

LORDS TO CLING

Severe Struggle in Prospect
Over Premier Asquith's Pro-

LONDON, March 29.—The first day's debate in the House of Commons on Premier Asquith's resolution with regard to the veto power of the House of Lords proved conclusively that the Lords will not yield their privileges without a great struggle.

A. J. Balfour, the opposition leader in the Commons, declared plainly that it was the intention of his party to take the first opportunity to repeal

heart into his conglomerate party, and the speeches of John E. Redmond for the Unionist party, and of John J. Barnes for the Laborites, as well as those of the representatives of the various institutions, all breathed defiance to the Lords.

The only dissatisfaction expressed was that the premier's proposals were not supported by the necessary two-thirds full support to the resolution never passed. The debate will be continued tomorrow, and should the necessary vote will be taken on Monday, Mr. Redmond has summoned a meeting of his supporters for Tuesday, for further consideration of the situation.

Briefly stated, Mr. Asquith's three resolutions provide that the Lords shall have no power to veto any legislation, that their power over other legislation shall consist only in compelling

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