

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—A special from Rushville, Neb., says as soon as the troops arrived there today courriers rushed with the news to Pine Ridge Agency. Word was received tonight that the Indians under Red Cloud declare they will meet the troops in battle to-morrow. Agent Royar and his Indian police are powerless. One of them, Bunder Bear, arrested a bad Indian last Saturday, but was overpowered and the prisoner released. Several other prisoners were released. The rebels threatened to burn the agency buildings.

The Indians at Pine Ridge are about equally divided among good and bad. Red Cloud and Little Wound have been fomenting trouble for several weeks, while American Horse and Young-Man-A-fraid-of-His-Horse tried to pacify the warriors. Last week a big meeting was held thirty miles from Pine Ridge agency, at which a reputed apostle of the Messiah was present. He told the Indians to return to the agency and await the coming of the Messiah, who is to arrive tomorrow in the form of a buffalo. He will give the signal for the opening of the conflict, which is to annihilate the white race. This fact causes great fear in the minds of old Indian fighters. Unless there is absolute failure to get word from the Messiah on the day of the arrival of troops, a conflict is certain.

Major Butler's column went into camp tonight, prepared for what seems to be a certain combat. Many of the friendly Indians have left the agency, and are now encamped at Rushville. They have signified their intention of aiding the whites.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The War Department this morning received a dispatch from General Miles at Chicago, in which he says: "The reports are of the same threatening tenor from Pine Ridge. Troops have been ordered to that agency and Rosebud, to give protection and encourage the loyal and restrain, if possible, the turbulent. The military is using every effort to restrain and avoid an outbreak, or at least bridge over the time between this and severe cold weather. It is believed that any other course may precipitate hostilities. Thus far no Indians have been reported as having left their reservation with hostile intent."

General Schofield sent a reply approving General Miles's course, and adding: "The cavalry and artillery at Fort Riley and all other available troops will be placed under your orders if the emergency seems to require it."

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—W. F. Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill, returned to the city today after a successful experience with his show in Europe. He says the charges that the Indians have been cruelly treated are all nonsense and that they have been well cared for. Regarding the threatened war in Dakota, he said: "The sun and other religious dances were in the old times performed before every warlike undertaking. These celebrations have been less frequent of late, and their revival portends

trouble. This dance so inflames the young warriors that no power can keep them off the war path. Then, in their present starving condition, with winter coming on, the Indians are desperate and ripe for a warlike movement. An Indian war is invariably preceded by a period of fanatical frenzy. This alleged coming of the Messiah will be used by designing chiefs to urge the young braves to murder, fire and pillage."

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 19.—A *Mandan* special to the *Tribune* says: An unconfirmed report was received to-day that Sitting Bull is in Irons. Pickets are out at night, and the military rules of a garrison are observed. A company of troops from Fort Totten arrived tonight. The police keep coming from the country. Houses but large enough to comfortably accommodate one family have five to ten families.

An Indian today said: "The Sioux are in good shape for a fight. They have plenty of guns and ammunition, and all the jerked beef they need. They have white man's meat to eat while fighting the white man. There are 300 young bucks missing from the reservation. The scouts and Indian police don't know where they are."

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 19.—A proclamation has been issued by the governor, forbidding the dealers along the northern border of Nebraska, or any other part of the State, from furnishing the Indians with arms or ammunition. This action was taken in response to a telegram from Major-General Miles, informing the governor that the law on this point was being violated.

MINNEAPOLIS, N. D., Nov. 20.—The Sioux on the Devil's Lake Reservation are not especially stirred up yet. All the troops at Fort Totten have been removed to Standing Rock. The citizens here are uneasy but it is not believed that the Indians contemplate an outbreak.

CHEYENNE, Nov. 20.—Frank Girard reached Buffalo, Wyo., with the information that parties of Sioux were travelling up the Powder River Valley towards Big Horn. Depredations are reported upon the ranches in Big Horn Valley.

STANDING ROCK AGENCY, N. D., Nov. 20.—Major McLaughlin has returned from a visit to Sitting Bull's camp. He believes the danger of an outbreak is past. Sitting Bull and his followers are losing faith in the Messiah craze. McLaughlin says the Indians are deserting Sitting Bull and he has not got enough men to go on the warpath if he wanted to.

VALENTINE, Neb., Nov. 20.—Traveling men from Rushville report that a courier from the Agency came there Tuesday night with the story that anti-Messiah half-breeds had had a fight with the Indians and that sixty had been killed and wounded, but the story is not believed. The town is full of refugees. Agent Roger has brought his family here. The troops have been pushed on to Rushville and will reach Pine Ridge this morning.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—General Miles this evening received a tele-

gram from Rushville, Neb., informing him that General Brooke's command reached Pine Ridge at 7 o'clock this morning. The Indians are coming in large numbers from Rosebud. There is much excitement and the ghost dance continues.

General Miles received a communication from an officer at Camp Poplar River, Mont., dated November 17th, containing considerable matter of interest with reference to the Messiah craze. The officer reports all Indians in that vicinity affected by the prevailing craze, and even the more intelligent half-breeds believe in it. Numbers of young Indians have recently procured new Winchester rifles. Where, the officer could not ascertain. There has been no excitement up there yet, nor any dances, but there is a deep and universal interest and a belief that there will be astonishing supernatural manifestations before very long.

One of Sitting Bull's lieutenants (White Gut) with two other Sioux have recently been up there preaching the new doctrine, denouncing the schools and telling the Indians to provide themselves with arms and ammunition, and join other Indians next spring in the Black Hills country. They were ordered off the reservation and went to the mountains north of the British line, to proselyte the Ogalalas and Uncapapas. One of the loyal Indians told this officer that in case the Sioux should open hostilities many young warriors from that vicinity are likely to go and join them.

The Ogalalas and Uncapapas north of the British line are a bad lot. Some of them were in the Custer affair, and some of the older ones were concerned in the Minnesota massacre of 1867.

The Gros Ventres Indians at Fort Belknap are in a very turbulent state. As an instance of the stories floating around, the officers tell one current on the reservation, to the effect that several young warriors started from there to visit Sitting Bull and learn about the new Messiah. On the way one of them, Yellow Hawk, said he had been commanded in a dream to kill himself as a test of his faith, with a promise that he should be raised from the dead. He committed suicide accordingly, and the party went on without him. When they reached Standing Rock they found Yellow Hawk there, alive and well, having been resurrected and taken to Standing Rock ahead of his companions. This is the story sent back by the travelers.

General Miles expressed great satisfaction this evening that General Brooke's troops reached the agency this morning before the Indians had inaugurated hostilities, and the further fact that the latter are not committing any violence. "Now," said he, "they have to attack us in our own position, or else break away from the reservation. The danger now is that the turbulent bucks may leave the reservation. The appearance of General Brooke's command, however, will have the effect of sustaining the authority of the govern-