

ment and give protection to the loyal element."

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 20.—Captain Norville, the special Indian agent stationed at this point, returned today from a trip up Red River, where he went on hearing that the Indians, on account of the Messiah dance, were failing to attend to the distribution of rations and were killing cattle. He reports that he found the Indians much excited and keeping up their famous ghost dances with a zest and perseverance that is alarming. He found "Hump Reed" with about 800 braves of the Two Kettle band, all painted up and acting in a very suspicious manner.

Cowboys who arrived here tonight stated that the Indians had killed a number of cattle and were acting in a strange manner, and the famous Indian, "Stepps, the Cripple," had told them they had better keep on their guard. Some of the chiefs told Norville that several of the hostiles had urged them to go and join the ghost dances, making a threat that if they didn't enough force would be sent against them to kill them. All claim to stand in great fear of the hostiles.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Buffalo Bill, who is in the city, told an Associated Press representative this evening that General Miles has received information that a fight occurred this afternoon between General Brooke's troops and Indians between Rushville and Pine Ridge. No particulars have been received and the casualties are unknown. Buffalo Bill expressed an opinion that General Miles would, if left alone by the government, settle the trouble expeditiously.

General Miles could not be seen tonight, either at his headquarters or the hotel. It was stated that he had gone out in company with Col. Corbin, his assistant adjutant general.

Later.—General Miles was seen at midnight, and assured the reporter that he knew nothing whatever about a battle having occurred.

FORT NIobrARA, Neb., via Valentine, Neb., Nov. 20.—The troops from Fort Niobrara reached Rosebud Agency early this morning, and found all quiet and peaceful. The Messiah craze has not been as prevalent at Rosebud Agency, and most of those affected by it left several days ago for Pine Ridge, to participate in the ghost dances. The arrival of large numbers of Indians, with a dozen wagons, yesterday, in Valentine, for the purpose of freighting agency goods to Rosebud, when they knew the troops were marching to the agency, was an assurance to the people that little trouble was to be apprehended. It is also considered good evidence that there will be no trouble at Pine Ridge, where it is thought most of the present row is caused by the new and inexperienced agent.

OMAHA, Nov. 20.—Orders have been received at Fort Omaha to have four companies of the Second Infantry ready to go to the front at a moment's notice. The companies immediately began to pack up, and inside of two hours everything

necessary for a winter campaign was ready to be placed on board the cars. These companies, so far at least as the commanders are concerned, comprise some of the oldest fighters in this section of country.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 20.—A dispatch from Pine Ridge from James N. Finley, formerly of this city, now a trader at Pine Ridge agency, was received here tonight. The dispatch mentions the arrival of the troops and continues as follows: "The Indians are actually crazed with religious fanaticism and the excitement at the ghost dance is most intense."

It is the general opinion among the troops that they will be ordered in a day or two to stop the Indians' ghost dance. Then trouble will undoubtedly follow. Two or three of these dances are now in progress. A herder who just reached here reports that several hundred Indians have congregated secretly nine miles from this place. They are all heavily armed and are expecting the Rosebud Sioux to join them shortly."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—A lady signing herself "E. S. B.," who professes great psychological powers, publishes a prediction here today that there will be a general Indian war next spring, which will result in the almost complete extermination of the Indians. Professor Cones, the noted theosophist, and ex-disciple of Madame Blavatsky, vouches for "E. S. B.," saying that she has made psychological forecasts in the past few years on other matters, which have proven extremely accurate.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—In an interview this afternoon, General Miles said he had no further word from General Brooke, but he thought the latter had beyond all doubt given the Indians to understand that he is there for the purpose of protecting lives and property, "and God help the first Indian who makes a break."

"It is not my intention," said General Miles, "to tolerate any nonsense. I will tell you further, that so far as regards the present ample supply of ammunition and Winchester rifles with which the Indians are armed that somebody up in that northwest country is making a business of furnishing these, and it will not be many days before I shall know just how this business is accomplished."

Assistant Adjutant-General Corbin said the removal of the Cheyennes from Pine Ridge agency, in accordance with the recommendations of the commission, has been ordered. The carrying out of this order now, he thinks, will remove the disturbing element from Pine Ridge and direct the attention of the other Indians.

This evening General Miles was in receipt of a telegram from Rosebud from one of his officers in advance of the formal report. The officer gives a sermon delivered by Short Bull, the so-called prophet of the "Messiah," at Rosebud agency to the Indians. In this sermon Bull said the things he predicted would have to come to pass in due season,

but since the whites are beginning to interfere the time will be shorter. The Indians must not be afraid of anything.

"Now," said he, "there will be a tree sprout up, and all the members of our tribes must gather there; but before this time we must dance the balance of this moon, at the end of which time the earth will shiver very hard. Whenever this occurs I will start the wind to blow. We will then see our fathers, mothers, and everybody. We, the Indians, are the ones who are living a sacred life. Our Father in heaven has placed a mark at each point of the four winds. A clay pipe lies at the setting of the sun, representing the Sioux; a holy arrow at the north represents the Cheyennes; at the rising of the sun there lies a half moon, representing the Arapahoe tribe; at the south there is a pipe and feather, representing the Crow tribe. The Father has shown me these things, therefore we must continue to dance. There will be soldiers surround you, but pay no attention to them. Continue the dance. If the soldiers surround you on four sides, three of you, upon whom I have set the Holy Spirit, will sing the song I have taught you, and some of the soldiers will drop dead. Then the rest will start to run, but their hopes will sink into the earth. The riders will jump from their horses, but they will sink into the earth and you can do what you desire with them."

"Now, you must know this: that all the soldiers and their race will be dead. There will be only 5000 of them left living on the earth. My friends, my relations, this is straight and true. We must gather at Pass Creek when the tree is sprouting; then we will go among our dead relations. You must not take any earthly things with you. Men and women must disrobe themselves. My Father above has told us to do this thing. Guns are the only things we are afraid of, but our Father will see that they do us no harm. Whatever the white men may say, do not listen to them."

Adjutant-General Williams said this evening that a telegram had been received from General Brooke at Pine Ridge, saying that his scheme for inducing disloyal Sioux to abandon their tribe and join the loyal is working well and he hopes soon to have the hostile crowd broken up. The report of the officer in charge at Rosebud Agency, however, is not so encouraging. He telegraphs that when the forces under his command moved near the Indians' camp today, they retreated back fifteen miles, and tonight are holding ghost dances and are working up such a frenzy that some outbreak may occur before tomorrow.

The headquarters were also advised today that Sitting Bull had been sending out requests to all the Sioux Indians, even in Canada, Indian Territory and as far west as Wyoming, to join his forces. He is assisted by a large number of Indians who have been educated by the government in the East.