

It is reported here that Bull's followers are growing less because the Messiah has not appeared, and that discourages the chief. The agent thinks there is no probability of trouble here at present, and may not be this winter or in the spring. He is working hard on the Indians, with a corps of able assistants, and making strong arguments against the craze. The people on the east side of the river are fleeing for their lives, with no one in pursuit. The excitement is all unwarranted. The reports of a massacre forty miles south are believed unfounded.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 22.—The *Tribune's* Bismarck special. The Indian scare in this section is subsiding. A dispatch from Governor Mellette of South Dakota to the officials in Bismarck says there is no foundation for the rumors that Indians are crossing the river into Campbell County, and all the rumors of an outbreak in South Dakota are groundless. The danger now is believed to be at Pine Ridge and other Southern agencies.

SAN ANTONIO, Nov. 22.—General Stanley, commanding the Department of Texas, was here today. He had received no notification from the War Department regarding troops for the Indian country, as reported last night. He also said he thought there was no danger of an uprising.

OMAHA, Nov. 22.—An Indian rising is not expected in the Canadian Northwest, although ugly rumors are afloat. The mounted police force of 1000 men is capable of quelling any revolt, patrol being maintained along the boundary.

OMAHA, Nov. 23.—A special from a correspondent of the *Bee*, at Pine Ridge agency, received at a late hour tonight, contains the most startling news yet received. It is to the effect that William McGau, formerly a government scout and now a raucher, arrived at the agency this evening with the story of a plot to massacre the soldiers under Brooke. He enjoys wide friendship among the Indians, and a couple of nights ago stopped at their camp. When supposedly asleep he was really awake and listening to a plan outlined by the bucks. The place where they hold the ghost dance is a narrow valley, on two sides of which are dense clumps of trees. The Indians planned to keep up the dance until the soldiers interfere, and then a devilish plot will be put into execution. The dance will be kept up in the middle of this natural amphitheatre and when the soldiers descend down the valley between the trees, hundreds of Indians, who will be concealed therein, will mow them down with rifles.

McGau says they talked the matter over in a most calculating manner, figuring just how they would dispose of the braves, so as to ensure the killing of every soldier. McGau, as soon as he could get away, rushed to the agency to warn Brooke of the awful fate intended for him and his command.

This story removed from the minds of the officers the last doubt of the bloodthirsty spirit that has taken possession of the Indians.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—General Miles this afternoon received a telegram from one of his officers at Rosebud, saying information had been received that hostile Indians are moving from Pass Creek toward Pine Ridge in two parties. This news comes from Indians who have returned from Pine Ridge and is believed reliable. It is reported that there are Pine Ridge Indians there to talk to the commanding officers in their behalf, the intention being for the chief to stab the general as a signal for a general attack by his band. The officer adds, that there seems no danger that the leaders mean war, and are only using the prophet Short Bull as a pretext to keep the Indians together. General Miles says the troops have been fully advised of this and other reports and due precaution taken.

General Miles also received this evening a letter from Poplar Creek, from Captain Huggins. The Indians at Poplar Creek, he says, are better armed today than ever before. Sitting Bull's messenger, White Gut, stopped there a week ago on his way back from Canada. He reported to the Poplar Creek Indians that the Indians north of the line were richer and more prosperous than those who had come back to this country after the Custer affair.

White Gut also gave orders there that if a hostile shot were fired at any time in Dakota, or elsewhere, all Indians everywhere must rise and do what damage they could and join Sitting Bull and Kicking Bear in the Black Hills. White Gut furthermore told them the conditions are now more favorable for an Indian war than ever before, as there are great droves of cattle all through the country where the buffalo used to be.

A scout told the captain that he thinks Sitting Bull wants to assemble a large force of warriors next spring if possible, thinking if the expected divine assistance should not come that he could stand the troops off for a while, possibly win some battles, and then escape into British Columbia, as he did before, where he would be safe and could make a treaty with the United States again.

Captain Huggins says the reports from Fort Belknap Agency indicate that the Indians there are also in a very excited state.

Late to-night General Miles said he had advices from General Brooke saying that the turbulent Indians have evidently changed their minds and instead of making an attack are more submissive. What this means could not be told, but the natural treachery of the Indians is not being lost sight of by the officials. The longer they refrain from hostilities the better it is for the army, which can be concentrated to better advantage.

The General received a dispatch tonight from the Sheriff of Nelson County, N. D., saying a friendly Indian brought information that 200 bucks had left Devil's Lake reservation.

Colonel Cody, "Buffalo Bill," left tonight for Omaha, and will go

thence to Rushville. Before leaving, tonight, he said the question of an outbreak was problematical. If the grass were four inches high he would expect it every night. As it is, the season is against the uprising. However, with fanatical bucks dancing the ghost dance, there is no telling into what a fever they may work themselves.

There will, it appears, certainly be trouble unless the dances are stopped. On the other hand, the interference of the soldiers may precipitate war, so it looks bad either way.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 23.—The *Pioneer Press's* Pierre, S. D., special correspondent, just returned from Fort Bennett, reports that the officers say immediate trouble is feared. The Indians are skirmishing around in small parties and are going to join the ghost dancers. The towns of Le Beau and Fairbanks are absolutely deserted, but the reports that whites have been killed near the former place are groundless.

The *Pioneer Press's* special from Blunt, S. D., says: General Bowers and members of the Midland Pacific survey at work eighty miles west of Pierre, reached here this afternoon. They say the Indians are in a frenzied condition and liable to commit murder at any time. Friday night forty Indians surrounded the survey camp, burst into the tent and took possession. All were well armed and could have massacred the whole outfit, but after a pow-wow left, telling the whites to be many miles away before the sun rose.

The Indians on the Winnebago reservation have gone to join the ghost dance at Rosebud.

BISMARCK, N. D., Nov. 23.—Considerable excitement was caused last night by an assault committed by an Indian, on Miss Wright, a stenographer, employed in the capitol. While on her way home in the evening she was accosted by an Indian, and when she tried to evade him he struck her on the head and knocked her down. The scoundrel then fled. No motive for the assault is known, and probably he was drunk. Miss Wright's injuries are not serious.

Today's advices from Standing Rock continue favorably. Rations were issued yesterday, and Agent McLaughlin reports only a small number of bucks away. The military authorities' count shows that a large number did not appear, however, and today a scouting party crossed the river to the east side to look up the wandering Indians. All the schools of the agency are closed on account of the excited state of the Reds. At a council yesterday the friendly chiefs avowed allegiance to the agent and reiterated their opposition to Sitting Bull and the Messiah doctrine.

PINE RIDGE, Nov. 23.—The military authorities admit tonight that a numerous band from Rosebud is en route to Pine Ridge. The dancers are coming into the agency today in squads, preparing to draw the rations tomorrow. Much loud talk is heard. The Indians mainly disclaim any hostile intentions.