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ON QUESTION OF DEFENCE

Conservative Speakers Making Issue Out of National Security

WINSTON CHURCHILL AMONG THE DUKES

Sir Edward Grey's Radical Policy Regarding Second Chamber

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Speaking at Liverpool last night, F. E. Smith said that the people had learned of Mr. Churchill's speech in the House of Commons, and that they were not surprised to find that the Conservative Party were making an issue out of national security. He said that the Conservative Party were not in a position to discuss the question of national security, and that they were not in a position to discuss the question of national security.

London Times Scored

The Liberal press is getting after the London Times for some articles which it printed for some time past. The paper criticizes its Toronto correspondent for his excessive praise of the foreign population of Canada, and for his excessive praise of the foreign population of Canada.

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INSURANCE DEAL INVESTIGATED

Absorption of Mutual Company by Federal Life Is Contested

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Alleging that, temporarily at least, the People's Mutual Life Assurance Company, a so-called fraternal beneficiary society, with headquarters in Syracuse, had been purchased by the Federal Life Assurance Company, a New York corporation, the latter company today issued a statement denying the charge.

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