

officer. He said his name was Johnson, and was known by the Indians and whites where he lived as "Peacemaker." He showed a medal which had been given him by some Christian society for his efforts in doing good. He talked about the Bible and said he was desirous of making peace with everyone. He told about Indians coming from far off to see him and showed a pipe, recognized as from the Dakota tribes.

All this coincides with the Porcupine story. The officer writes that he firmly believes this good-natured Indian is the one who has caused all the trouble. He taught the Indians the story of Christ, and the time when he will once more visit the earth, as taught him by the Christian people. He no doubt told the story in its true understanding, and the Indians in re-telling warped it, according to their likes and understanding.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 24.—A *Pioneer Press* special from Bismarck says: Most of the Indians at Standing Rock are falling away from Sitting Bull because of the failure of the Messiah to appear. All is quiet, although a small faction still keeps up the dance. No further demonstrations are made against the settlers between the agency and Mandan, and the settlers are returning home. A stampede of 500 families to Eureka and other towns from the east side of the river was caused by a woman, who saw Indians on the other side of the river dancing and yelling, and gave the alarm, fearing they were coming over to massacre. The people are now returning.

PINE RIDGE, Nov. 24.—The day passed quietly here. All day long the Indians came in for their rations. No attempt was made to arrest the hostiles from the ghost dances as they came in. No Water, Big Road and other leaders of the dancers have sent word that they will stop. Little Wound is the only chief who refuses to answer. Special Agent Cooper is inclined to believe him the cause of the disobedience of others and there will be no relaxation of vigilance.

General Brookes reports everything quiet tonight, but the settlers all along the reservation line are still stampeding and appealing for aid. If things remain quiet for a few days the officers think the whole trouble will subside.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 24.—A *Tribune* special from Pierre says: Parties returning from Cheyenne Agency report very few Indians there today, although it was ration day. This is a suspicious circumstance. A trader who has a store near Rosebud reports that Indians pillaged it Sunday.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—A dispatch from Valentine, Neb., to the Associated Press says ration day was passed quietly at Rosebud. Not more than twenty of Short Bull's followers came in, owing, probably, to the fact that they had helped themselves to government beef. There is no likelihood of a conflict unless the troops attempt to arrest the fanatics responsible for the theft. Several more companies of

infantry are due tonight or tomorrow, but even when they do arrive the force will still be too small, in the opinion of the officers, to make an aggressive movement. The policy of the officers is to act in a most conservative manner.

BLUNT, S. D., Nov. 24.—In the panic Saturday night, caused by the reported near approach of a band of Indians, crowds of people massed in the hotel here awaiting the fight which didn't come. Two children, seriously ill with scarlet fever, were brought in and all the people were exposed to the disease.

It is reported tonight that a half-breed was killed at Fort Bennet for not participating in the ghost dance.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Major Burke, the manager of the wild west show, accompanied the Indians who have been in Europe with that organization back to their reservation in Dakota and is now in the midst of the excitement on the Sioux reservation. He telegraphs friends in this city that the "wild west Indians are doing what they can to suppress the Messiah craze, and that they will be very active and useful on the side of the government. It is an interesting coincidence that the Indians of South America and the upper portion of Bolivia and Peru, in fact through the whole Andean basin, stretching from Ecuador to Chili, have for years had a superstition similar to that of the Sioux about the coming of the Messiah, who they believe would exterminate the Spaniards and restore the country to those to whom it rightly belonged. And there were similar legends about the upheaval of the earth, etc.

The craze broke out in the greatest fury about 1869 and there was great danger of a revolution through the whole of the Andean country owing to it. The most curious incident of all is that the venerable Hinton R. Hemper, the projector of the inter-continental railroad, who was at that time traveling on horse back through the interior of Bolivia and Peru, was everywhere welcomed as the Messiah and worshipped by the people who thought he had come to redeem them. The traditions of the tribe were that the Messiah would be a man of long white hair and flowing white beard, and that he would be of some other race than the Spaniards. Mr. Hemper's personal appearance answered this description. He found himself in the most embarrassing situation—in danger on the one side of being overwhelmed with the attentions of the Indians and on the other hand of being arrested for conspiracy by the government. He succeeded in making his peace with the authorities after some trouble.

OMAHA, Nov. 25.—A special from Pine Ridge says: It is learned tonight that Indians are en route from Rosebud, six hundred strong, plundering deserted settlers' houses along the route and also killing cattle and feasting on the fresh beef. Seventy-five Cheyennes were enlisted as scouts by General Brooke tonight. A watch is being kept over

Red Cloud's band, as it is feared small raiding parties are preparing to start from his camp. There were no disquieting developments at Pine Ridge today. The issue of rations goes on. Many of the dancers are coming in for them and are treated the same as the others.

Scouts who arrived this evening report that the ghost dancers have concentrated their forces and tomorrow Little Wound will ride in for a conference with the agent and General Brooke. Until yesterday a large percentage of the Cheyenne Indians were camped with Red Cloud, but they have moved away from his camp and established their own. This action and the willingness of the Cheyennes to enlist as scouts engendered a bitter feeling between the two tribes and the alliance of the Cheyennes with the military, which is taking place, is likely to make the Sioux even more bitter toward the soldiers than they have been.

The ranches which the Rosebud Indians have been raiding were vacated by the occupants when the exodus of settlers occurred two weeks ago. There is no danger of any loss of life. Colonel Wheaton arrived today with several companies of infantry, and he and General Brooke had a long consultation, the purport of which is not learned.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 25.—The *Tribune's* Standing Rock special says: Two scouts returned today to Fort Yates from a visit to Sitting Bull's camp. They found Bull and his adherents very ugly. He told them he understood the soldiers were coming to take him, but he had his runners out and on the first news of soldiers he and his people would leave. They have abandoned the white men's houses, said he, and will not return to them again.

The supposition here is that, if Sitting Bull hears of serious trouble at Pine Ridge or the military attempts to take him, he and his followers will make at once for the lower agencies, thereby declaring war.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 25.—General Carrar, commanding Fort Wingate, has issued orders to get the Sixth Cavalry ready for transportation to South Dakota. The quartermaster general telegraphed the officers of the Atlantic & Pacific road here to have a special train ready to leave tonight.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 25.—A special from Arkansas City tells of excitement among the Indians of the Territory over the Messiah craze. A delegation of Poncaas, Otoes, Missouris and Iowas returned to the reservation today from a pilgrimage to the Cheyennes, where they learned all the latest news of the Messiah. These Indians dwell on adjoining reservations, and will inaugurate the ghost dance Friday.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 25.—The *Tribune's* special from Pierre says: Everything is quiet at the Cheyenne agency. At a hostile camp on Cherry Creek, however, yesterday, several turbulent Indians captured the entire herd of cattle which was to be slaughtered for their monthly rations and, taking them to their