



### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### Able Address of Lord Lansdowne.

#### Secretary of State for War and formerly Governor General of Canada—Britain's Preparations by Sea and Land—What Is yet to be Done.

Addressing a great unionist demonstration at Plymouth on November 18, in reply to a resolution of confidence in the government, the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, said that their approbation of the government was the more satisfactory because they had been passing through very critical times, in which it would have been easy to make mistakes, and by no means easy to retrieve them. He did not suppose that there ever was a moment when such inflammable material was only waiting for a spark to set it on fire. It was not a little remarkable that the czar's message to the powers should have come at such a moment. But they would not receive it in a cynical spirit, because the country from which it had proceeded had not begun by setting a good example to its neighbor, and relaxing its own activity. They hailed with pleasure this indication, that one, at all events, of the great powers would gladly see an abatement of the present tension. Some were apprehensive that England might emerge from the conference with less independence, less freedom, to provide for its own safety than it now enjoyed. That he thought a groundless apprehension. No country could consent to tie its hands, least of all England. (Cheers.) But if the conference did not lead to disarmament, it might lead to a better understanding and a cessation of the policy of exasperation which had at one time been adopted by one power against another. In the meantime the government might claim to be watching faithfully over English interests abroad.

#### AN IRRESISTIBLE NAVY.

After referring to the recent operations in the Nile Valley, and praising Lord Kitchener and his army, Lord Lansdowne continued:

At a time like this no government would be worthy of confidence which did not maintain the army and navy in a proper condition of strength and efficiency. The navy must be irresistible, and be believed it was strong enough to withstand any combination to which they could look forward. (Cheers.) But this meant not only that they must have ships, guns and crews, but also strategic harbors and naval bases, dockyards, and coaling stations, at home and abroad. It meant the army and navy must be assigned their respective shares of responsibility for the protection of the outworks of the empire, which must be suitably defended and garrisoned.

Unless such defences were provided for them they would be in a preposterous position. Successive governments had given their attention to these matters, but there was no finality about the guns. Comparing the modern quick-firing gun with the twenty-five year old muzzle-loading gun was like opposing a boy with a catapult to a burglar armed with a revolver.

#### OLD-FASHIONED GUNS.

He was sorry to say that they had still a large number of these old-fashioned weapons in their most important fortresses. The navy as the first line of defence had precedence in this matter, but the time has come for vigorously pushing forward the manufacturing of new guns for those land positions in which their superiority was able to assert itself. He favored this policy for another reason. To whatever extent they substituted the new guns for the old, they would require a smaller number than they had now mounted; and fewer guns required fewer gunners. This would reduce their requirements for fortress work, which was never very popular, and would also diminish the difficulty experienced in expanding garrisons from peace to war establishment. But they had no idea of discontinue rearmament of all positions in which guns were now mounted. They were carefully revising the whole of their schemes of defence before asking the country to make the larger sacrifice which would be necessary. They would not make the mistake of considering these as if they were artillery questions only.

#### A COSTLY EXPERIMENT.

They would determine the kind of attack to which each position was liable, the extent to which the navy might be

relied upon to help them, armament most suitable to the position, and whether they could without difficulty provide the necessary garrison. They could not proceed too cautiously, for new armament was an expensive luxury. Whereas in 1860 the average cost of a gun was £200, a 9 2 in. gun of modern type cost between £11,000 and £12,000. Still so far from grudging expense the country would severely condemn them if they allowed the security of fortresses and harbors to depend upon batteries so badly armed that an enemy's ship might bombard them at a distance which would render it impossible to reply with effect. (Cheers.) The government had not let a year pass without doing something to make the army stronger and more efficient. They were adding eight battalions of infantry to the Guards and the line, and increasing both field and garrison artillery. They had given the cavalry a proper organization. They had decided to accept the services of militiamen who desired experience of foreign service and they had given financial assistance to the volunteers.

#### THE MATERIAL OF WAR.

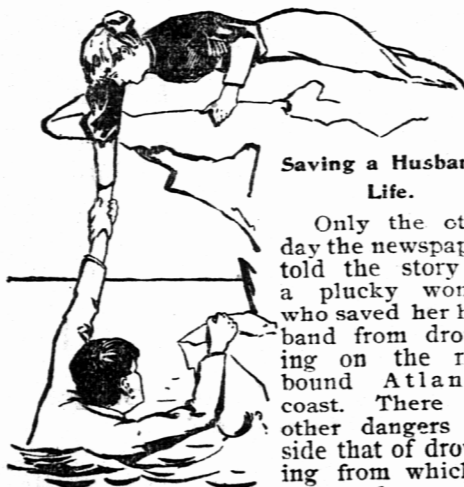
With regard to material of war, they were building up reserves of all kinds the like of which had never been in possession of the army of this country. They had decentralized the clothing stores for men's masses in London, and at the end of the month they would carry out a much needed reform under which the manufacture of clothing would be entirely separated from the duty of storing and inspecting it, the work being placed in military hands.

With regard to the arms, the new magazine rifle was now in the hands of the whole army, including militia and volunteers, and they had besides a reserve of weapons for an emergency. Soon they hoped to issue a quick-firing gun, of which they had great expectations, of the mounted branch of the Royal Artillery. (Cheers.) In addition to the Egyptian Campaign they had not forgotten the work of the army on the Indian frontier. (Cheers.)

#### RECENT MANOEUVRES.

Dealing with the recent manoeuvres which had cost something like £150,000, he had seen it said that they were a great waste of public money. But he agreed with the gallant general of the southern army, that the manoeuvres would have been cheap at any price. They brought to light the strong and weak points of the army and enabled the public to know. (Cheers.)

But they would not command the respect of the world unless they could make themselves felt as well as heard. (Cheers.) Within its recent history there had not been a moment when England commanded a larger measure of respect among the communities of the world than now; that was because the nations knew that while Englishmen loved peace, and would make sacrifices for its sake, they loved it only as long as it could be maintained consistently with their self respect as a nation, and with the glorious traditions of a great empire. (Cheers.)



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