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THE NATAL REVOLT.

THE USE OF NATIVES AGAINST NATIVES.

PURSUIT OF BAMBATA.

[From "The Tribune" Correspondents.]

PIETERMARITZBURG, April 9th.

The pursuit of the chief Bambata promises to be a tedious business. His capture, indeed, is improbable, unless the natives themselves succeed in effecting it.

Opinions widely differ as to the expediency of employing natives. The opponents of such a course urge that the whites, in showing themselves reliant upon the natives, would give the latter a sense of power and importance which might prove a source of embarrassment in the future.

The idea of mobilizing one tribe against another is a legacy of Sir Theophilus Shepstone's native policy. The natives, however, have changed considerably since that time, and are now shrewd enough to understand the actual meaning of things when Europeans show themselves dependent upon others.

Further, it is urged that the employment of natives against natives fosters inter-tribal jealousy, and consequently secures white supremacy.

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The natives are freely discussing the marvellous effect supposed to have been produced by the witch-doctors on Bambata's men. It appears that several of the latter have had remarkable escapes, and the natives now believe that the witch-doctors' magic turns the white men's bullets. This sidelight on the native mind in the present crisis deserves consideration.

The Militia reserves of the Umvoti district, which joined Colonel Leuchars's force last night, are mostly composed of Dutchmen, and are commanded by a Dutchman, Commandant Nel. Their assistance will prove invaluable, as they know thoroughly the rough country over which the force will have to operate. On the other hand, the Nkandhla natives, who are being armed to assist the force against Bambata, are pure Zulus.

KRANTZKOP (with Colonel Mansel's Field Force), April 9th.—Bambata crossed the middle drift of the Tugela River yesterday, and is making for Mangeni Valley with about 150 followers.

The Regent, who escaped from Bambata, was suffering from wounds and fell to the rear. Eventually there was only one guard left, and he was bribed by the Regent to allow him to escape. The Regent is furnishing valuable information to the authorities.

Later.—Bambata's impi slept last night on Mayala mountain. The Nkandhla militia reserves were at one time within half an hour's march of the outlaws, but concealment is easy owing to the ruggedness of the country. Colonel Mansel is joining hands with the militia force to-day, and will operate in the territory of the chief Nbuwe, who is rendering assistance. Two of Bambata's men have surrendered.

GREYTOWN, April 9th.—While Colonel Mansel is closely pursuing Bambata in Zululand, Colonel Leuchars to-day completed the destruction of his kraals and crops throughout the Impanza valley. The Militia returned to their homes to-night, the artillery and infantry from Durban will probably return there to-morrow, and the Umvoti Rifles are also demobilizing.