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THE OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

FRIDAY, NOV. 29.—The Duke of Argyll, Secretary of State for India, has published a letter denying certain assertions in Lord Cromer's despatch. He says the Gladstone Government did not conclude an alliance with the Amir, because the latter demanded that it should be offensive and defensive, and should extend to protect even his dependants against internal and external enemies.

A despatch from Dacca says the roads through the Khyber Pass have been reopened, and that there have been no further murders. Three hundred members of the Amir's army, however, are reported to have been marching through the passes, and to have maintained a three hours' market day.

The official correspondence in regard to Afghanistan from this to the present time is published. It covers 200 pages. The Amir's letter in reply to Lord Lytton's report for the reception of Sir Neville Chamberlain's mission complains that before the Viceroy's letter was read or his message had been received, other letters had reached the Amir from the Commissioner at Peshawar to the commandant of the Punjab, and that these letters, containing harsh words repugnant to courtesy and in a tone contrary to the ways of friendship and amicable intercourse. Considering the Amir's afflictions at that time, patience and silence would have been justly becoming in officials of the British Government. The officials of the opposite Government (meaning Russia) are reported to have been ordered to show enmity or opposition toward the British Government, nor indeed to ally with any other power, or to strike. But when any other power, without cause or reason, shows animosity toward this Government, it is left in the hands of God and to His will.

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NEWS FROM ABROAD.

UNITED STATES.

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Fifty gallons of highwines, with a carriage and splendid pair of horses, worth \$1,200, have been seized by the United States Customs officer at Newport, Vt., on a charge of being smuggled.

The debt statement shows an increase of \$3,214,242.61 during November. The increase is due to the payment of \$5,600,000, the Halifax award, otherwise the ordinary decrease would have been \$2,385,757.39.

A solid silver spoon was brought to Hartford, Conn., last week by the captain of a New London whaler, who had returned from the Arctic seas.

There were fifty-six failures in New York during November. Total liabilities, \$1,472,000,000. In 1877, there were 400 failures, with a total of \$1,700,000,000, and an increase in the number of failures.

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There is a great deal of talk about national debt. The new Ministry will sign a loan raising the Government.

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