the Tokio, at the request of the Japanese Foreign Office, telegraphed the follow-

Foreign Office, telegraphed the following communication to Prince Ching:

The second Russian reply to the Japanese proposals has been received by the Chinese Minister at Tokio, but it is unfavorable and cannot be accepted by Japan, who will unless Russia recedes, be compelled premptly to resort to arms.

The view of such an eventuality, Japanese expects and urges China to maintein the strictest neutrality, to preserve order in the foreigners resident in the territory, to take special care to preserve order in the Povinces of Shantung and Yumnan lest foreign powers might seize the pretext of disorder and make aggressive movements therein.

The correspondent says that the despatch has deeply impressed the Chings and to send change for a \$10 cm. The price of the basket was 75 cents. When the boy arrived at the country Liberal processor the country between the point of the point o

pan and other powers to represent their interests, embracing the "open door" for Mukden and New Chwang."

The Czar personally edited and corrected the above points of the communication.

The composition of the communication of the crowd. "One day." says the writer, "some fellows come to town and we went over to the livery and gave him two hits floral offerings were placed upon the cusket.

London, Jan. 11 .- It was said at the Remarkable Case of a Young Vir-London, Jan. 11.—It was said at the Remarkable Case of a Young VirForeign Office to-day that a circular somewhat similar to the synopsis of the Russian position in regard to Man churla, cabled to the Associated Press

Richmond. Va., Jan. 11.—The death in Kimball, Page County, of Homer Fox, tolerable political speech."

PRESS ON BALFOUR'S SPEECH.

(C. A. P. Cable.)

London, Jan. 12.—Referring to Mr. Balfour's speech, The Daily News says he goes on quibbling while Chamberlain burns his house over his head. He is alarmed at the rate Chamberlain is going, but while the fire flames from every storey the languid chief fireman directs a mere garden watering pot on it.

The Morning Post says Mr. Balfour is right in urging the tariff reformers to go more slowly on the ground of the difficulty in persuading the colonies to modify their protectionist regime in favor of Britain, but he forgets that under the Canadian preferential tariff the Canadian woollen and cotton manufacturers have suffered loss, yet the Imperialist movement has grown stronger.

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The Daily Telegraph says the Prime Minister puts the unification of the empire before all other objects. The publication of the Duke of Devonshire's letter has done more than anything else to consolidate the Imperialist party. All over interest is alive and alert. The Unionist party is fervent in the cause of the ultimate of Great Britain and the Ritiains across the seas. itains across the seas.

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The Daily Chronicle says Mr. Balfour's theme was the humiliating one of explaining his abdication. He laid down one proposition, of which more will be heard, when he said that any proposed arrangement with the Colonies must be based on a medification of their tariff walls against British manufacturers. It was Chamberlain who spoke of the Australian invitation, but he did not pretend the Australian offer included that.

The Standard says Mr. Balfour declined to commit himself to the preferential scheme because he sees the people of these islands as yet unconverted to a tax on food and the colonies unconverted to a lowering of the tariff barriers behind which their manufactories are being nursed.

The Times says Mr. Balfour does not conceal his sympathy with Chamberlain's policy, but adheres to his opinion that a new tax cannot be placed on food merely as a financial expedient. A great Imperial reorganization must await an Imperial wave Chamberlain is in entire sympathy with this view, and it is his task to convert public opinion in Great Britain and the colonies.

The cable report of Balfour's speech apparently has been delayed, but the comment of the London papers given above affords an index to his

and Peculiar Situation.

HIS BLOOD DRIED UP.

Messenger Boys.

Coroner Cotton did not continue the There is a new crook in town. He Sir Wilfrid Laurier Likely to

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choke. He got black in the face, and, in spite of the efforts of the crowd, appeared as if he was about to die. Finally he gave one big end avor. Blood

OTTAWA GENTLEMAN: Too bad-they've about ruined an animal that I wanted to use this winter

Early Appeal Holds Good

Tho the \$1500 Attracts

Twelve "night" street car conductors and motormen last night were filled by others taken from the ranks of the regular relief men who work thru the evening. The strike is confined to the occasion on which Lieutenant-Governor Clark has officiated at the opining of the House. The last session was ingiving the night car employes the first giving the night car employes the first usuarrated by the administrator, Chief in the House. The last session was ingiving the night car employes the first giving the night car employes the first usuarrated by the administrator, Chief in Thibet against the British advance.

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1000 DERVISHES KILLED IN A SOMALILAND FIGHT

Can't Tell What Opposition Will Do Until He Sees Government

J. P. Whitney, K.C., M.L.A., is at he Queen's awaiting the opening of the legislature. Last night he was the entre of a coterie of political friends-"I can't say just now what the opposition will do. I have not seen the rom the throne is read on Thursday.

Ministers in the Dark. Having spoken thus Mr. Whitney observed that he did not think the ministers themselves knew what important legislation would be brought down. The session was called in such a hurry, to get rid of the election trials for a time, that they had not sufficient time to get their program into shape. But there were the supplies and the affairs of the Temiskaming Railway, which would receive consideration. As to the assessment bill he did not think it would be brought down for a couple of weeks anyway, as the chairman of the special committee, Hon. J. M. Gibson, had intimated that the committee would hold several sessions during the sitting of the House. It was a matter that would require very full consideration, and might occupy the attention of the House for a considerable period. Mr. Whitney would not hazard an opinion as to any probable temperance legislation. portant legislation would be brought

Conservatives Physically Fit.

The leader of the opposition will be supported by an unbroken phalanx of Conservatives. Col. Matheson, who has been suffering from pneumonia, will be on hand by Monday, or earlier, if necessary, and all the other opposition benchers are physically fit and ready to give the government an uncomfortable few weeks. Twelve Men Leaving East End Barn

Unfairness.

The indications are that there will be lively doings from the opening to the close of the House.

Try the top barrel, 31 Colborne-street

Three Thousand Britons Put Enemy to Rout

WITH 11 SLAIN AND 32 WOUNDED

London, Jan. 11-A despatch to The imes from Aden, Arabia, says:

An engagement in Somalila An engagement in Somaliland between a British force and the forces of the Mad Mullah has resulted in a severe defeat of the latter, who lost one thousand men killed. The British had two officers killed and nine officers severely wounded severely wounded.

The War Office to-night gave out program yet, and will not be favored the following despatch, which had been with an intimation of what the govern- received from Major-General Egerton, ment intends to do until the speech commanding the Somaliland expedi-

dballi, Somaliland, Jan. 11.

"Advanced this merning 11 miles to Jidballi. First brigade commanded by Manning, second brigade under Faskin, and mounted troops under Kenna. Total strength of the regulars 2200, irregulars 1000. Jidballi held by 5000 Dervishes. Mounted troops enveloped enemy's right and infantry advanced within seven hundred yards of his position. Dervishes advanced, but were unable to face frontal fire, coupled with flank attack. Enemy broke and fled and was pursued 10 miles. Dervishes killed estimated at 1000, mostly in the pursuit. Many prisoners and riftes taken.

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Major-General Egerton's force to camped to-night two miles beyond Jid-

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