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1	The Eastern Bank .. ..	Jan. 24, 1912	They are members of an international syndicate to finance loans for the Chinese Government and request that their participation may be noted in case of an international loan being arranged .. ..	1
2	To the Eastern Bank .. ..	Feb. 3,	His Majesty's Minister at Peking will be instructed to give their local representative such assistance as he properly can. The Chinese Government would, however, probably apply in the first instance to the four international groups. Requests names of foreign firms with which they are associated .. ..	1
3	The Eastern Bank .. ..	8,	Gives composition of their syndicate. They desire to participate if an international loan is arranged by the Powers.. ..	1
4	" .. ..	29,	Refers to Nos. 1 and 3. They have received information that future loans to China are to be divided between seven Powers, which they consider unfavourable to Great Britain. They have practically arranged a loan with the Chinese Government and suggest that any loans required should be allotted in equal shares to them and to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank as they are practically the only two syndicates working in China .. ..	2
5	Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank .. ..	Mar. 6,	Explain the contention of the British group, who claim that, until the reorganisation loan has been issued, His Majesty's Government should not support any other group .. ..	2
6	Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank .. ..	14,	Gives assurance asked for in No. 5. In order to obviate the difficulties arising from the competition of other British firms, Sir E. Grey considers that a British group should be formed on the lines of the French and German groups. He also expects that the participation in the large loan of competing British houses will be arranged for.. ..	3
7	To Lord Balfour of Burleigh .. ..	14,	Acknowledges No. 4. Does not concur in his view that the internationalisation of loans is unfavourable to Great Britain. Suggests that the Eastern Bank should approach the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. His Majesty's Government could not support their loan as competing with the four-Power combine's loan. Explains the attitude adopted by His Majesty's Government towards the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and the general conditions on which they would support loans to China .. ..	4
8	The Eastern Bank .. ..	15,	Refers to No. 4. They have, with Messrs. J. H. Schröder, Mr. H. Lawson, Major Menzies, and their French and Belgian associates, arranged a loan of 1,000,000L. with the Chinese Government secured on the Peking-Kalgan Railway. Asks that Sir J. Jordan may be instructed to receive the customary notification from the Chinese Government .. ..	5