

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

THE SITUATION.—As each day and each week draws to a close without a decisive action at Ladysmith, the probability that the Boers will risk an assault on the garrison becomes, it is thought, more imminent.

THE ENGLISH ARMY.—It has 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.

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.

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

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

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 Arabs, and to assume the practical dictatorship of the Sudan, with a British force of only 30,000 men.

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

THE NATAL CARBINIERS.—Captain Shepstone, of the Natal Carbiniers, 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.

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.

The Natal Carbiniers 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.

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."

A BOER WOMAN'S WIT.—Betsey Bigelow tells a story which illustrates the quickness of wit and volubility of tongue of the ladies of the Transvaal.

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.

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.

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