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THE SITUATION. -As each day swithout a decisive action at Ladysmith, the probability that the Boers will risk an assault on that garrison becomes, it is thought, more imminent. The campaign seems to have reached a stage where it is necessary. for thom to deliver a telling stroke. Unless they do this their only alternative is to retire within their own lines and strengthen themselves against any impending onslaught by superior numbers. That the latter course will be followed without first making a determined attempt to oust or capture General White seems beyoud reason, for the methodical isolation of General White's force indicates that the campaign has been carefully planned and the main objective definitely fixed.

Mobile as are the Boers, says the correspondent of the New York Herald, they could scarcely transfer the body of their forces, which are now concentrated about Ladysmith, to any other vulnerable point without running the risk of encountering Buller's troops, which are probably already moving northward. Moreover, any weakening of the Boer force at Ladysmith would give General White g splendid opportunity of attacking and even against overwhelming odds, [he has shown no hesitation in ac-

cepting every opening for assuming the offensive. The Boers must know as well as the British military authorities that twenty-three transports are likely to arrive in Africa before Nov. 18. They must also realize that their time is short. Hence, news telling of an assault in force is generally expected before long.

There is a great deal of doubt regarding the capabilities of the forces at Ladysmith to withstand Boer attack, If General Buller continues to sand transports to Durban and disembark troops there General White avill have to wait only about a fortnight before he is reinforced.

Among military critics, what most dreaded is the possibility that General White may succumb to personal inclinations, which have so often influenced the actions of generals. Nearly all the authorities fail to

understand why General White did not fall back south of the Tugela, says a military newspaper, thus drawing the Boers after him into the arms of General Buller. It is charitably supposed that the Government of Natal exercised influence General White and is in no little degree responsible for his unwise efforts to hold the neck of Natal. Naturally, there is a great division of opinion on this point. One of the the Boers at this high-handed promost human contibutions to the controversy comes from Admiral Dowell who writes:

"I am a sailor and do not pretend to give an opinion on the merits of -- the case, though my own feeling is that General White has done a difficult duty well,"

In London the prevailing opinion seems to be expressed in the hope that Ladysmith is not in so great perilas last week, which arises entirely from the partially renewed confidence in General White and the lack of badnews. This applies equally to Mafeking and Kimberley and other points.

ANOTHER VIEW.—Reviewing the military situation as it stands today, the military expert of the Westminster Gazette says:

"It is hardly too much to say that the attention of the civilized world is now fixed on the situation at Ladysmith. On the developments of that situation in the immediate fu- ney Bigelow tells a story which ilture rests our hope of a speedy conclusion of the war.

"If Sir George White can maintain his position up to November 26, or perhaps a day or two longer, the danger of Natal will be ended. Should he fail to do so, he will be compelled to abandon his guns and stores and retire with heavy loss to the southward only to be brought up by broken bridges and doer fore, in position on the Tugela River.

'It is impossible to predict what may happen. In considering the situation, to put it shortly, the weak point in White's position is that our men and horses must be enduring daily an ordeal which cannot improve their fighting efficiency. Though we are told provisions are in plenty, yet there is danger that ammunition, especially ammunition for his big guns, may run short."

BRITISH LOSSES .- The following table shows the list of the casualties to British arms to date by battalions

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Gloucesters	37	339	359
Irish Fusiliers		7:3	
King's Rifles		131	: 7
Artillery		51	87
Cavalry		Ð	
Leicestershires	3	40	13
Dublin Fusiliers	8	41.1	16
Manchesters	11	57	1.
Natal Mounted Rifles	.1	2	
Hussars	2	9	160
Gordon Highlanders	24	.71	
Mounted Infantry			27
Natal forces	1.	7	
Imperial Light Horse	7	38	
Natal Volunteers	$^{\rm s}$	50	39
Border Mounted Rifles	2	10	•••••
Fifth Lancers	3	7	
Medical corps	1.	• • • • •	
Devonshines	9	38	
Natal Police	อี	23	36
Tonth Mounted Bat	Đ	28	89

THE ENGLISH ARMY. - It has and each week draws to a close been officially stated that General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., will have under his command during the present war in the Transvaal no fewer than 70,-000 British troops. This says Pearson's Weekly, is probably the largest number of men ever placed at one time under the supreme control of one leader, viewing the fighting strength of the British army (Europeans) in the great wars of comparatively modern times.

At Waterloo the Duke of Wellington had just fewer than 24,000 British troops under his command, while Lord Ragian, in the Crimea, never had more at one time than 26,000 British fighting under him. In the Indian alutiny Lord Clyde (then Sir Colin Campbell) had but 40,000 troops, with whose assistance and the help of that portion of the Indian army which remained faithful to its allegiance he was enabled to quell the most serious outbreak

of modern times. Going a little further back to the time of the great and prolonged Peninsula war, Wellington thought be was a fortunate man if he could direct an army corps of 30,000. Murlborough at Blenheim, led an army of 16,000 strong,

Lord Wolseley was expected, in the Egyptian war of 1885, to scatter the forces of the Mahdi, a very considerable force, consisting of over 50,000 Araks, and to assume the practical dictatorship of the Soudan, with a British force of only 30,000 men, while Lord "Bobs," as the here of Candahar is playfully called, that is to say, Lord Roberts, could rely on no more than 13,000 European troops to oppose the forces of the then turbulent Ameer of Afghanistan, in the Afghan wan of 1878. Sir Redvers Buller is, therefore, an exceedingly fortunate man in finding himself at the head of a fighting army. whose numbers exceed by 2,000 the total allied forces which Wellington commanded at Waterloo.

THE NATAL CARBINEERS .- Captain Shepstone, of the Natal Carbineers, finds it much more difficult to enter the South African Republic than did his father, Sir Theophilus Shepstone, who in 1877, with twenty-five mounted police and a train of twelve wagons drawn by 200 oxen, trekked from Newcastle to Pretoria, and after a two months' sojourn there proclaimed, in the name of Queen Victoria, the Transvaal British territory. How indignation on the part of ceeding finally swelled into rebellion at Laing's Nek and Majuba Hill is well known to everybody now.

The Natal Carbineers are the oldest volunteer cavalry corps in Natal. Hence it was not inappropriate that they should bear the brunt of the desultory fighting that took place west of Ladysmith, at Bester's Station and neighborhood, in the opening days of the campaign. This corps has twice been under fire, and lost several men on both occasions, in 1873 a patrol of thirty-seven Carbineers sent against a refractory native chief lost three men in a fight at the foot of the Drakensherg Mountains, In the Zulu war, at Isandhlwana in 1879, twenty-two of their number fell in er had an attack of the old trouble, action. Most of the members of the and I can therefore strongly testify organization are, like Col. Shepstone, in the Natal civil service.

A BOER WOMAN'S WIT .-- Poultlurtrates the quickness of wit and voluminousness of costume of the ladies of the Transvaal. Not long after the "Great Trok" the well known Boer leader, Wessels, one of whose grandsons is President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, went down to Colesberg with his wife to sell produce, travelling in the usual wagon drawn by sixteen oxen. Having sold their load, they bought gunpowder with the proceeds and starte i homeward. At this particular time, on account of native wars, the importation of gunpowder into the Free State had been forbidden by the British Government.

While the Wessels party were "outspanned—that is to say, had turned their cattle out to graze for the noonday meal—they noticed a party of Cape police riding up. With admirable presence of mind the wife took down from the wagon all the bags of gunpowder and piled them as close to the camp fire as possible without producing an explosion. Then the lady calmly seated herself on top of the gunpowder and spread her skirts. "From what I have seen of skirts in the Transvaul," says Mr. Bigelow, "I can readily believe that good Mrs. Wessels was able to conceal from view on this occasion gunpowder enough to blow up the castle of Heidelberg." Then she stirred the fire and welcomed the mounted police to the chops she was assiduously stirring on her gridiron.

The visitors, evidently under urgent-orders searched the big wagon thoroughly, satisfied themselves that this time at least no gunpowder was smuggled, and at last, balled, rade away over the veldt. The old lady whose resource was so successful was in the habit of saying to her sons: "You are free men; see to it that you remain free."

WAR'S AWFUL COST.

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in actions and deaths in the regular and volunteer armies beginning May 1, 1898, and ending June 30, 1899, contained in the annual report of the adjutant general of the army at-Washington, shows a grand total of

A recapitulation of the casualties | enlisted men were killed and 197 officers and 2,864 enlisted men were

wounded. The death list, numbering 6,619, was made up of 224 officers and 6,-395 enlisted men. Of this total but 38 officers and 458 enlisted mon were killed, the remainder of the deaths The casualty list alone aggregatos resulting from various causes, includ-3.454, of whom 35 officers and 458 ing the following:

Wounds, 10 officers and 192 onlist-Disease, 165 officers and 5,844 en-

listed men. Accident, 6 officers and 209 men. Drownings, 2 officers and 88 men. Suicide-Two officers and 52 men. Murders or homicide-Fifty-two enlisted men.

In the regular army the total casualties in actions and deaths amounted to 4,155, and in the volunteer establishment to 5,921. In the casualty list the regulars had 127 officers and 1,856 enlisted men killed and wounded, and the volunteers 105 officers and 1,366 enlisted men, killed and wounded.

In the regular army, between April 30th, 1898, and June 30th, 1899, 917 enlisted men were discharged by sentence of general court-martial and 2,946 enlisted men deserted. Three officers of the regular army who were killed also held commissions in the volunteer forces in which they included in the above recapitulation.

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From the News, Truro, N. S. Mr. Robert Wright, of Alton, Cochester Co. N. S., is now one of the hardiest farmers in this section. But Mr. Wright was not always blessed with perfect health; as a matter of fact for some fifteen years he was a martyr to what appeared to be an incurable trouble. In conversation lately with a News reporter, Mr. Wright said :- "I am indeed grateful that the trouble which bothered me for so many years is gone, and 1 am quite willing to give you the particulars for publication. It is a good many years since my trouble first began, slight at first, but later intensely severe pains in the back. Usually the pains attacked me when working or lifting, but often when not at work at all. With every attack the pains seemed to grow worse until finally I was confined to the house, and there for five long months was bed-ridden, and much of this time could not move without help. My wife required to stay with me constantly, and became nearly exhausted, During the time I was suffering

thus I was attended by four different doctors. Some of them pronounced my trouble lumbago, others sciatica, but they did not cure me, nor did they give me any relief, save by the injection of morphine. For years I suffered thus, sometimes confined to bed, at other times able to go about and work, but always suffering from the pain, until about three years ago when I received a new lease of life. and a freedom from the pains that had so long tortured me. It was at this time that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were brought to my attention and I got two boxes. The effect seemed marvellous and I got six boxes more, and before they were all used I was again a healthy man and free from pain. It is about three years since I was cured, and during that time to the sterling quality of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Since they did such good work for me I have recommended them to several people for various ailments and the pills have always been successful.

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