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To His Excellency
The Chargé d'Affaires for Serbia

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Sir
I have the honour to enclose
copy of a telegram just received from
Jannina, for which I w^d be your
earnest attention.

Yours faithfully
Arthur G. Symonds
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EPIRUS AND ALBANIA.

The Balkan Committee has received the following telegram from Jannina, signed by 40 representatives from 13 districts in Epirus:-

"In the name of the Pan-epirote Congress, of which we are the representatives, we appeal to you to help us to avert the new danger that threatens our existence. After so many centuries of tyranny and suffering, during which we have lived as slaves outside the pale of humanity, freed at length by the victories and the blood of our brethren, it was impossible for us to conceive even the thought that we could again be snatched from our fatherland Greece, from freedom and from civilisation, to be placed once more under a yoke more tyrannical and more savage than our former one, and lo! this monstrous proposal has been formed in the name of we know not what strange interests. And yet they know - they who cannot possibly be ignorant of the real position of our country - that the realisation of such a scheme would be our sentence of death. They know that it is impossible for us to live under the Albanian yoke, and that to protect our rights which would be so hatefully violated, we are ready to take up arms against every oppressor against every invader, and to destroy our country with fire and deluge it with blood. It is our extermination that is sought to be inflicted on us, and it is against this political crime that we entreat you to raise your voice and promulgate your opinion throughout the civilised world."