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War in The Transvaal

Particulars of the Struggle in South Africa.

THE SIEGE TRAIN.

What it Will be Used for on Arrival in South Africa

It is a question whether the siege train which has been embarked for South Africa is strong enough for the purpose of reducing Pretoria. The biggest guns taken are the 6.3-in. howitzers, very formidable weapons, firing a huge 119-pound shell charged with lyddite — by far the most terrible projectile as yet employed by any siege artillery. The Boers are believed to have some 8.3-in. guns mounted in their earthworks at Pretoria. These are probably of Canet make, and fire a 240-pound shell. Of course, we could not convey so heavy a gun to the front without extreme difficulty.

The siege train's thirty guns consist of fourteen 6.3-in howitzers, eight 5-in. (50-pound shell), and eight 4-in. (20-pound shell). To these will be added eight of the invaluable 4.7-in. guns firing a 45-pound shell charged with lyddite. The last big siege operations in which our army was engaged were round Sebastopol. There the army received very great aid from the fleet, a large number of guns and 1,400 seamen gunners being landed. Here also it is probable that a good many guns will be landed from the ships, should the resources of the siege train prove inadequate. A large number of 4.7's could be contributed. There is, however, plenty of time yet for the authorities to strengthen the siege train.

The big howitzers of the train though heavy, cumbersome, and very difficult to move along bad roads, prove most valuable in attacking the large guns which the Boers have placed in various positions — notably at Laing's Nek. The lyddite shells will have a most demoralizing effect, for the Boer ammunition hitherto has proved to be poor, and has failed to inflict severe loss upon our men. The 5-in howitzer, used at Omdurman, is a comparatively handy gun, and will be in great request among our generals when the train arrives at the end of the present month.

Troops in South Africa and in Transit.

It is estimated that there are now in South Africa 55,000 British soldiers. Of this number about 30,000 are in Natal. When the British soldiers now at sea arrive the general in command will have about 15,000 more men, and the sixth division now ready to sail will give him upwards of 10,000 additional, bringing up the total to 80,000. Between the 24th November and the 9th December the following infantry battalions left England for Cape of Good Hope:—

- 2nd Lancashire Fusiliers.
- 2nd Royal Warwickshire.
- 1st Yorkshire.
- 2nd Dorsetshire.
- 2nd Middlesex.
- 1st South Lancashire.
- 2nd Royal Lancaster.
- 1st York and Lancaster.

The Derbyshire regiment left Malta for Cape Town via Suez on Nov. 21st. On Dec. 2nd 600 men of the regiments now in south Africa left Bombay for Durban. About 2,000 men of regiments now in Africa left England for the Cape prior to Dec. 9th. Three batteries of Horse Artillery, T, Q and U, left England for the Cape Dec. 8th. The 28th field Artillery left England for the Cape Dec. 3rd. The Household Cavalry, 600 strong, left Nov. 30th, the 14th Hussars, 600 strong, Dec. 8th, and 140 of the 18th Hussars Nov. 30th. These troops make up a force of more than 15,000 men, most

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of them now almost due at the Cape TROOPS TO BE EMBARKED.

The men of the sixth division will all be embarked prior to the 20th inst. Some of them have already left England. This division will be under the command of Lieut. General Sir C. Mansfield Clarke and will consist of the following battalions of infantry:—

- 2nd Bedford Regiment.
- 1st Royal Irish Regiment.
- 2nd Worcestershire Regiment.
- 2nd Wiltshire Regiment.
- 2nd East Kent Regiment.
- 2nd Gloucester Regiment.
- 1st West Riding Regiment.
- 1st Oxford Light Infantry.

A Brigade Division of the Field Artillery, composed of the 76th, 81st and 82nd Batteries, under the command of Lieut. Col. McDonnell Cavalry will be supplied by the 14th Hussars, and the division will be completed with a company each of the A. S. C. and R. E. and a Field Hospital from the R. A. M. C. This will make a total of just under 10,000 men all told.

Bad Guidance.

The guiding of the Highlanders against the Boer position at Magersfontein done by men living in the locality, is inexplicable. Even if the Boers had not entrenched to the southeast of the kopjes they had constructed a long barbed wire fence bordering the Maas farm, and the British marched direct on this. Besides the regular trenches along the base of the hills beyond the eastward kopje, the Boers for a distance of half a mile had dug holes for riflemen. These were covered with brushwood. Had the British, therefore, occupied the front trenches they would still have been between cross fires, as the kopje side was strongly held by artillery. The Highlanders apparently had no knowledge of the near presence of the enemy. They advanced with an easy stride, as though they were on an ordinary night march, and some of them even wanted to smoke their pipes. Boer doctors confirm the reports of heavy Boer losses.

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