

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE'S POLITICAL MANIFESTO.

London, Dec. 31.—The Duke of Devonshire, Liberal-Unionist, has issued an important election manifesto in which he virtually advises the free trade Unionists to support the Liberal candidates rather than the protectionist Unionists. By treating the home rule question as a mere side issue he

deals the strongest blow yet delivered against Mr. Balfour's election tactics. The duke asserts that there is no indication that the opinion of the country has changed since the rejection of the last home rule bill, and that it is in the highest degree improbable that the government of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will incur the risk of introducing another such measure in the next parliament. Therefore, he says, the question of free trade versus protection must be the paramount feature in the coming elections, and he de-

clares there must be no deviation from attachment to free trade. The duke confesses that he knows no more now than when he left the late government of what is implied by the Balfourian fiscal scheme, which its authors declare to be acceptable to free traders and protectionists alike. On the other hand, he says there is no ambiguity about the Chamberlain propaganda, which is avowedly protectionist. The manifesto contends that the Unionist party organization has large-

ly been captured by the protectionist wing, and that should the party become predominantly protectionist there will either be real danger to free trade or the prospect of the exclusion of the Unionist party for an indefinite period from either power or influence. The duke declares in conclusion that it is the duty of Unionist free traders to take such action as will prove that the Unionist party as a whole, whether in power or in opposition, is still uncommitted to a retrograde fiscal policy, by whomsoever it may be proposed.

MURDERERS CONFESS.

Two Youths Tell How They Held up And Shot a Man.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 31.—Leslie Francisco, 20 years of age, and Charles Esick, 18, made sworn confessions to Police Chief Adams today in which they admit the shooting of Frank L. Scott, a prominent business man, on Dec. 23. They are now confined in the county jail and in view of frequent threats to lynch the prisoners, Sheriff Grimes has placed a large force of armed deputies in the jail and

announced his determination to protect the prisoners at all hazards. Esick said they intended to hold the first man they saw going to the depot and rob him. When they saw Scott with a grip in each hand they told him to halt. Esick held the revolver and in so doing crippled the gun so hard that it went off, the bullet striking Scott in the back. Scott died several days afterward.

of the Metropolitan Opera Chorus Singers' union today, and Director Heinrich will be visited by a committee tomorrow which will present the union's demand for an increase of wages from \$10 to \$15 a week, and if that demand is not complied with it is declared a strike will be immediately ordered. Efforts made today to secure co-operation from the members of the orchestra and stage mechanics failed.

SINGERS' DEMANDS INDORSED.

New York, Dec. 31.—The Central Federated union, composed of delegates of all the labor unions indorsed the demands

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