GEN. WHITE WAS OUTGENERALED

British Public Says He Was Led Into a Trap.

NO MATCH FOR THE BOERS.

Communication with Ladysmith Cuts—European Jar at the British Defeat.

London, Oct. 31.—A portion of Gen. White's force near Ladysmith were wounded in the hills, and after being pursued were obliged to capitulate to Joubert, except the official information of Gen. Sir George Stewart White has thus far been permitted to accompany the troops and no telegrams from him have been received in London. The advices from the British commander, The given are to the effect that communications have already been cut, to which event some one either before details regarding the fighting have been received. At the war office efforts have been made to obtain the latest news, but they have met with no success. It is evidently admitted that the British cannot relieve Ladysmith for some days to come, and is looked upon as a most wonderful among the British regiments. Time After a going further telegraphic to attempt to get in touch with Gen. White's force, but it stands as certain that he was either shut in Ladysmith or succeeded in getting out. The former has caused a feeling of great apprehension, and in view of the fact that the troops north of the Tugela river are on the aforesaid contention to be cut off from their base of supplies.

This anxiety was increased by a dispatch from Durban, which was received at the late editions of the London papers, stating that the Boers had cut the railway between Ladysmith and Colenso, which lies. White and Buller's armies to the south of the Tugela river, and that the Boers had occupied Colenso.

The Morning Post, pointing out how near the British were to "a still greater disaster," says: "The capture of the guns when the Boers also had the Devonshire regiment practically at their mercy, and the fighting which followed, must have made a very serious breach in the ranks of the enemy, and it is not surprising that a force strong enough to occupy a couple of miles of country could have left itself practically between Sir George White and his main body. We may be very thankful that matters are not more serious than they are. The result has been a severe one for the British, but it might have been a disaster of the first magnitude, and the fortunate fighting soldiers at their own pace, but the honor is pretty equally divided, and the Boers have not gained a victory which will in any way affect the issue of the war."

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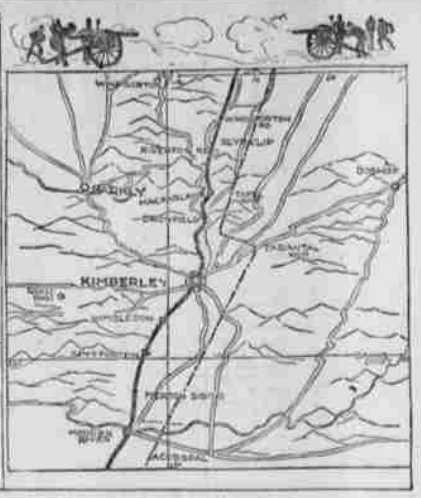
MAFEKING AND VICINITY.



MAP OF KIMBERLEY AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

UNEASY FEELING IN GREAT BRITAIN

Failure to Score a British Success at Ladysmith the Cause.

ATTACKED WRONG PLACE.

British Troops Go Several Miles, and Return After an Indecisive Battle—Boers are Riding Their Time.

New York, Oct. 31.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

There was a general feeling of uneasiness at many clubs and offices last night when the bulletin from the war office was posted. Earlier in the day there had been reports that the Boers had advanced on Ladysmith and had begun a fire in shells with their field guns, but that the British artillery had silenced the Dutch guns. It was also reported that the Boers had been forced to withdraw in great numbers on the British left flank, and that a battle was in progress.

Gen. White's report, as to much of it as the war office chose to give out, described an indecisive engagement between a portion of the garrison of Ladysmith and the Boers, in which the latter were driven back with no loss on the side of the British. The report of the casualties of the regiment engaged are given, and the number are not considered to be any considerable one