

village, issued them to suit themselves. The white men in charge dared make no resistance.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Nine hundred and seventy-four bushels of potatoes have been grown on one acre of land in Johnson County, Wyoming, this season. This wins the first prize of several hundred dollars offered by the *American Agriculturist* for the largest yield of potatoes on one exact acre.

Another large crop was that of R. H. Chisholm, Del Norte, Colorado, of 874½ bushels.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—A special to the *Inter-Ocean* from Missoula, Mont., says: "A fierce battle is said to be in progress between the military and Indians near Fort Keogh. The department has ordered three companies or the Fort Missoula troops to the scene of trouble. Advices from various points say that lively skirmishing is in progress all along the line.

General Miles tonight received a telegram from General Mellette, of South Dakota, conveying intelligence brought in by Scotty Phillips, a ranchman, who was scout in 1877 and 1879. The governor vouches for his good character and judgment. Phillips expresses the opinion that there will be an uprising soon. A few days ago twelve bucks, well armed, stopped at his house on their way from Rosebud to a camp at South Pass Creek. They were very surly and made threats.

A ranchman named Waldron also reports to Governor Mellette that Indians have killed quite a number of his cattle recently. Phillips says everybody who has been among the Indians any length of time expects an uprising soon. Short Bull's headquarters are at Pass Creek, where the dance is going on. Phillips and Waldron think it the point fixed for the concentration of 1500 armed warriors, and they say they won't give up Short Bull under any circumstances. Short Bull is teaching them that they will be made invulnerable against the white man's bullets.

The governor promises further information, and renews his application for 1000 guns with ammunition.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 26.—The *Tribune's* special from Pierre, S. D., says that the statements made by Cattlemen Phillips and Waldron, the substance of which was telegraphed General Miles by Governor Mellette tonight, created much excitement there. Phillips and Waldron are known to be intimately acquainted with all the prominent Indians and their ways, having married into the tribe, and great reliance is placed in their assertion that trouble is coming.

What makes the matter more serious is the report that the army officers have been ordered to arrest or capture Short Bull and some other leaders. Phillips and Waldron are sure that such an attempt will precipitate bloodshed. In case of an outbreak, grave apprehension is felt for the settlers in the counties to the north, as roving bands of Indians can scatter up there and destroy everything long before the troops can catch them.

OMAHA, Nov. 27.—At 1 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, a special from Pine Ridge gives information that would indicate the war is practically over. At least Little Wound, the last of the recalcitrant leaders, accompanied by his chief lieutenant Yellow Hair, Yellow Bear and Broken Arm, came into the agency tonight and have signified their intention of holding a conference with the agent in the morning. Lieutenant Taylor's band of scouts are en route to Fort Robinson for equipment.

TUCSON, Ariz., Nov. 26.—There is an authenticated rumor that the Indians on the White Mountain reservation are growing restless and the officers at the agency apprehensive. The medicine men are endeavoring to work up religious dances. Lieutenant Johnson arrested four of the most turbulent ones. The informant believes emissaries from the Sioux are endeavoring to foment trouble.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—General Miles, this evening, said today's advices from General Brooke were of a very satisfactory nature. He confirmed the report that Chief Little Wound came into Pine Ridge Agency yesterday, and says every hour seems to lessen the strength of the disaffected Indians. Short Bull, of Rosebud agency, has also come in, and his people, numbering nearly 2500, are reported as following. General Miles considers Short Bull one of the worst and most treacherous Indians in the Northwest.

The general today replied to Governor Mellette's communication, informing him that nothing would be left undone for the protection of life and property in all localities where any danger is apprehended.

CHICAGO, Jan., 27.—Gen. Miles was this morning shown the report saying that a fight occurred yesterday between United States troops and Indians near Fort Keogh, Montana. He said he did not think there was a word of truth in it. He has received no official news whatever of the reported conflict.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 27.—At headquarters of the Department of Dakota no news of the reported battle with Indians near Fort Keogh was received and it is not thought there is any truth in the report. Lieutenant Woodruff stated to an Associated Press reporter that the Cheyenne Indians near Fort Keogh are all friendly and have asked permission to fight the Sioux in case the latter go on the warpath. Most of the Cheyenne Indians in the neighborhood of the fort are enlisted in the service of the government. He says if there had been a fight the Department would have been advised before this.

A dispatch was received by the Associated Press this evening from General Manager Mellen of the Northern Pacific Railway, who said the report from Missoula, Mont., of fighting between Indians and soldiers was absolutely without foundation.

ARKANSAS CITY, Nov. 27.—Lieutenant Wait, commander at Camp Merritt, who has lived many years

among the Indians, says he does not anticipate any serious trouble from the Messiah craze unless the troops act rashly. The ghost dance, now in progress at El Reno, in the Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservation, is of greater proportions than any in Dakota. Yet he thinks the soldiers there can handle the Indians and maintain peace without trouble.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 27.—Gen. Merritt has received dispatches from Indian Territory to the effect that the Indians in the vicinity of Fort Reno are somewhat unsettled, due to the Messiah craze, but no trouble is feared. Their religious dances, however, are carried on with much fervor, and are participated in by Indians from other reservations.

DURANGO, Col., Nov. 27.—It is reported that the Navajo Indians are greatly excited over the reports from Dakota. Their theory is that the Messiah is none other than leader Cohen, who is known throughout South Colorado as "Nosey" Cohen, a leader well acquainted with their tongues and customs. The Southern Utes talk of the craze with but little interest.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 27.—A *Pioneer Press* special from Pierre, S. D., says: Two ranchmen who came in today report having met a large band of Indians some distance west coming from the Cheyenne country, and heading for Pass Creek camp. The belief is prevalent among old frontiersmen that the Indians are concentrating their forces and supplies near the entrance to the Bad Lands.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 27.—The Messiah craze has reached Oklahoma. Captain Stiles, in command of the troops at Oklahoma, has received orders to march at a moment's notice. This order is applied also to the troops stationed at Elkins, Fort Sill, Kingfisher and Guthrie.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 28.—A special to the *Bee* from Pine Ridge: "Beef issue passed off yesterday without exciting features. One hundred and ninety steers were turned loose. Hawk Head and Big Horse, reliable Indian policemen, have reached the agency with news that their families have been stolen by a band of 200 Indians that had deserted from Rosebud a few hours before, and rushed off to join 1300 other Indian deserters, who are now only fifteen miles north of Pine Ridge Agency. When Hawk Head and Big Horse discovered that their families were missing they immediately set out in pursuit of the deserters. The latter refused to give up the families. The policemen begged and entreated the deserters to give them back their wives and children, but only got curses and threats of their lives. Before they got away from the band, members of the latter said: 'Go tell the soldiers at Pine Ridge that we are part of 1300 other Rosebud Indians now near Pine Ridge, and from now on we are going to kill every white person we meet, and when the soldiers come we are ready for them.'"

It is predicted by the *Bee* corres-