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AT LADYSMITH.

A correspondent of the London Times writing from Ladysmith gives much more definite information in regard to the situation within that town in the early days of the siege than we have yet seen. From this account it appears that Gen. White's total force is about 9,000 men, of whom but little over 5,000 are regular infantry, the balance being made up of cavalry and the naval contingent.

He has 36 field guns and two naval guns. Without the latter he would have been unable to hold his position, as the field guns have only an effective range of 4,500 yards. The Boer guns attacking him have a range of 6,000 to 8,000 yards and are fitted with telescopic sights. The garrison's supply of shells for the field guns was limited to 200 rounds per gun. It is easy to see that this supply must now be pretty nearly exhausted. Rifle ammunition and food was more plentiful and believed to be sufficient to last till February 1st.

We have been accustomed to think of Gen. White and his little force holding a small, concentrated position. He had to occupy the hills and kopjes surrounding Ladysmith, or they would have been seized one after another by the enemy. These outposts make an irregular circle extending for eleven miles around the town. To hold such extended lines while surrounded by a force two or three times as great as his own was the Herculean task to which Gen. White set himself to work, and nobly he has performed it.

The Times correspondent tells that the Mauser rifles with which the Boers are armed are superior to the British small arms, and of greater range. With a Mauser rifle and a good pair of field glasses it is possible to make tolerable practice at 3,000 yards. The British infantry know nothing of the use of glasses in rifle shooting and are not trained to any such long ranges, while one in every four of the Boer riflemen are equipped with powerful field glasses. The inequality of weapons is, however, in part equalised by the inferior ammunition with which the Boer artillery is served. The enemy has, fortunately for us, been cheated by the ammunition contractors.

The splendid and resourceful defence, with many brilliant sorties made by the Ladysmith garrison since November 1st has called forth the admiration of the Empire and deepened the intense desire that they may be relieved before being reduced to greater straits than they are now suffering.

BREADSTUFFS AS CONTRABAND.

If the Dutch republics had a seaport there would be no question of the right of Britain to blockade it and prevent the admission of any goods or merchandise that would be of use to the enemy. As to shipments made by neutrals to Delagoa Bay there is a pretty general agreement as to Britain's right to stop the importation there of arms, munitions of war or soldiers for the enemy's armies. But the right to seize and stop the importation of foodstuffs is challenged.

The challenge is made on two grounds. One of these is that international law and usage will not warrant such seizure. The other ground is that Britain cannot afford to establish the precedent of declaring food to be contraband in this case, because she, herself, receives half her ordinary food supplies from over the sea and would be in danger of being starved into submission in case of a war with two or more great powers, who would then declare food to be contraband and prevent Britain's present action as their justification. This objection is put forward both in the foreign press and by some influential persons at home.

We fail to see the force of the latter objection. If Britain were now, or hereafter to be attacked by, say, France and Russia combined, they would in any case bend all their energies to stop her food supplies. Her safety would depend upon being able to maintain her supremacy on the sea. She need expect no leniency

from her foes in regard to food, no matter what precedents may have been laid down.

We therefore anticipate that Britain will proceed as she has begun, seizing food supplies shipped to Delagoa Bay in transit to the Transvaal. But the neutral shippers will be paid for their merchandise. Foodstuffs will not be confiscated as will arms and munitions of war. This seems a reasonable and fair method of dealing with the matter.

Colesburg, near which Gen. French has been making it lively for the enemy, is a town of about 2,000 inhabitants, who are mostly all Dutch, and in sympathy with the Boers. Colesburg was seized by the burghers of the Orange Free State early in the war.

There is nothing at all surprising in the fact that a number of foreigners have offered their services to fight on the Boer side in the present war. The same thing has happened in every war of the century. The British Consul at New York has made public the statement that many are constantly applying to him, either personally or by letter, to enlist on the British side, and though he cannot enrol them the number who have applied is over 5,000. It was so in the American civil war. Canadian sympathies were then largely with the South, and many Canadians fought in the Southern armies, but probably five times as many took part on the Northern side. It is said there were 40,000 Canadians and other British subjects in the Northern armies at that time. Shere love of adventure or want of something else to do leads many to enlist who may not care very much on which side they fight.

Use for the Wreck.

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