

hundred million people, is invincible against the attack of the northern Colossus across the snowy mountains of Afghanistan.

The wonderful mobility of the Boers is one of the most striking features of the campaign. They live most of their time on horseback, are used to hunting giraffes and antelopes, and are splendid shots at distant and even moving objects, as many a British soldier has found to his cost. One of our cuts shows the commandeering of the Boers for the army. Every inhabitant of the country, burgher or British, is ordered out to service. Many of the British have been thus com-

Professor Smith greatly misinterprets the temper of the colonists. Dr. Conan Doyle, on the contrary, asserts that Kruger deserves a monument as huge as St. Paul's, for consolidating the British Empire. The reverses of Great Britain have kindled the loyal enthusiasm and sympathy of her far-spread colonies as a score of victories would not have done. They have welded the empire at a white heat into an indissoluble whole. They have shown the jealous nations of Europe that in any attack on Great Britain they must deal, not with the tight little island alone, but with her forty colonies around the world. It is an eloquent tribute to the justice of British rule, that the Indian



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mandeered, and exempted only on payment of enormous fines, and sometimes have been forced to the front despite their protest and resistance. Another cut shows the parade of these Centaur-like troops, probably the best horse-soldiers in the world.

UNITING THE EMPIRE.

A man may be a brilliant historian of the past, yet may be greatly mistaken as a prophet of the future. Professor Goldwin Smith, writing from Sicily, affirms that the Transvaal war has driven the last nail into the coffin of Imperial Federation; that the British colonies, alarmed at the peril, will not be entangled with the difficulties of a menaced empire.

princes, whose country was, forty years ago, in desperate revolt, are to-day eagerly offering men and money to maintain Imperial power.

We have received from Mr. Stead copies of his intolerant *War against War*, the standing heading of which represents a truculent-looking John Bull grasping with both hands the Soudan and South Africa. In this traitorous sheet Mr. Stead vents his venom upon the country that gives him its protection, and as a special advocate and defender of the Boers almost out-Leyds Leyds himself. He thus does infinite harm by creating in the Transvaal and in Europe the impression that his noisy vituperation re-