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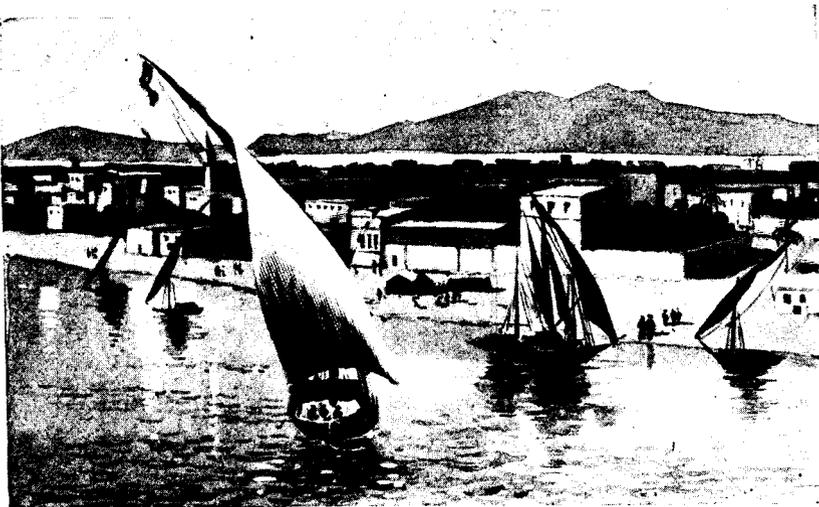
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## CAMPAIGNING IN THE SOUDAN.

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**A**ROUND a small camp-fire on the high cut bank of the Nile a few miles south of Dongola, a group of British officers were lolling after their supper of corned beef and biscuit. The heat and glare of the April day had given place to the quiet and coolness of the night, and with belts unbuckled and pipes alight, they talked. Talked of the River Column, of Kirbekan and Earle's death, of Sir Herbert Stewart, Abouklea and Sir Redners Buller, of the treachery of the Mudir of Dongola, of the strength of Khartoum and Sir Charles Wilson's wait of 48 hours at Metemneh, of the fire from the walls of

the Governor's palace on Beresford's Steamer, which told that Gordon had laid down his life for England's sake, that the struggles, hardships and bloodshed had been in vain, that they were too late. There was a note of fierce regret in every voice as they referred to the treacherous fanaticism of the Mahdists and the official shilly-shallying of the Government at home. The Gordon Relief Expedition was over, and they were proceeding to various posts along the river from Dongola to Korosko to play the weary game of waiting the pleasure of Mr. Gladstone's Government. They represented every branch of Her



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