

DARK TIME AHEAD OF US

Moon Will Be Put Under Cover Tonight

BEGINS AT 12:57 O'CLOCK

For One Hour and 39 Minutes the Shadow Will Remain and Tomorrow Morning at 4:37 Moon Will Be Clear Again.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Tonight's eclipse of the moon will be visible in all parts of North America, as well as South America, western portions of Europe and Africa and northeastern Asia and Australia.

BALFOUR FINALLY ACCEDES.

And a General Meeting of Unionist Party Will Be Held.

London, Feb. 8.—A. J. Balfour finally has acceded to Joseph Chamberlain's wish that a call be made for a general meeting of the Unionist party which is expected will be fixed for February 13, though no details have yet been settled.

The Chamberlainite newspaper organs this morning apparently assume that Mr. Balfour will cross the bridge, for they head Chamberlain letter "the crisis ended," "a united party," etc., and editorialize in the same strain.

LEAGUE MEETING ON FRIDAY, FEB. 9

Montreal, Ottawa and St. Albans Have Been Invited to Send Representatives to Northern League Meeting.

Burlington, Feb. 8.—Notices were sent out this afternoon for the annual meeting of the Northern base ball league to be held in the Van Ness house, this city, on Friday, February 10, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

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Emperor of Korea Asks for a Joint Protectorate over His Realm.

London, Feb. 8.—Douglas Story, telegraphing to the Tribune from Chefoo under yesterday's date, states that he has obtained from the Emperor of Korea a document bearing the imperial seal, the original of which he says he has proved before the British consul at Chefoo.

COLUMBIA GETS \$150,000.

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All of Whom Escaped Chinese Revoltaries, Says One.

London, Feb. 8.—A Hong Kong dispatch says Chinese revoltaries attacked a party of missionaries. All escaped, one of them being killed.

AMENDMENTS TURNED DOWN.

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Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—By continuing its session practically to seven o'clock last night the House concluded all preliminary steps to the passage of the railroad rate bill, ordered a roll call on the measure and put off the final action until today.

CONVENTION IN SEATTLE.

United Society of Christian Endeavor to Meet There in 1907.

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