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BRITISH HOUSE PROROGUES; KING'S SPEECH TO COMMONS

AND LAUDS IRISH LAND BILL

**Premier Balfour Makes Statement
as to Balkan Matters and the
Fiscal Questions.**

London, Aug. 14. — Both Houses of Parliament assembled early today and wind up the business of the session. In the House of Commons Premier Balfour, in a general reply to questions on matters of international interest, said there had been an unexpected delay in the Venezuelan question, due to the fact that France and Spain objected to

the tribunal. The question had been decided in favor of the tribunal to decide. He believed that the czar had the court, whose members were the czar had been requested to negotiate a preliminary meeting on the date originally fixed.

Regarding the complaints that the Government was showing lack of sympathy with Macedonia, Mr. Balfour pointed out that one of the deep sources of discontent were the discussions announced by the Government, which were not alone—was as his guilt undoubtedly was—who was responsible for the misdeeds of the Government, it would be folly to forget that the Christians were the aggressors on Christians. The Government was still of the opinion that the Russian endeavours to improve the condition of the Balkan States.

Dealing with the protests against muzzling the House on the fiscal controversy, the Premier said he thought there was no possibility for ending his

there was no necessity for undue hurry in discussing the matter. There was no pending fiscal question before Parliament, nor would there be one during the life of the present Parliament.

er the present Parliament would me again, and who characterized the Premier's policy of transferring the fiscal discussion from Parliament to the country, as that of a demagogue, the sitting was suspended.

The King's speech was of little general or international interest. It referred to the cordiality of his majesty's

reception in Portugal, Italy and France and to the return visit of President Loubet, "whose visit has given rise to a striking exhibition of the feelings of mutual goodwill which prevail in the two countries."

"The warm expressions of goodwill with which it was everywhere received greatly touched me. My visit enabled me to realize how much was being attempted to improve the housing accom-

modation for the working population, stimulate commercial activity, advance the methods of agriculture, develop technical education and provide for the sick and infirm. Much remains to be done, but it was with feelings of the deepest gratification that I noted

signs of increasing concord among the various classes in Ireland, presaging, as I hope, a new era of united effort for the general welfare."

the land owners to continue their residence among their countrymen, and provides facilities for improving the conditions of life in the poorer districts of the west. It adds: "This reform, by removing the ancient cause of social dissension, will, I heard

Reference is made in the speech the general anxiety regarding the situation in the European provinces Turkey, to the great progress made by the republic, and to the good results

the work of resettlement and pacification in South Africa, and the improvement in the condition of agriculture and finance in India. After the reading of the King's speech Parliament was prorogued till Nov. 2.

SARAOFF AGGRESSIVE
He Proclaims Macedonia an Independent State.

Berlin, Aug. 14. — The Cologne Gazette publishes mailed letters from revolted Turkish provinces stating that Boffa Sarafoff, who is leading the

surgents in person, has proclaimed Macedonia an independent state, has formed a provisional government. Gen. Bachtiar is in command of Anatolian troops, who are on

march from Albania. Hussem Pa
inspector of the Greek frontier,
been appointed chief of the forces
erating between Ostrovo and Flo
Disquieting news comes from Kliss
When a military train was orde
from that place the troops departe

From that place the troops deserted en masse and went to their homes. Telegraphic communication is practically completely interrupted throughout disaffected provinces.

THE PARIS DISASTER

Premier Combes Delivers an Address of Condolence.

Paris, Aug. 14.—The funeral of nineteen victims of the Metropolitan road tunnel catastrophe, whose bodies were unclaimed, was held yesterday from the Prefecture. The coffin

covered with masses of flowers for the municipality and the Metropolitan Railroad Company. Premier Corbion delivered a short address of condolence and promised measures of relief for the families of the victims, which

the amines of the victims, while president of the municipality spoke the universal sympathy displayed throughout the world. The bodies then borne to Notre Dame Cathedral where the religious ceremony held, and afterwards interred in

Wilson's cemeteries.

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