SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA—HOW EXPERTS SIZE IT UP—THAT IRISH MANIFESTO.

The Manifesto Issued and Posted Up Davitt and His Friends Pound Natis in Conspicuous Places in the Transvaal

DAY BEFORE THE WAR BROKE OUT

Ireland and the Transvaal. The position of affairs in the Transvaal The position of affairs in the Transvaal to-day is exactly similar to what it was in Ireland at the time of the Anglo-Norman invasion. As soon as the nrst English adventurers had established a footing there, their flege ford, Henry II., claimed the suzerainty, and from that day forward the suzerainty, and from that day forward the story of ireland's wrongs and sufferings beereign the deeds of England in Ireland are written in letters of blood in the history of the nation. In the days of 'good' Queen Bess the country was given over to fire and sword, and old anu young, men and sword, and old anu young, men and and sword, and old anu young, men and interest in day in the memory of the massacre at Droghed, The memory of the massacre at Droghed, The memory of the finamous regicide Cromby order of the Infamous regicide Cromby well, is still darkly remembered in Ireland, and the England of that day applauded and justified the cold-blooded butchery as a righteous judgment executed. In no country in the world has the family the always been held in greater reverence than in Ireland. To outrage this noble feeling and to see bitter tears of sorrow to flow from the best tears of sorrow to flow from the thousands of the children of the poor of the thousands of the children of the poor of people (selzed in a raid like Herod's) to be sold as slaves in the West Indies, and the anxieties and responsibilities of a supreme military effort are borne without strain. The alliance with an Emperor not heretofore highly esteemed is accepted on the eve of his triumphal progress through and the eve of his triumphal progress through the even of his triumphal progress throug to-day is exactly similar to what it was in

soccessful attempt to throw off the British yoke. Needless to recount with what cruelty the miserable remnant of the people were treated. Half strangulation, the pitch can and triangle were some of the midest of the tortres, which inflicted such agonies that death in comparison would have been mereful. At the same time a brutal war was waged against the honor of the women of Ireland by the ruffian and licentious soldiery of a nation which has always happoneritically boasted of itself as pre-eminently civilized and Christian. The act of union was passed by the aid of 150,000 armed men and millions of corruption more. Three years later the executioner was busy and the scaffold was reeking with the best blood of the Irish nation. All know the fate of the gallant men of '48 and '67. Some received the sentence which was to cut short the thread of their existence, to consign them to a bloody and ignominous death, and to leave their bodies mutilated corpses, from which the rites of Christian burial were to be withheld. Against others a fate hardly less painful and appalling was decreed. Recent revelations have thrown a livid light on the borrors endured by the Irish political prisoners who have languished within England reduces her political prisoners. They are daily exposed to the persecution of brutal, coarse-minded men, and degradation attached to the conditions to which England reduces her political prisoners. They are daily exposed to the persecution of brutal, coarse-minded men, and ristricted to a course of discipline which blasts the vigor of the body, as in the case of P. W. Nally, who died on the very date of his release, and under whose influence reason herself totters upon her throne, as happened to Dr. Gallagher, Whitehead and many others.

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"LONG LIVE THE REPUBLIC! "GOD SAVE IRELAND !

IRISH MURDER HOME RULE. Into Their Own Political Coffins.

London, Nov. 12 .- The following ironical resolution was adopted by acclamation at a sided over by Michael Davitt:

been drawn into friendly relations with Germany at the risk of estranging America. Erglish confidence is well founded, when Canada and the other States of the Empire are loyal and when America and Germany are acting like good Anglo-Saxons.

member the famous, or rather infamous, telegram from an English official to his telegram from an English of an interim the story of Ireland's wrongs and sufferings the fore them, no wonder the Boer "With the story of Ireland's wrongs and sufferings before them, no wonder the Boer people refuse to surrender their off Britain. Define the vampler that the story of Ireland's underline the story of Ireland's life-blood for centuries, and now her difficulty is Ireland's opportunity. When the American colonists took up arms in defence of their liberties among the counted so of the most of the most of the story of Ireland's underline the story of Ireland's underline the story of Ireland's underline the story of Ireland's opportunity of the most of the story of Ireland's underline the story

Cape Town, Nov. 8.—A despatch from Pretoria dated yesterday says that the foreign consuls hold weekly meetings at the sum annually for the privilege of reserved discuss matters of international interest. According to the same correspondent, the Rose Deep and Fereira Deep, with the other mines, are working. White and black labor is plentiful and the mint is busy coining gold.

To Quiet the Inhabitants.

Orange River, Nov. 8.—A squadron of the State Trons and a Lacers, with a company of mounted infantry, reconnoitered to-day in a south at the effect of quieting the inhabitants and distressed refugees has commanded admiration and respect, and has been carried out with great spirit and the effect of quieting the inhabitants and distressed refugees has commanded admiration and respect, and has been carried out with great spirit and the fifth round. Consequently our guns did the fifth round. Consequently our guns did the district.

"By order of the Transvaal Irish Volunteers' Association.
"For full particulars apply to secretary, box No. 3056, Johannesburg."

Commander-in-Chief is Confident That the Worst is Over and Ladysmith Will Hold Out.

CRONJE'S ATTACK ON KIMBERLEY

DAY BEFORE THE WAR BROKE OUT

Calling Upon the Sons of the Emerald Isle to Get Up and Fight
the British.

The following was issued in Pretoria the day before Kruger sent his ultimatum to England and posted conspicuously in the Transyal:

"AN RISH MANIFESTO—A CALL TO ATMS—TO IRISHMEN IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"The following manifesto, directed to all Irishmen in South Africa, was ordered to be issued at a largely attended meeting of irishmen in South Africa, was ordered to be issued at a largely attended meeting of irishmen held yesterday in Johannesburg:

"The Government of the Transvaal being two threatened with extinction by our ancient foe, England, it is the duty of all true Irishmen to throw in their lot with the country that has given them a home, at country that has given them a home, at the same time seizing the opportunity to strike a good and effective blow at the country that has given them a home, at the same time seizing the opportunity to strike a good and effective blow at the nerteless and tymat power that has so long held our people in bondage.

Ireland and the Transvaal.

At Kimberley and Ladysmith.

The news received from the theatre of war during the last 24 hours has indicated that the Jutch allies were making a determined attack on Kimberley from two points, and that they were massing their forces in defensive positions south of Ladysmith, in order to block the progress of the relief column to be detached from the army corps. Gen. Cronje, who commands the Boers investing Kimberley, is one of their coolest and most energetic generals, and is likely to make a desperate effort to effect the capture of the town during the next week, and carry Cecil Rhodes in triumph to Jameson's cell in Pretoria.

MORE FIRING AT I ADVSMITH

Buller is Anxious.

Kimberley is not in a favorable position for defence, and it is evident that the feeling of over-confidence prevailing in the town is not shared by Gen. Buller, for he has ordered a reconnoitering force from De Aur to feel the enemy and find out how difficult it will be to relieve the garrison.

The Skirmish on Friday.

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This force had a brisk skirmish on Friday with Free State troops about 70 miles or so from Kimberley, and lost two officers, including Col. Keith-Falconer of the Northumberland Fusiliers, a brilliant officer, and popular in the army, who did fine work under Kitchener up the Nile three years ago. A midnight bulletin from Gen. Buller said that the troops were engaged hotly for several hours.

Four Troopships at Cape Town.

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Four troopships, conveying over 4700 men, arrived at Cape Town yesterday, and two of them, with 2000 troops, were despatched to Durban. If the Aurania, as reported, has landed 1650 men at Cape Town, it is a sign that Kimberley, as well as Ladysmith, will be speedily relieved, and that Gen. Buller has determined to avert a possible reverse on the western border.

Natal Must Be Cleared.

The best informed military writers are

The best informed military writers are not disposed to believe that the British garrisons at De Aar and Orange River Junction will be strongly reinforced until Natal is cleared of the enemy. The voyage from Cape Town to Durban is equal to that around England and Scotland. Each trans-

While Gen. White is closely invested, he understands the art of defensive warfare, which he learned under Lord Roberts, when he was shut up in Cabul 20 years ago. General White's friends in London assert General White's friends in London assert that he is not only secure against long range fire and unscientific siege operations but he also serves a useful purpose in holding back the Boer forces from raiding lower Natal, where the British garrisons cannot now exceed 5000 men, even with the naval brigade from the cruiser Terrible and the other ships.

Troops Leave Southampton.

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There were stirring scenes yesterday at Southampton, whence over 3000 troops sailed by three ships about the time the famous Lancers who made the brilliant charge at Omdurman were disembarking from their long voyage from India.

Cheered the Queen.

There was even a more moving spectacle at Windsor where the composite regiment of the Household Cavalry was reviewed by the Queen and greeted by her with a tender and affectionate message of farewell. Helmets were swung onto bayonets and the Life Guards and Blues cheered for the Queen and the great concourse of specand the Life Guards and Blues cheered for the Queen and the great concourse of spectators was fairly choked with emotion. The Horse Guards did not wear their heautiful uniform, with blue tunic, glittering cuirass, scarlet plume, white overalls and big boots, but appeared in serviceable khaki, in which the cream of the British nobles will fight the enemy in the South African bush. These popular troops were wildly cheered in the streets of London, and will have an enthusiastic send-off early next week.

practical skill. Mrs. Blow is credited with having been the first to suggest the movement, but Lady Randolph Churchill has taken full charge of it, with the assistance of all the best known American were ment in England. The Atlantic but has not only provided asses of manning and operating it, which, at current rates for chartering vessels for service in South African waters, involves a great monthly outlay, \$\mathbb{E}^{\omega}\$ | The Executive Committee has been overwhelmed with offers from all sides. One firm has sent an immense consignment of mineral waters, another has provided a full assortment of driving and the first of the managers of Harrod's stores on the store of Durban, and the store of Durban, and the store of Durban, been contributed by Americans, and with Mrs. Brown Potters "guinea" concert next week, the reception by the American Women's Association and fresh subscriptions, the fund will be increased to \$20,000 or even \$20,000.

LIEUT. WOOD, A CAN-ADIAN, KILLED IN FIGHT WITH BOERS

Continued from Page 1. dead from wounds received in a sortie from

Military College Kingston, Ont. His father, Capt. J. Taylor Wood, was commander of the Confederate cruiser, Tallahassee, a ves-sel that performed many daring exploits Wood was a licutenant in the first ironclad warship, a wooden ship sheathed with iron plates Lieut. Wood was a grandson of the Jefferson Davis, and a great grandson of

MORE FIRING AT LADYSMITH. It is Believed That the British Naval Guns Were Again in Action on Thursday.

Estcourt, Natal, Thursday, Nov. 9-(Morning.)-Heavy firing is now proceeding in the direction of Ladysmith. It began at in the direction of Ladysmith. It began at daybreak. Some reports are so much heavier than any previously heard as to lead to a general belief that the British neavy naval guns are again active.

The safe arrival at Ladysmith of Lieut. Hooper of the 5th Lancers shows that communication with the garrison is possible. He was anxious to rejoin his regiment, and started hence, accompanied by a Natal policeman. They succeeded in traversing the Roer lines.

KIMBERLEY BOMBARDED.

Roers Started in to Attack the Town on Nov. 7, But No Damage Was Done.
Pretoria, Nov. 7.—The bombardment and attack on Kimberley started this morning.

No Damage at Kimberley, London, Nov. 11.—The following addi-tional announcement was made by the War

Gen. Buller wires to-day, 11.15 a.m., that Col. Kekewich reported Nov. 8 that the bombardment of Kimberley, Nov. 7, did no damage, and there were no casualties.

Gen. Buller wires from Cape Town, under to-day's date, that all the sick and wounded in the hospital at Wynberg are doing well.

Cronie Demanded Surrender. Barkly West, Nov. 6.—A despatch received from Kimberley says Gen. Cronje sent a message to Colonel Kekewich, calling on him to surrender before six in the morning, to-day, otherwise the town would be shelled, the women and children remaining at Kekewich's risk. The Boers, it was added, surrounded Kimberley in great force, with heavy artillery.

BULLETIN FROM KIMBERLEY. Several of the British Captured by

the Boers, So Col. Kekewich London, Nov. 11.-The War Office has



Cape Town, Nov. 8.—(Night.)—Despatches from Kimberley show that the town was vigorously attacked at two different points. It is reported that one of the British force and six Boers were killed. It is helieved here that the Boers surround the town in force.

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COL. KEKEWICH'S REPORT, sent to the War Office by Buller, of Details of Further Skirmishing at Kimberley.

Boer Loss Heavy.

Later in the day, our pickets say, the Boers carried off six dead from one spot, probably killed by our Maxim. The total Boer loss was probably heavy, but had not been estimated by Col. Kekewich.

Turner at It Again.

About 5.30 p.m. Col. Turner was again in contact with a new body of the enemy on Schenst Drift-road. From the conning tower a large number could be plainly seen about two miles to the north of the Kimberley reservoir, and others held a walled enclosure on their own right flank. Col. Turner opened with a Maxim and two guns of the Diamond Field Artillery sent in support. He came into action at 5.47 p.m. and continued firing until dusk.

Several British Casualties.

Our further casualties there were: Ptc. Lubbe of the Cape police, who was shot through the head, and who dled on arriving at the hospital, and Sergt. Waterman of the Kimberley division of the Cape police, who was wounded, but is doing well. Col. Kekewich is unable to state the enemy's losses, but believes they must have been severe, judging from the precipitate retreat of the Boers.

At 6.10 p.m. the enemy opened fire with one piece of artillery from Kamposdam, on Otto's Kopje, the latter being held by the Cape police. The enemy inflicted no dam-BOERS ARE AFTER CATTLE.

This is Evidently the Object of

Their Recent Skirmishes Around Kimberley.

me to shell the Boers. The result is beyet known.

Meanwhile some Boers had occupied. Kampersdam, firing with one gun on Otto's. Kopje, but not getting the range. They did no damage. It is believed that six Boers were killed in the first fight.

Boer Now Surround Kimberley. Boer Now Surround Kimberley.

The Boers now surround Kimberley in great numbers, and are bent on "lifting" cattle and harassing the British. New alarm signals were sounded at 10 o'clock this morning, the enemy having been observed in greater numbers and closer to our outposts. They fired on a patrol under Major Peakman, which engaged them, but the firing was at long range. The only casualty was the wounding of Major Ayleff of the Cape Police.

Are the Boers After Food?

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The enemy lifted 49 cattle northeast of the Sanitarium, subsequently firing eight shells in the neighborhood of Felsmend's Farm at Kenliworth. They did no damage and retired. Later they ired on a number of convicts who were working near the Sanitarium and eventually went off with a large number of cattle and donkeys.

The Boers are well mounted and from the dips in the veldt they appear and disappear with marvelous rapidity, bent on lifting cattle. The demonstration made to the southwest to-day was only a feint to cover the unsuccessful movement at Kenliworth after cattle. Their field gun shooting was poor, all the shells falling short.

A FAMINE AT KIMBERLEY

HARD FIGHTING AT MAFEKING. The Boer Attack Lasted Several

Days and Fifty of the Enemy Were Killed. Cape Town, Nov. 8 .- News received from Mafeking, undated, says that Monday the Boers shelled the town. One Boer gun, it London, Nov. 11.—The War Office has also received the following from General Buller:

"Cape Town, Friday, Nov. 10.—(10.20 p.m.)—The following message has been received from Colouel Kekewich:

"Kimberley, Monday, Nov. 6.—The wounded are progressing satisfactorily." Two unarmed natives have been shot by the Boers at Alexandersfontein.

"The conservancy post to the south of the Kimberley reservoirs has been missing since Nov. 4. It is supposed to have been captured by the Boers.

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"The situation otherwise is unchanged."

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NUMBER OF THE BOER FORCES.

More Than 25,000.

London, Nov. 12/-The most intelligent a comments on the situation, because they are plans. made apparently with the best knowledge, at Kimberley.

London, Nov. 12.—The War Office Issued the following despatch this evening from General Sir Redvers Buller, dated Cape Town, Nov. 11, 10.40 p.m.:

Col. Kekewich (British commander at Kimberley), reports that the enemy were active on Nov. 4, principally with the object of driving off cattle. The Orange Free State troops retired rapidly before Col. Turner without firing.

At 12.30 p.m. the Transvaal troops advanced on Kentlworth. Major Peakman, Vanced on Kentlworth. Major Pe are those of J. B. Robinson, the well-known

Terrible has been appointed commander here in the place of Major Bethune, who will assume active command of the Mounted Outlander corps.

The march of the naval brigade with 20 guns through the town was an inspiring scene. The band of the Terrible, stationed outside the Town Hall, played popular airs, and crowds along the line of march exhibited intense enthusiasm.

A batch of Boer prisoners has arrived. The British wounded will go to Cape Town to-morrow.

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Since hostilities began there have been small factional fights along the Pondoiand border, but otherwise the natives there have been quiet. The natives at Maritzburg, however, owing to the situation at Ladysmith, are becoming nervous and beginning to seek places which they think safer.

REINFORCEMENTS IN THE SOUTH.

Large Force of Men and Guus From Her Majesty's Ship Terrible Start for the Front. Durban, Natal, Nov. 8 .- A large force of

nen and guns from the British first-class

cruiser Terrible has started for the front. London, Nov. 11.—It is officially announced that the troopships Yorkshire, Lismore Castle and Aurania have arrived at Cape Town with 3678 troops. The first two steamers immediately proceeded to Durban. It is supposed the Aurania's troops will be landed at Cape Town.

Did a Troopship Founder? Brest, France, Nov. 11.—Rumors are in dreulation here that a British transport as foundered off the island of Ushant, on he coast of Brittany.

Two More Troop Ships Chartered, London, Nov. 11.—The Government has chartered the steamers Victorian and Ma-plemore for use as troopships.

Hawarden Castle Arrives.

London, Nov. 11.—It is officially announced that the troopship Hawarden Castle Pasarrived at Cape Town with 1010 troops.

Roslyn Castle at Durban. London, Nov. 13.—The War Office annuances that the troopship Roslyn Castle has arrived at Durban, and the troopship Won't Be Caught Napping.

Estcourt, Nov. 8.—(Morning.)—The town is quiet, but the camp is being kept on the alert and active up to 4 o'clock every moring, in readiness for any emergency, with kits laid out for inspection, or for removal at a moment's notice.

THE LENGTH OF THE WAR.

White Can Stand the Siege at Ladysmith. .

London, Nov. 11,-The last infantry bat-England to-day, and the last of the Hus-sars also sailed, leaving the Household Regiment the only cavairy regiment still to be despatched, and, last, but not by any means least, the first battery of the Howitzer Artillery has started. Great things are expected of the Howitzer Battery of the Howitzer B

Where Boers Are Concentrating. Where Boers Are Concentrating. There are signs that the greater part of the Boers are concentrating between Ladysmith and Colenso, but the stories are so contradictory that it is impossible to assert this absolutely. If true, it is pointed out that while it cuts off Ladysmith, the risk to the Boers is also great, for it will give General White a great chance to intercept their retreat when Lord Methuen's division advances from the southward, unless, in the meanwhile, General Joubert succeeds in crushing the beleaguered garrison.

Preparations for Attack. That the latter is completing preparations for a series of desperate attacks on General White's position is not doubted, and heavy fighting may be heard of at any moment. General White's force, it is asserted, must be enduring a daily ordeal which will hardly improve their fighting efficiency, and the danger of the shortness of ammunition looms up largely.

Depends on Ladysmith, On the development of the situation at Ladysmith in the immediate future depends, probably, the length of the war. It is pointed out that if General White can maintain his position until November 26 or November 28, the British authorities will be fully satisfied that all the danger in Natal will be over. Should he fall to do so, and be compelled to abandon his guns and stores and retire with heavy loss southward, where he will meet the Boers in position on the Tugela River, it is impossible, it is added, to predict what may happen. happen. What the Critics Say.

General Schalburger's flanking move-ment via Zululand must shortly develop, it it is to be effective, but the experts here scout the suggestion that, with the reinforcements already there and the big naval guns continually arriving at Pieter-maritzburg, there can be any serious dan-ger.

Nothing in the Rumor. There is nothing corroborative of the rumor from Brest of a disaster to a British troopship. The Admiralty has no knowledge of any such occurrence.

Sunshine at Windsor.

Sunshine so brilliant that it compelled Queen Victoria to resort to a sunshade for protection greeted Her Majesty's return to Windsor this morning, when she inspected three detachments of the Household Cavalry, bound for South Africa, The Royal Horse Guards and the Second Life Guards had journeyed up from London, joining the First Life Guards. Amid scenes of great enthusiasm, the troops formed in two lines, unmounted, in khaki uniform. An immense crowd of people witnessed the

Continued on Page 7.

reached a stage where it is absolutely necessary for the Boers to deliver a teiling stroke. Unless they decide to do this their only alternative is to retire within their own lines, and strengthen themselves against the 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 beyond all reason, for the methodical isolation of General White's force indicates that the campaign has been carefully planned, and the main objective definitely lixed.

Will Be a Desperate Struggle

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Even if the Boers have already discovered that they have underrated General White's capabilities of resistance, it is thought scarcely likely that they would give up their expected prey without a desperate struggle. Not only have they tasted of the dangerous delights of victory and revelled in anticipation, in still further corducest over the main unit opposing them, which alone would have had no great moral effect in persuading them to risk much against Ladysmith, but now it is too late to change the main objective.

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Mobile as are the Boers, they could scarcely transfer the body of the forces, which are at present concentrated about Ladysmith, to any other vulnerable British point without running the risk of encountering superior numbers, which are already pouring northward. Moreover, any weakening of the Boer force at Ladysmith would give General White a splendid opportunity of attacking and, even against overwhelming odds, he has shown no hesitation in accepting every opportunity for assuming the offensive. The Boers must know just as well as the British military authorities, that 23 transports will arrive in South Africa before November 18, they must also realize that their time is short, for in the present emergency it is believed Gen. Buller will not wait to organize an army corps, but will content himself with pushing to the front every regiment he can dispose of.

Hot News Expected.

Hence, news telling either of Gen. Joubert's complete rout or Gen, White's capitulation, it is claimed, can be expected daily. It is thought, more than that, the engagement understood to be imminent will prove to be the most serious encounter of the war. If victory lies with Gen. Joubert it will be a month or more before Gen. Buller can dispute with him the possession of Natal, for while it is still perfectly feasible to send reinforcements to Gen. White, it would, apparently, be absolutely impossible to assume the offensive were Gen. White no longer a military factor.

Ladysmith Cam Stand It.

The destruction of the milroad bridge over the River Tugela would greatly re-

Short Fare.

New Yors, Nov. 11.——(Special.)—The Evening Journal prints what purports to be a special cable from Cape Town announcing that Kimberley is threatened with famine. According to this cable, each inhabitant is allowed only eight ounces of food a day and Cecil Rhodes labors indefatigably to keep up the spirits of the inhabitants. Remove the Boers from the hills. The gives "famine lunches," at his hotel and goes daily to the defences to encourage the men.

Boers Abandoned Colenso.

The Evening Telegram publishes a cable gram from Estcourt, Natal, reporting aband onment of Colenso by the Boers.

HARD FIGHTING AT MAFEKING.

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Will Remove the Boers.

These five-inch breech-loaders are claim. These five-inch breech-loaders are claimed to be of a superior character, and are expected to be particularly serviceable in removing the Boers from the hills. The entitle will only have done much to restore confidence in him. If Gen. Buller continues to send the transports to Durban, and disembark to hold his own until now, and the reformed to have done much to restore confidence in him. If Gen. Buller continues to send the transports to Durban, and the refer to the country, and the refer on the hills. The entitle will only have to the entire absence of serious news in such despatches as have been received from General White proves nothing, for the General White proves no

What the Military Critics Dread,
Among the military critics what is nost
dreaded is the possibility that General
White may succumb to the pettiness of personal inclinations, which, in the history of
the world, have so often influenced the
actions of the greatest generals. On this
score the Naval and Military Records says:
"It looks as though Genera! White will not
be content to await the arrival of refnforcements and the supremacy of General
Buller. But, the spirited soldier who held
a high command over the whole Indian
army might be pardoned for being slightly
influenced by private ambitions."

It is Easy to Criticise.

Nearly all the authorities, while with-

Nearly all the authorities, while withholding definite criticism until fuller Information is obtainable, tail to understand
why General White did not fall back
south of the Tugela, thus drawing the
Boers after him into the arms of General
Buller. It is charitably supposed that the
Government of Natal exercised influence
over General White, and is in no little degree responsible for the gallant yet, from a
strategic point of view, doubtful efforts to
hold the neck of Natal. But, even then,
it is admitted that no general has been
exonerated in history merely because he allowed his actions to be hampered by a
civil Government, to which he was not
directly responsible.

A Great Diversion of Opinion. A Great Diversion of Opinion,

A Great Diversion of Opinion.

Naturally there is a great diversion of opinion on these points. One of the most human contributions to the controversies trenchant in its simplicity, 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 reeling is that General White has done a difficult duty well. Of one thing, apparently, there can be no loubt, namely, that Sir George White proved himself to be a gallant and chivalrous gentleman."

The Feeling of the Nation.

What the Critics Say.

On the other hand, the critics say, should the situation at Ladysmith not be materially changed before November 28, it is confidently predicted that the majority of the Boer force will be caught between two British forces and compelled to retreat over the difficult Tintwa Pass or Livershook, after abandoning its guns. The Boers have expressed the intention of capturing Ladysmith and then marching on the capital of Natal, and the fact of their retaining Tugela bridge intact places confidence in their ability to carry out their plans.

Fianking Via Zululand.

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DON'T WANT WOMEN DOCTORS. Lord Lansdowne Says the Time Has

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in the Field. London, Nov. 12 .- The Marquis of Lans downe, Secretary of State of War, has written a letter to Miss Ward, M.D., who volunteered to go to South Africa as a physician, in which he says that, while he appreciates her offer, he is not prepared at present to allow women doctors to join the forces in the field.

Durban, Natal, Nov. 8.—The warships have landed a naval brigade with 20 guns for the defence of the town.

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