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MR. BALFOUR FEELS

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AND DROPS HELM

Unionist Leader Staggers His

Constituents by Announc-

ing His Retirement

REMAINS IN COMMONS:

THE WEATHER SHOWERS

HANKOW GOES UP IN FLAMES WITH LOSS OF \$50,000,000

Four Hundred Thousand People Destitute, Hundreds of Half Burned Bodies Lie Among Ruins. **Rebels** Declared Responsible.

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LONDON, Nov. 8 .- The unionist sarty is to swap horses while crossing the home rule stream. Arthur J. Balfour, at an emergency meeting of the city of London Conservative association, this afternoon, announced to his constituents his retirement from the leadership of the opposition. Impaired health, increasing age and the desirability of the leadership passing into/ younger hands, were the reasons which he gave for this step in a speech which was marked by much feeling. But no one doubts that the increasing attacks against him by the ambitious younger conservatives, par-ticularly the tariff reformers, were the principal factors in inspiring his decision.

While, a number of influential unionists and would-be leaders, nota-bly Austen Chamberlain and F. E. Smith, have been demanding his retirement from the leadership, few believed Mr. Balfour would drop the elm in such an important stage of the party's fortunes.

The announcement was a sharr surprise to all parties and made an immense political sensation. No pooner was Mr. Balfour's withdrawa! known that reports were circulated that Lord Lansdowne, leader of the opposition in the house of lords who shared in the attacks would accom pany his colleague to the background, But Lord Lansdowne issued a denial of this tonight.

of this tonight. Refuses Pcerage Mr. Balfour will remain in the house of commons, although he would be elevated to the peerage if he so desired. While he, as ex-premier, was recognized as the leader of the whole party, the leadership will now be divided, his successor sharing it with Lord Lansdowne. That successor doubtless will be the Rt., Hon. Walter Hume Long, who represents the Strand.

A caucus has been called for Monday to choose a new leader. Mr. Long commands the confidence of the older and younger elements of the party.

Mr. Balfour was received in audience this afternoon by the king and informed his majesty of his declaion. Many conservatives contend that the question of his health was the

HANKOW, Nov. b. via Wu-Hu. en the opportunity of witnessing the Nov. 8.—The city of Hankow has been destroyed by fire over two-thirds of its extent. The lowest estimate of the loss is \$50,000,000. Four hundred thousand persons are destitute. Hunloss is \$50,000,000. Four hundred thousand persons are destitute. Hunwith bayonets or crushed them to death with atones. The outrages against women cannot be told. Red dreds of whalf burned bodies lie among the ruins. Many of them are Cross bearers have been killed or wounded, Soldiers on both sides have slaughtered their wounded enemies. the bodies of women and children. The customs house, the postoffice and the American missions have been A thousand revolutionary soldiers from Hu-Nan reached Wu-Chang spared. The city has been looten, the imperialists taking a hand in the pillage. Imperialist officers tried to eneck this work and executed a number of the soldiers. Refugees were deprived of their loot on en-tering the British concessions, cartspared. The city has been looted,

The revolutionaries commandeered a British tug which was proceeded up the river with two lighters of coal. loads of valuable furs, silks and jewelry being seized. On Friday afternoon the consuls appealed to the It was suspected that the coal was destined for Admiral Sah's fleet. A British gunboat made a demand for imperialists to cease burning the A proclamation, which was the captured boats, which were af-terward restored to the revolutionists. Two thousand trained soldiers have arrived from the Poyang district, Klang-Se. Afort sunk an imperialist asued immediately, declared that the rebels were responsible for the fires and ordered that these be checked. The following day new fires started in various quarters. Mission Property Protected The David Hill Memorial school

gunboat which was seeking to pass down the river accompanied by tor-pedo boats. The latter escaped.

for the blind, connected with the Wesleyan mission, has been looted, IMPERIALISTS JOIN REBELS

while, in contrast, all the mission SHANGHAI, Nov. 8 .- Latest adproperty in Wu-Chang, which is held vices 'received here say that the at-tempt of the insurgents to selve by the revolutionaries, has been pro-Nanking was only partly successful On November 3, there was consid-They were repulsed at some points, erable gunnery practice, beginning but captured the armory forts bebefore daylight. The imperialsit bathind the city. They lost more than tery behind Hankow moved to the one hundred men killed. southwest, in belated fulfillment of

At the south gate 2,000 Imperialists the promise to shift the line of fire from the concessions. This battery and another stationed on the plains engaged in a heavy duel with Han Yank hill. Wu-Chang forts used pow-

der occasionally and joined in the Hankow. Riflemen on opposite sides

of the Han river fought all day Sat-urday and there has been similar fighting today, but steadily decreasing in volume. There is much open revolutionary talk among the imperial-Horrifying Stories Foreigners who have not been giv-

TAFT INVADES KENTUCKY

THE DAY AFTERHIS PARTY

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attainment and that as a substantial compliance with the law, the plan as slightly modified, appeared the best attainable. Fach judge asserted his bellef that the plan is bonest, and

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY MORNING, NOVE MBER 9, 1911

that there is no question of the good taith of its authors. The features of that the dissolution should be consummated without delay; that the request of the At-torney General Wickersham for the right to apply for further or other relief within a period of five years if accordance with the conditions which

VICTORY IN 1912 SALT TEEK **DISSOLUTION PLANS OF AMERICAN** TOB. CO. SUBSTANTIALLY APPROVED

Another Case For The S. P. C. A.

Counsel For Independent Concerns Declare That Attempt Will be Made to Have Decision Reviewed by United States Supreme Court-Modifications Re-

quired Are All Considered of Minor Importance.

preclude any independent action later against the Cigar Stores company as an individual corporation. May Carry It Higher.

The announcement of the court's action was followed almost imme diately by the declaration of counse for several of the opposing independent tobacco interests that an at-tempt undoubtedly would be made to have the decision reviewed by the United States Supreme court.

Judge Noyes drew a general more from the case. In conclusion he entd: "The extent to which it necessary to tear spart this combination and force it into new forms with the attendant burdens, ought to dem-enstrate that the federal anti-trust terms statite is a drastic statute which ac complishes effective results, which as long as it stands on the statute books must be obeyed, and which cannot be disobeyed without incurring farreaching penalties. And, on the other hand, the successful reconstruc-tion of fils organization should teach that the effect of enforcing this stareservation by the government of tute against industrial combinations is not to destroy but to recreate in

NEW YORK, Nor. 8,—The litiga-tion which the recersi government began four and a null years ago to break up the American Tobacco company as a monopoly in restraint "But neither in the Suprome court's mandate nor its opinion is there any warrant for the conclusion that this court is to prescribe the temporary terms of the modus vivendi with the power to reassemble—ourselves of our survivors and successors—and modify those terms, while in the in-terim by purchase of exchange of these bonds of one hundred million dollars worth of property shall have thanged hands irrevocably. The only function suigned to us is to consider any proposed plan—which responsi-ble pathes engage to carry out-and approve or reject it, in the avent of function, reservership and gale. The function, reservership and gale. The months and possibly two more, pre-cludes any other construction of its terms."

Judge Lacombe says that while the plan for disintegration is correctly CONSUL SAYS NOT REAL LORD. American Tobacco company since American Tobacco company since that corporation and the other de-fendants offer to carry it out, it should be remembered that in its should be remembered that in its present form the plan is the fruit of much discussion during the oper hearings. He says also that the ob-jections of Attorney General Wickars sham were followed by modifications

followed

N.Y. SUICIDE MAY PROVE TO BE LORD PERCY S. DOUGLAS

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Belleved at This fime Real Scion of British Aristocracy has Passed Away

CONFLICTING REPORTS CONCERNING HIS DEATH.

Body Found in New York Hotel Identified by Woman as the Body of Douglas

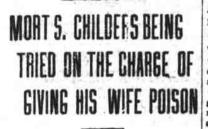
NEW YORK, Nov. 5 .- One of the most perplexing identification myswhich ever developed in New teries York serveds the body of a man which lies in an uptown undertaker's York s³rouds the body of a man which lies in an uptown undertaker's establishment tonight. In the opinion of two persons it is the body of Lord Sholto Douglas, brother of the Mar-quis of Queensberry, member of one of the best known noble families of England. Bul, according to the Mar-quis, who is quoted in dispatches from Chicago, the body cannot be that of his brother, for he says he had a letter from Lord Dougles only two days ago indicating that the writter was safe and well in the far west. To add to the mystery it will be recalled that some years ago a man bearing marked resemblance to Lord Douglas passed himself off as such and was arrested in this country on several occasions on charges of big-amy. The body is that of a man who resistered at the Hotel Aster, October 35, as "Maurice Stuart, Ean Fran-cisco." He was found dead in his room Monday evening from a self-inflicted builet wound in his heart. There was every stidence that the man was of English parentage and head been a gentleman. His humon

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only reason for Mr. Balfour's retirement.

The liberals and the adherents of the Irish party join the unionists in regretting that the house of commons debates will loose a great share of interest when the figure, to whom followers and opponents alike, conceded intellectual prominence is no longer in the forefront of the battle. Dissatisfaction with Mr. Balfour as

leader has long been growing among the tariff reformers, who criticised man cannot get a new position after into Kentucky the day after the state his apparent lack of convictions on he is forty years old was asserted be-was overwhelmingly returned to the that issue, and gained great impetus when he advised the house of lords to swallow the veto bill.



Jury Secured and is Expected to Get Case Not Later Than Tonight

WITNESSES HEARD

should be less than \$5,000 and that LEESBURG, Ga., Nov. 8 .- State no injury award less than a dollar a Chemist R. E. Stallings and Dr. A. day, regardless of the ordinary com-Eberhardt of Atlanta were the pensation of the injured employe. Robert J. Carey, of the New York principal witnesses today at the opening session of the trial of Mort S. Central, who made an appeal for a Childers, charged with causing the moderate law, would not require a death of his wife by administering greater insurance fund than now poison. Dr. Stallings testified as to expended by the railroads of the country. he amount of strychnine found in Gardiner Lathrop, of the Atchison,

advanced age.

broughout the industrial world.

human being employed by others.

With reference to the extent of the

compensitaion for death or injuries,

Mr. Holder said he thought the law

should grant "all that the traffic will

bear." He declared no death benefits

Topeka & Santa Fe railway, advo-

cated the extension of the terms of

the proposed law to industries, other

than the railroads, contending that

such a course was possible under re-

BATTLE IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, Nov. S .- A battle

A gentleman from Oaxaca carried

between federals and rehels occurred

cent supreme court decisions.

This condition was not due, said

Mrs. Chliders' stomach, while Dr. Eberhardt gave his analysis of the polson found in the medicine remaining in the bottle from which the dead woman took the fatal dose.

Five other witnesses also were presented this afternoon by the state, but their testimony was practically the same as developed at the commitment trial of the prisoner.

The Childers jury was secured this morning after one hundred talesmen yesterday at Juchitan, Oaxaca, achad been examined. The case is ex- cording to meagre information obtainpected to go to the jury tomorrow. ed from official sources here today. evening. The charges against Robert. The number of dead was placed at Kennedy, former sweetheart of the 200. The city is cut off from rail dead woman and also charged with and wire communication. her murder, were not taken up by t'a grand jury, action being deferre. grand jury, action being deferre, a report that Jose Gomez, deposed pending the outcome of the Childers jets politico and chief of the rebels, was onptured and shot.

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GET A NEW POSITION

AFTER 40 YEARS OLD

dred of the revolutionists are still in

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 .- That a LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 8 .-- Coming man cannot get a new position after into Kentucky the day after the state fore the employers' liability and democratic ranks and meeting crowds workmen's compensation commission en route celebrating the victory of today by Arthur E. Holder, of the ballots, President Taft was greeted American Federation of Labor. He apparently the same as if results of which recently he had investigated. effect on the employment of men of In reply Mr. Holder said that regardless of this law there was a marked discrimination among the

Significant Declaration Be- Greeted With Same Enthus-

had been speaking of the operation of yesterday's election had been the rethe British compensation act of 1906. verse. At Frankfort, the capital, today the president dedicated an heroic when a question was asked as to its bronze statue to Abraham Lincoln and tonight in Louisville he made a brief talk on peace at the armory and was entertained by the Louisville Press club at a banquet. The banquet was the feature of the aged, not in Great Britain alone, but

eling on a special train the Presbyvisit to Louisville and unique in presin a body visited historic old Center idential visits, in that Mr. Taft divided honors with his military aide. Major church in Iredell county, where, near-Mr. Holder, to any agitation but was Archibald Butt. Major Butt formerly ly a century and a quarter ago its the result of economic conditions and was a Louisville newspaper man and organization was effected. The pil- O'Nell Browne threatened English sider such offers, according to Sec-cause of the determination to get the as the president himself saw service grimage was made in a pelting rain with physical violence because of retary of Agriculture Wilson. No greatest possible product out of the as a reporter in Cincinnati the affair which continued all day, but this did was given on the basis of one news- not interfere with the excitement inpaper man to another. Early in the eldent to the dedication of a handnight Henry Watterson suggested ev- some tablet reciting the fact that it ery one stop calling him Mr. Prest- was on that spot that Presbyteriandent or even Mr. Taft and substitute ism was formally implanted in North just "Bill.' It was adopted to some Carolina on November 5, 1788, nor extent. The president will remain here with the picnic dinner served in the

tonight and leave tomorrow morning grove at noon. The presentation adfor Hodgeville, Ky., where he will dedicate the Lincoln memorial hall, Scales and the acceptance by Editor the function principally for which he Clark, of the Statesville Landmark. came to Kentucky. The Lincoln statue dedicated by President Taft today at Frankfort singing of an original hymn com-

was envelled in the capitol building of the state in which the martyred president was from. The monument was given by the descendants of a long

line of Kentucky pioneers Colonel Henry Watterson, the veteran editor and Confederate general, presented the statue to the state and Governor Willson accepted it on behalf of the state.

Prior to these ceremonies, Mr. Taft talked to a score of negroes who became freedmen under the Lincoln administration. Huddled in Governor Willson's public office, these negroes, who had never seen a president before, ilstened to Mr. Taft's explanation of the things that went to make up Lincoln's eminence over oth-

nessed the monument dedication.



CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 8 .- Tray-CHICAGO, Nov. 8 .- State Representative Geo. W. English, of Vienna, terian synod of North Carolina today Ill., today testified before the committes of United States senators investigating the Lorimer election that Lee what the Vienna legislator had said regarding Browne's activity for Lorimer.

English said that in a speech on the floor of the house on the day of Senator Lorimer's election he godress was by retiring Moderator votes the witness said that while he could name no specific instance of corruption in relation to the election Two little boys unveiled the tablet. he held personal knowledge that he A feature of the exercises was the believed then and now that corruption controlled the election. posed for the occasion by President Henry Jerome Stockard, of Peace in-

Former Judge Courad Schul, of Mt. Vernon, III., took the witness stand when English had concluded. Schul declared that former State Representative Charles S. Luke boasted that Luke was going to get money to vote for, a republican for United States senator. Luke later voted for Lorimer.

MISSIONARY COUNCIL MEETING.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 8 .- The nfesionary council of the third depariment of the Protestant Episeopal church of America opened in Old St. Paul's church, parish house here today with twelve bishops and a hundred elergymen and lay delegates, representing dioceses in Penn-sylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and Maryland in atten-

Are Too High A. 100 0 0 WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 .- Efforts

by land speculators to charge the government more for land desired for national forests in the Appalachian and White Mountains, than land is worth will be met by refusal to conwill be examined or recomlands mended for purchase, he declared, on which options have been obtained for the purpose of selling to the gov-

ernment at a profit. The Weeks law, passed last February during the closing days of the 61st congress, provided \$2,000,000 a cused Browne of stempting to cash year until 1915 for the purchase of Appalachian and White mountain timber lands. More than 1,800,000 acres have been offered, of which more than \$0,000 have been examined and agreements have already been reached with owners of 100,000 acres. The secretary said today the de-

partment desires to deal direct with who have obtained options. Only mail service for ten years, lands will be bought which geological survey examinations now being made show will promote the navigation of the streams on whose watersheds they lie.

TO BLOW UP PULLMAN CAR

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 8 .- An attempt was made to blow up a Pullman car attached to a west bound Southern Pacific passenger train at the Union depot here about 10 o'clock tonight. A bomb about one foot long, wrapped with slraw, was exploded under the middle o fthe car, which was filled with passengers enroute to California.

LYUCHBURG, Va., Nov. 2.-Late today George E. Huffman, a postal elerk on the Southern Rallway be-tween Washington and Charlotte, N. C., was arrested here on the charge of stealing a registered package from the mails here during the night of city fall to await examination before October 28. He was confined in the city fail to swait examination before Commissioner O'Brien. Huffman, who has been under sur-

velilance by postal inspectors since By theft, was reported, was brought here several days ago ostensibly to aid the inspectors. The inspectors may Hoffman was spending money freely the day following the robbery and that this led up to his arrest. Up tonight, however, they seem to my Huffman was spending money The registered package stolen which was insured by a private com-pany, was consigned by a Keystone (W. Va.) bank to a correspondent in Philadelphia. Huffman is 21 years old and lives at Penn Laird, Rockpartment desires to deal direct with ingham, county, this state, and has the owners, rather than with others had a good record in the ratiway

CONFERENCE CLOSES.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 5.-Hailing America as the "Mother of Peace," the third annual conference of the society for the judicial actilement international disputes ended tonight international disputes ended tonight with an elaborate banquet at the Business Men's Club at which Seuc-fary of State Philisider C. Knox spoke on the arbitration treaties Among the guests wave Mrs Wil-nam Howard Taft and Miss Helen Taft, with and daughter of the pre-ident of the United States and Des-deraty president of the annial Officers wave electrol.





night for a night session.

stitute.

The synod returned here to-

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 .- Porecast These same attributes Mr. Taft for North Carolina: Rain Thursday; later described to the throng that wit- Friday unsettled, moderate east winds becoming variable.