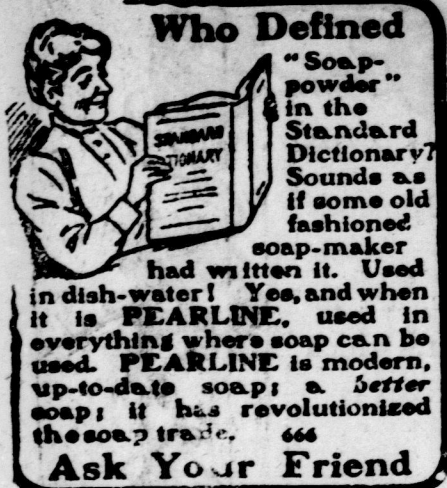




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WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN AFRICA

Important Speech on the War by
Hon. Mr. Brodrick.

The Problems Being Solved by the War Office Are Now in the World's History.

No more interesting and important utterance on the present unfortunate war in South Africa has emanated from the Imperial House of Commons than is contained in the speech of Mr. Brodrick on the supplementary vote of £5,000,000 for additional expenditure on the war to the end of the financial year. It is important by reason of the specific statements contained in it of what has been accomplished since the Boers declared war. If the figures given are correct, and it is to be assumed they are, the British war office has accomplished what, in all probability, no other nation on earth ever before attempted. Many of the problems the empire has had to face were new and perplexing; and it speaks well for the buldog tenacity of the race that they are likely to be solved as satisfactorily as Mr. Brodrick's statements would indicate. The speech dispels, also, the delusion that the army has gone to seed, Lord Kitchener along with it. Mr. Brodrick said: "I rise to make some explanations respecting this supplementary vote, and I may perhaps give a few figures which will show that the expenditure has been in the present financial year as compared with previous financial years during which the war has been carried on. In 1899-1900, £23,000,000 were voted for the purposes of the war by this house. In 1900-1901, the original estimate for war expenditure was £31,500,000, which, however, was more than doubled by the amount subsequently voted by the house. In 1901-1902, the original estimate for war expenditure was £63,000,000. For 1901-1902, the original estimate for army expenditure on the war was £56,070,000. Therefore, the amount which I now ask the house to vote will bring up our total for this financial year to £61,070,000, or rather less than the sum voted in the previous year. I have always held that the government in its original estimate should as far as possible present to the house the total expenditure required, but I must confess there has been great difficulty in making accurate calculations. The amount we now ask the committee to vote is not an inordinate amount. The calculations were originally made as to the period during which the war would last, and the number of troops it would be necessary to maintain throughout the year have been somewhat, though not so very largely, exceeded." (Ironical Nationalist cheers.)

Mr. Dillon—Has any part of the sum voted last year for Transvaal civil expenditure been spent on the war?

Mr. Brodrick—The sum voted last August on account of civil expenditure has been spent by the colonial office. The amounts we are asking for now are entirely on account of our military services, and I make no apology for the sum we ask the house to vote. Of course, there are some members who object to any expenditure on the war, but the principal criticism directed against the government is that they had not sufficiently estimated the task they undertook, and in some degree fell short of the due assistance of generals in the field.

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Perhaps the committee will allow me to state what has been achieved during the past year. In South Africa on May 1 last we had 135,000 regulars, 58-

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200 colonials, 23,000 yeomen, 20,000 militia, and nearly 10,000 volunteers—in all nearly 250,000 men. On Jan. 1, this year, we had 141,000 regulars, 57,000 colonials, 13,550 yeomen, nearly 20,000 militia, and 5,400 volunteers—in all 237,950 men. Therefore the force has been sustained substantially at the same figure throughout the whole year. Three years ago my right honorable friend (Mr. Wyndham), in moving these estimates, had told the house that the government would undertake to maintain for two years in South Africa nearly 150,000 regular troops and nearly 100,000 other troops, having to transport the whole of their provisions and stores and an equivalent number of horses. I think he would have been exceedingly sanguine and his statement would have been received with a great deal of doubt and hesitation in all parts of the house. I claim that that achievement was no inconsiderable task; but in addition that we have had to cope with the immense difficulty of providing remounts for this vast force. During the year we landed in South Africa 129,000 horses and purchased there a large number of other animals, the total number of horses and mules held for use of this estimate being 214,000. The actual provision represents an average monthly number bought of 24,000. That is sufficient answer to those who are constantly upbraiding the government for having been niggardly in the provision of horses for the front. In addition to feeding nearly 250,000 troops we have had also on the average some 30,000 more employed in the remount establishment or as drivers or otherwise, making in all nearly 280,000 men who have been fed from April 1 last to Jan. 1. We have fed on the average 238,000 horses and mules and 30,000 oxen during that period. We have had 27,000 Boer prisoners on our hands and 150,000 of the Boer population also to feed.

REDUCTION OF EXPENDITURE.
During the greater part of the year the expense to this country in the war has been about five and a half million per month. That expense has now been decreased, and will now figure at about four and a half million per month. We have made every provision in our power to secure further reduction. The meat contract, which was formerly held in South Africa by the Storage Company has been put out to tender on the 31st of March at a reduction of three halfpence per pound. From this we anticipate next year a saving of £200,000 or £700,000. Lord Kitchener, in spite of his engrossing duties, has helped us enormously in questions of expenditure—(cheers)—and with his help the question of local supplies has been put on a better footing, so that we expect a reduction of 20 per cent on that head. Again, the Cape colonial forces, which were originally equipped, paid, and fed by the British Government, have been taken back by the Cape Colony under their own control, and by that action the government had effected a saving of between £200,000 and £300,000. Lord Kitchener, in spite of these figures, might be allowed to mention how far the use of this large number of troops has enabled us to make a permanent impression, so to speak, on the problem of the war during the last two months. In respect of that I would mention that all the information which comes to us shows that the blockhouse system inaugurated by Lord Kitchener has had the best possible effect, and that daily tended, not merely towards limiting the tremendous strain on the troops, but also towards limiting the area over which the war extended.

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Howling fiercely in its anger, Hurled itself across the country, Swept down on the helpless city Like a besom of destruction. Then the air was filled with needles, Ice needles, sharp and piercing, And the mercury sank downward, Went to zero, kept on going, Snowdrifts piled in streets and alleys, Men with icicles on noses, Children with their ears frost-bitten, Horses slipping, sliding, falling, Braved the tempest, groaned with anguish.

Fires broke out in every quarter From the overheated furnace, From the crossed electric wires, And the air was filled with moaning, Long the cold weather lasted, Till at last there came a famine, Came a famine in the coal bins, Oh, the anguish of the famine! Men and women, anthraciteless, Wild and blue-nosed, thronged the coal yards,

Vainly offering their jewels In exchange for coal and kindling, From his hole came forth the ground-hog.

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"Well," began a soldierly-looking fellow, "I've been in South Africa myself and had a very interesting time."

"Ever get very close to the Boers?" someone asked.

"Rather! I once took two of their officers."

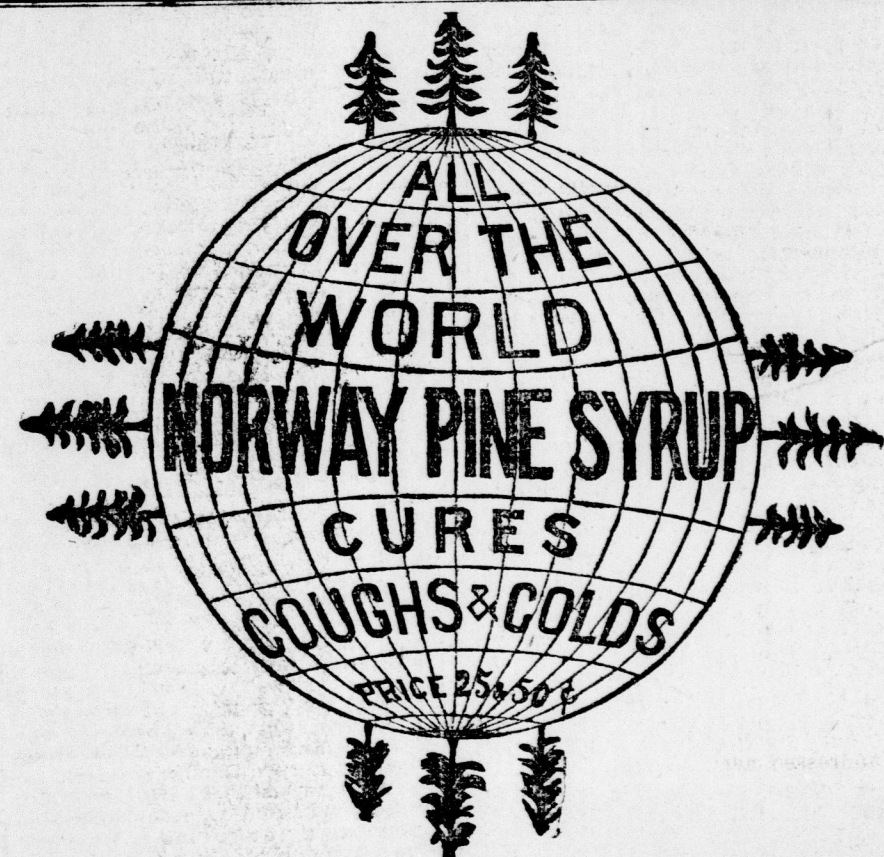
"Unaided?" "Certainly. And the next day I took eight men, with their horses."

"All wounded, I expect," remarked a listener, with a suspicion of a sneer. "Yes, and I got hurt, of course?"

"Just a scratch, that's all. And the day after I took a lot of transport wagons, and followed that up by taking a Boer kraal and a big gun."

"That's a pretty good record," said the man of the audience, "I have seen some of the finest specimens of anything you can call to mind, but frankly, you are the only legitimate successor to Baron Munchausen that I've ever met."

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