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THE POSITION AT LADYSMITH

The British Troops May Land at Delagoa Bay.

General White, it is thought, will hold out until General Buller relieves him—Boers will try to force his Surrender—Naval Brigade to go out—Speculation in England over the Situation.

MONTREAL, Nov. 3.—The Star's London cable says:

Canada's reported desire to send a further contingent to South Africa provokes grateful references in the British press and elsewhere.

I understand, however, that General Buller has no present desire for further troops beyond those filling up the gaps caused by casualties.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 3.—Great Britain is displaying great activity at her North Pacific Station in getting ready for possible foreign interference.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—A supplementary Naval Brigade, numbering three hundred and forty-nine men, will start for South Africa on Saturday.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—General White has cabled the War Office that in the engagement on Farquhar's Farm, near Ladysmith, on October 30th, when Lieut.-Col. Carleton's column was compelled to surrender, six officers were killed and nine wounded. Among the non-commissioned officers and men who capitulated, 54 were killed and 231 wounded.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The War Office states that a report has been received from the Government of Natal announcing that

communication with Ladysmith has been interrupted since half-past two yesterday afternoon.

This is not regarded by the War Office however, as in any wise confirming the rumour of the complete investment of Ladysmith or the capture of Colenso.

The London Times says that General White's force will shortly be surrounded, if not surrounded already. Such a condition of affairs will probably be brought about by the Boers, in fact it is looked upon as a matter of course that they will surround General White's force in Ladysmith.

But that he will be forced to surrender is another question. If his command is handled with ordinary prudence it is thought that his surrender will be hardly creditable, assuming that he has a sufficiency of ammunition and supplies.

There should be no difficulty in his playing a waiting game until General Buller can create a diversion.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—A report comes from Rome that Portugal will permit the landing of British troops at Lorenzo Marques.

This coincides with the views strongly predominant in some quarters here that the British invasion of the Transvaal will

be made from that point.

The morning papers are divided in their opinions as to whether White's latest list of casualties includes the losses of Lieutenant Colonel Carleton's column before its surrender.

The preponderance of opinion inclines to the idea that these are not included.

It is reported that a Boer force from Roomal Short is making its way through Zululand. This is held to indicate an intention of seizing the railway between Colenso and Pietermaritzburg, if it has not already been seized.

The real question now for the British public is, can General White hold out ten days, or two weeks, until the army corps arrive?

Less anxiety would be felt on his account were it not that every day brings a fresh list of casualties, proving that much has been concealed as to the real state of affairs.

At the best, the coming week must prove a critical and anxious time.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 3.—Smallpox has broken out here. The disease is supposed to have been brought here by refugees from the Transvaal.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—A despatch has been received here from Durban stating that the telegraph line is working as far as Colenso, the point on the railway south of Ladysmith where it is feared the Boers had destroyed the bridge.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The War Office has issued a statement declaring that there is no cause for anxiety.

The report of the disaster published in Paris, Berlin and other places cannot have come from South Africa, as all cable communications have to pass through the hands of a military censor, who would at once report to the War Office any such disaster.

The London Times admits that General White's force is surrounded. It hopes, however, that General White can play a waiting game until General Buller arrives with reinforcements.

From Cape Town comes the information that General Buller and part of his staff have left by train for East London, where he boards the Dunatier Castle for Durban. This however, is unsubstantiated at the War Office.

Assuming, however, that he has gone to Durban, it indicates a change in the situation as a visit to Durban was not a part of General Buller's plan.

It is not thought probable that Buller will go to Ladysmith alone, and the only explanation is that he intends to take a portion of the Army Corps to Durban and proceed at Ladysmith, which will enable the Natal forces to take the offensive.

In diplomatic circles, it is not thought that the foreign powers will intervene during the progress of the war, but when the final settlement comes they will take a stand in the event of the Boers being finally defeated and the English annexing the new territory. Then the European powers will step in and demand compensations nearer home.

It is rumored that France is already making active preparations, having called out the Army corps located in Algiers.

It is not considered possible here that France has any other destination for this corps than Morocco.

An army order issued this afternoon

instructs the proper authorities to mobilize thirty-five battalions of militia on various dates after November 20 h.

[With regard to the telegraphic news received from the seat of war we desire to state that messages received too late for insertion in the regular editions of THE EXAMINER will be bulletined on the board at 6 p. m. Yesterday several despatches were received too late for publication; but they will be found on another page of today's issue. We make this explanation in order to relieve the anxiety of the public for war news, and in compliance with the requests of our readers who have found that THE EXAMINER'S despatches are the latest, fullest and most reliable that are to be obtained.]

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