

THE WEATHER
Twenty-four hours ending 5 a.m.,
Dec. 11
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MIN. TEMP. 29
WIND S.W. 10
HAIL IN RAIN .33

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OFFER OF PEACE IN CHINA MADE BY REBEL LEADERS

CITY HALL OFFICIALS DON'T KNOW WHAT CITY'S CONTRACTS HAVE COST

All They Know About Section B on First Ave. is That It Was Not Completed Till a Month Ago—Don't Know What It Cost, What the Payroll Was, What the Quantities Were, or Anything Else About It

On all street grading work in Prince Rupert the city engineer has put in his bid in competition with other bids received. In most cases the engineer's bid has been higher than the others, but in one or two cases the city engineer has been lowest and has accordingly been awarded the work. So far no attempt has been made to enlighten the public as to whether the city engineer has been able to carry out the works for the estimate given, or whether the cost has far exceeded the tenders of the contractors.

Asked for Information.
Ample time has now elapsed, even with primitive bookkeeping methods, for the city to know what these works have cost, and The Daily News this morning sought specific information on the following points in relation to the Section B6 contract on First avenue (the portion in the vicinity of Lynch's store). On this contract the contractors were bound by a penalty to complete operations by May 12th.

List of Questions.
The following were the questions asked:
When was the contract com-

pleted? What was the total cost of the work? What were the amounts, respectively, of (1) the payroll, (2) horse hire, (3) tools and equipment, (4) explosives, (5) sundries, (6) how much solid rock was there, (7) how much earth, (8) what did it cost to take up the plank roadway (9) how much overhaul was there?

Answers to Questions.
Both the Mayor and Alderman Hilditch, chairman of the Public Works Department, were asked the questions. Alderman Hilditch, who was first seen, said that the information was not yet ready even for the Council. All he could state was that the contract was completed fully a month ago, which is the answer to the first question. He answered the last question also by saying that practically all the hauling was overhaul in this contract, but in the absence of M. J. McNeil, Public Works superintendent, he could give no further details and referred The Daily News to the Mayor.

The Mayor's Statement.
The Mayor could do no better. He said that the information was being sought by the Council, but that owing to the City Engineer's

WILL DRIVE HIS JUGGERNAUT IN DEFIANCE OF EVERYBODY

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF PUELIC WORKS IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE RATE HIS HOUSE IS MOVING ALONG WON'T WAIT ANY LONGER.

Progress with the moving of the two-storey house purchased by Alderman Hilditch and being hauled by Weston's horses over city lumber skids to Third avenue from Centre street is not rapid. Yesterday better speed was made, and the bulky burden got as far as Fourth street. Contractors engaged in rock dumping along Second and Third avenues, and First and Second streets, object to the moving of the house on week days, as it

blocks their car tracks. But this morning Alderman Hilditch asserted his intention of going ahead with the moving in spite of opposition. "It will take a year to get the house to its new site working only Sundays," he said. "I'll go ahead with it and let them kick as they please." The house bears the inspiring legend, "Vote for Hilditch," on one side, and on the other, "Watch it move," but so far few people have been privileged to see it actually in motion.

THE LAST OF THE M'NAMARAS

Manacled Together, They Were Taken Away in an Automobile to San Quentin Penitentiary Yesterday Afternoon.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—Manacled together, the McNamara brothers were taken yesterday afternoon from their jail to start on the five hundred mile journey to San Quentin penitentiary, where they are to serve their terms. Except for a few newspaper men, their going was unknown. They were taken in an automobile from the jail.

S. S. Camosun Christmas Sailings.

The Camosun will leave Prince Rupert for Vancouver Dec. 22 at 10 p. m., arriving at Vancouver Sunday night. For further information see Rogers Steamship Agency.

Salegirls wanted—Wallace's.

Christmas Gift Problem Easily solved at Keeley's Pharmacy from the diversified line of Hand Painted Gold Laid China, in Steins, Tobacco Jars, Ash Trays, Sugar Bowls, Cups and Saucers, etc. A suitable gift is easily decided upon.

Decorate! Garlands, bells, flags, etc.—Wallace's.

AVIATOR ENDS HIS LONG TRIP

Fodgers, After a Month's Rest, Drives His Machine Into the Waters of the Pacific—Flies From Ocean to Ocean.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Aviator Rodgers, after having waited a month to repair the machine in which he crossed the continent, completed his flight to the Pacific today, dipping into the waters of the ocean. He has been eighty-three days making the complete trip.

Salegirls wanted—Wallace's.

REV. F. W. KERR MADE AN ATTACK ON THE EXTRA HOUR TO THE HOTEL MEN

Says That the History of the Liquor Traffic in the Past Year Shows That the Liquor Men Are Out to Become a Political Power—Says No Attempt Whatever Has Been Made at Enforcing the Law

The granting of the extra hour by the City Council to the hotel men was sternly denounced by Rev. F. W. Kerr in his sermon last night in the Empress Theatre. "This extra hour," he said, "was granted because of the power wielded by the liquor interests, and for no other reason. They cannot make us believe that it was done in the best interests

of the city. It is not in the best interests of the city. This extra hour is the most dangerous hour of the day. It was at this hour that a poor fellow a few nights ago came from a saloon and met his death down the Second avenue embankment."

Law Enforcement Promised.

In his sermon the Presbyterian pastor reviewed the period since the Bowser Act came into force in Prince Rupert. He admitted that the defeat of local option was a disappointment, but he had hoped that the promised strict enforcement of the law would have worked out for good. Mr. Blakemore had used moral fervor and pathos to secure its passing, and a committee of prominent business men had said it was necessary for the sake of the town's commercial growth and promised to see that the law enforcement would be carried out.

Promises Not Observed.

"From that day to this," said the preacher, "I have never heard a word of the Bowser Act, of law enforcement or of the committee of business men who stood voucher for it. Instead, hotel licenses have also been issued to fill a long-felt want". In addition,

several club licenses have been granted to enable the self-respecting boozier to get his drink away from the company of the laborer, and to enable the young man of the city to learn to take his glass like a gentleman. The bars of the city have been granted an extra hour at midnight, and the Magistrate has issued a consoling encyclical to the effect that gambling is not legal."

Liquor and Politics.

Rev. Mr. Kerr said he saw in all this the evidence that the liquor interests were determined to entrench themselves as a political power, and would be able to carry to power such candidates as were ready to serve their interests.

Christmas Candy.

Keeley's special shipment for this year cannot be surpassed. If

Gov't. Wharf Advances

Operations are in active progress on the Government wharf, where decking is being extended over the solid graded portion. Double track steel laid by the G. T.P. has now reached the wharf.

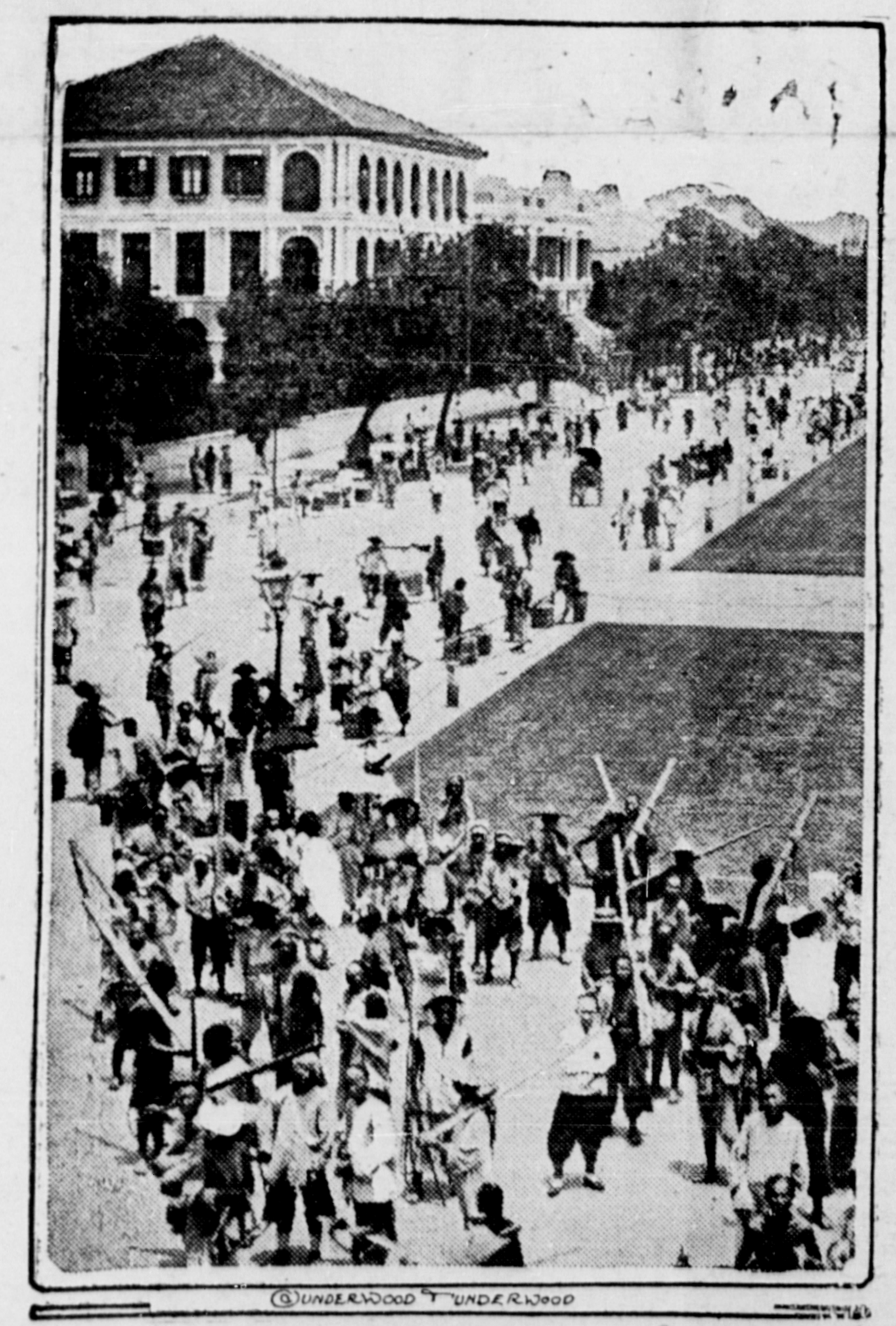
Free doll at Ward's Candy Shop. Watch the window. If

WILL ARRANGE PEACE IN CHINA

General Li Has Telegraphed to the Imperial Representatives Arranging to Meet in the City of Hankow to Arrange Terms of Peace—Where Peace Delegates Will Meet

Shanghai, Dec. 11.—General Li, commander-in-chief of the victorious rebel forces, has telegraphed from Wu Chang to the representatives of the Imperial authorities, who are in refuge at this city, offering to meet them at Hankow for the purpose of arranging terms of peace.

The offer will be accepted, and a meeting with the rebel leaders will be arranged. It is believed here from private information received that the rebels will be agreeable to a modified form of monarchy for China, giving wide prerogatives to the people. They will not, however, consent to the Manchu dynasty having anything to do with the throne of China again.



A VIEW OF HANKOW, SHOWING THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUILDING, WHERE PEACE DELEGATES WILL MEET.

WATERFRONT JOTTINGS

From Government Wharf to the Tie Wharf.

The halibut schooner Princess Victoria arrived last night from the banks with halibut. Rough weather was experienced.

Camosun Southbound

The Camosun came in last night about 5.30 p.m. from Stewart with a number of passengers for Rupert. She left again at 6 p.m. for Vancouver and the south with passengers and mail.

Heavy Sea This Morning

At about four a.m. today an unusually heavy swell running into the harbor caused trouble at the boat stages. Men were up attending to the launches and floats which were pounding badly. The sea abated at 6 a.m.

Launch Swamped

During the rough weather at early dawn the launch Fay and Bowen moored near Davis wharf got aground by the stern on the grade and hung with a falling tide till levered off by a crowd of volunteers. The launch is afloat but swamped.

Ran Short of Grub

Yesterday the power launch Rover left with provisions for Lighthouse-keeper E. Esterman, of Lawyer Rock light. Esterman had run short of provisions and an emergency call was sent by the Quadra.

Miles of ribbon with "Merrie Xmas," holly, etc., for tying up your gifts. Gives them the "final dainty touch."—Wallace's.

C. P. R. TO RAISE \$45,000,000 FOR HOTELS AND TERMINALS

LARGE AMOUNT OF THIS WILL BE SPENT ON THE PACIFIC COAST—ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE FROM HEAD-QUARTERS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—An announcement has been made by the C. P. R. that the company will shortly raise \$45,000,000 for terminals, improvements to property and for building a chain of hotels from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast at various centres. The company has \$20,000,000 in the treasury and the remainder will be raised by issuing common stock.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—Mr. Geo. J. Bury, general manager of

western lines for the Canadian Pacific Railway, returned today from the Pacific Coast and intimated that as a result of his visit large expenditures in improvements will be made on the Pacific division. Two millions will be spent in Vancouver alone.

Fine line of work baskets filled with candy. If you want a good one you had better have it laid aside. Christmas stockings. Ward's Candy Store. If

NURSE IS ILL

Miss Brennan Contracted Typhoid Fever From a Patient.

Miss Brennan of the hospital nursing staff is herself now under medical care in that institution, having contracted a mild attack of typhoid fever while nursing a patient.

A Lengthy Advantage.

The long wearing shoe for the long headed man is the Walk-Over. Call and see Scott, Froud & Co. today. If

Lighthouse Mail

With the Lucy Island lighthouse mail, the Rover made her usual monthly run this morning.

Warm, clean rooms at Savoy.

JUROR ESCAPES DOWN A SPOUT

Tired of Being Looked Up in the Hyde Trial, Juror Waldron Eludes the Sheriffs and Takes French Leave.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—The Hyde poisoning trial was halted today because Juror Waldron climbed down a waterspout and escaped from the hotel where he was watched by the sheriffs. The detectives failed to trace him up to noon and may have to have a new trial with a new jury.

ENTOMBED ALIVE IN COAL MINE

Terrible Fate of 207 Men in Cross Mountain Coal Mine at Tennessee—Only Three Rescued—Small Hope for Rest.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Brieville, Tenn., Dec. 10.—Two hundred and seven men, living or dead, are entombed here tonight, as they have been all day, in the great cross mountain coal mine. They had entered to begin their day's work on Saturday when there came a terrific explosion of gas. Only three came out alive.

The rescue parties are making scarcely any headway and there is little hope of an early rescue.

Scott, Froud & Co. have a big range of men's working boots, any style you want, from \$4 up—the best that are made for the money. If

Prince John In

Early this morning the G.T.P. s.s. Prince John got in from the Islands and proceeded to the Westholme Co.'s wharf to discharge 70,000 feet of lumber.

"St. James" Arrives
The lumber hulk "St. James" made port yesterday and is moored at the Tie wharf.

Fresh cut flowers Wednesday. Wark's. If

THE PASSING OF ARTHUR J. BALFOUR

A Descriptive Sketch of the Great British Unionist Ex-Leader From the Pen of Dr. J. A. Macdonald, Editor of the Toronto Globe

They have done it at last: the "Last Ditch" men and the "Die-hards" have crowded Mr. Balfour out of the leadership of the Unionist party. Of course his going out was his own affair. He did not need to go. Indeed the spectator, the ablest of all the Unionist weeklies, the other day plainly warned the insurgents that the merciless and most damaging answer to their nagging and cabal would be Mr. Balfour's resignation. They got their answer the other day.

And he rather enjoyed it. He smiled back at them in that matchless nonchalant way of his. But they were Irish Home Rulers and opponents. It is quite a different matter when the insurgents are of his own political household. Then he cannot suffer gladly. They made him tired. To be sure, Mr. Balfour never did belong to the same order as the men who have been secretly, as the Spectator says, trying to bluff and bully him out of the party leadership. And he did not mind letting them know that he appreciated the fact that he was not of their class. In August when the "Last Ditch" brigade were fuming over the destruction of the Lords' veto, and shrieking on the housetops what they were

called him "Bloody Balfour." And he rather enjoyed it. He smiled back at them in that matchless nonchalant way of his. But they were Irish Home Rulers and opponents. It is quite a different matter when the insurgents are of his own political household. Then he cannot suffer gladly. They made him tired. To be sure, Mr. Balfour never did belong to the same order as the men who have been secretly, as the Spectator says, trying to bluff and bully him out of the party leadership. And he did not mind letting them know that he appreciated the fact that he was not of their class. In August when the "Last Ditch" brigade were fuming over the destruction of the Lords' veto, and shrieking on the housetops what they were

health had something to do with it. In the olden days he stood against the wild charges of the Irish Nationalists, and the waves that broke Forster were themselves broken into foam against Balfour. In their chagrin they

just about to do, Mr. Balfour went off to the south of France and left them to quiet themselves without even so much as a rebuking smile at their bad-mannered naughtiness. More recently, when Sir Edward Carson and his "Die-hards" were swearing by all the gods at once that they would lead Ulster in armed revolt against Home Rule, Mr. Balfour's whimsical smile was even more contemptuous than hLis neglect of the "Last Ditch-ers."

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