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try was primarily an appeal to give them authority to put an end to that

usually brief and made plain that the work of the session would be confined to the matter of finance and the ques - ful year.

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Mr. Balfour said that he had had 149 speeches of cabinet members examined and only one of them contained a voluntary reference to home rule. The government wanted the effect of the Prime Minister's declaration to be as the doctors say, local, not constitutional. The Lords and all parties in the House of Commons wanted the reform of the House of Lords. The labor party wanted to abolish the House of Lords altogether. The Nationalists and the English and Scotch members wanted a reform of the constitution. The Irish wanted to get out of the constitution entirely. Looking under the surface, how could the government say that they knew what was the opinion of the country on any one of the great issues before them. on any one of the great issues before them.

Mr. Balfour closed by questioning whether it was possible to entrust solely to a representative assembly, the power of manipulating from top to bottom, the whole constitution of the country. They would be mad indeed, if they drove to this illogical excess, the idea that for all purposes and for all time, the House of Commons could be taken to represent the settled convictions of the people.

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"Arrangements must be made at the earliest possible moment to deal with the financial situation thus created." This was taken as confirmation of Premier Asquith's avowed determination to regularize the present conduct of financial affairs before attacking the house of lords.

The reading of the speech only occupied four minutes, and at its close their majesties retired and the session was suspended for two hours.

The house of commons met for business at 4 o'clock.

Up to the last moment no one could predict with any confidence the course of events, and even as Premier Asquith led the composite force into action it appeared uncertain whether the guns of his army were louder against the common enemy or in the direction of the general himself. The expression "in the opinion of my advisers" is accepted as having been inserted in the speech by the King with the palpable object of disassociating His Majesty from the views expressed on behalf of the government. This deduction has added piquancy to the situation. The chamber was crowded to its capacity.

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Arthur J. Balfour spoke for the opposition. He criticized the king's speech for its ambiguity, pauticularly on the naval question. He had hoped for a declaration that the government was prepared to face the situation and provide everything for the defence of the empire. The general election had been primarily on the budget, and he was not quite sure what the country had pronounced.

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"When the budget," he said, "has received a cold and chilly, but numerically adequate support in this house, it will doubtless become a law. I believe that the majority of the constituencies in Great Britain are prepared to support the budget, but can it be pretended that Ireland favors it? If Ireland abstain from opposing the budget it will be because the Irish members think that the interests of home rule over-ride those of finance, and I hold

"If the Prime Minister's home rule "If the Prime Minister's home land declaration, made just before the election, had been taken seriously in England, as it was in Ireland, the other questions all would have been dwarf-



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