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LATEST INDIAN NEWS

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FIVE RIDGE AGENCY, Nov. 29.—Little Wound is in and reports his inability to control his band in the interests of peace. The cavalry soon expects an order to march on the Rosebud camp on the Porcupine, although Gen. Brooke is reported as being in favor of waiting until the Sixth cavalry reaches Fort Meade and troops can be placed at Forest City, above Pierre.

Sitting Bull More Hostile Than Ever.

MADEIRA, Nov. 29.—Word comes from Sitting Bull's camp and from different sources that he is dancing his men more vigorously than ever, and he is compelling children to join in the dance. He is reported to be more hostile and determined to fight than ever. Yesterday afternoon two companies of cavalry arrived from Fort Custer and proceeded to Fort Yuma.

Gov. Mallett Issues a Proclamation.

PIERRE, Nov. 29.—Late yesterday afternoon the governor issued the following proclamation:

"In view of the wide-spread alarm for fear of an Indian outbreak I assure all settlers east of the Missouri river that they are in no possible danger, and I urge them to remain quietly in their towns attending to their ordinary labors. This declaration is made after a thorough investigation of the situation and on advice from all military posts and Indian agencies. Every alarming rumor with any foundation has been traced to its source and found to be absolutely groundless. No act or word of hostility has been spoken or committed by any Indian anywhere, and the Indians are reported to be on their proper reservations, perfectly quiet. The ghost dance is subsiding and the turbulent Indians are being set apart by themselves, and are under complete control of the United States troops, large forces of which are stationed at strategic points, completely commanding the situation. This assurance is not given without full information of the facts, and they can be assured that every precaution has been taken and will continue to be exercised for their safety in case of trouble, which is no longer anticipated. Arms and ammunition have been placed in faithful hands throughout the frontier settlement, and thorough organization is perfected for sending messages from all telegraphic stations to give notice to all surrounding settlers in case of an outbreak anywhere. Settlers can rely on this condition being maintained throughout the winter and can rest assured that they will be protected. If an outbreak occurs, all it will be the bad lands midway between the Missouri river and the Black Hills, where the Indians will attempt to subsist upon stolen cattle and evade the troops, and of which I shall have immediate information and will communicate to all exposed settlers by special couriers dispatched from all telegraph stations or by wire. The state military of 500 well equipped men will be held in readiness to move during the winter and can be put at any given railway point east of the river in five hours' notice. Messengers have now been dispatched to the bad lands, who will go into camp there and will be sent to any point upon information demanding it. These precautions have been taken and will be continued to ally all apprehension of settlers. I believe without doubt that the military has full control of the Indians and can never allow the reservation, in case they attempt it, which they will not. The breaking up of the ghost dance by the military is all the cause that existed for alarm and that is being done quietly, and the Indians who would like to make trouble are completely within the grasp of the soldiers. It is my firm belief that the border settlers are in less actual danger to-day from Indians than at any time since their arrival, as means for their safety are now promoted, and the Indians are always the same. Settlers should pay no attention to idle rumors and wild newspaper reports manufactured to order, but preserve their reason and try to restore to reason those who are trying to lose it."

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South Omaha Live Stock.
SOUTH OMAHA, Nov. 29.—Hogs—Estimated receipts, 9,000. Official yesterday, 5,200; shipments, none. Market opened 10c below closing at \$2.90. Cattle—Estimated receipts, 1,200. Official yesterday, 1,640. Shipments, none. Market opened steady; quality fair.

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Agent Dixon at the Crow Creek Agency, S. D., saying none of his Indians have yet been dancing. A small band of the Lower Brules near Rosebud reservation have been dancing and he has dispatched a force of police and scouts to stop it. He also called home all Indians having passes to leave the reservation, and says he considers it impossible to be surprised in any outbreak the Lower Brules may make.

Militiamen to Be Ready to March.
ELK POINT, Nov. 29.—The Elk Point Home Guards have received orders to hold themselves in readiness to start for the scene of the Indian troubles any moment.

Yankton, Nov. 29.—Capt. Coehead, of Company South Dakota militia, has received orders to have his company ready for active service on the frontier.

Dancing in Indian Territory.
ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Nov. 29.—A trader from the Osage reservation reports the Indians have begun the ghost dance and are very ugly and insolent. They are well armed and are the richest and most powerful in the territory outside the Five Nations. The agent is alarmed and has asked for assistance.

MISS WILLARD AS BISHOP.

Rev. Mr. Ward Says That She Will Have to Wait a While.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Nov. 29.—It was stated in a Chicago telegram that "considerable interest had been aroused in Methodist church circles by the story to the effect that Miss Frances Willard's friends are making an effort to have her elected a bishop. Rev. Mr. Ward says: 'My friend, Dr. Truesdell, must have been misquoted in that telegram by which he was made to say that Miss Willard might be elected bishop of the Methodist church. That would be impossible. The movement now made is for the admission of women as lay delegates. No layman, male or female, could become bishop simply by votes. Of course a layman could not get the votes for an office to which he was not eligible. If it were supposed that the votes could be had the ordination to the office would be impossible as only persons in elders' orders are eligible. As to whether women will ever become ordained ministers in the Methodist Episcopal church that is entirely separate from the question at this time under consideration. The very efficient lady workers who preach among us do just as does Mr. Moody and other laymen, by common consent.'

"What do you think will be the result of the present movement?" asked the reporter.

"I certainly expect and hope that women will be admitted as laymen now are to the legislative body of our church, called, 'the general conference.'"

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A TERRIBLE SECRET

The Curse of the Morelands.

BY LEON LEWIS.

CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

This farewell review consumed but a few minutes, and the couple then made the final preparations for departure. The portmanteau they had packed was conveyed to the side porch, and all the lights within the dwelling were extinguished, save that of the lantern, with which they proposed to light their departure.

"Have you taken your revolver, Jessie?" asked Mrs. Moreland, as she halted at the door, to make a last thoughtful survey of her surroundings, and assure herself that she was leaving everything as it should be and had forgotten nothing she desired to take with her.

"Yes, mother; have you?"

"Certainly. I feel safer with it, in view of the many tough and lawless characters one is likely to meet on the lake and all along the shore."

"Then let's be off!"

"They passed out, the mother closing and locking the door behind them, and picked up their portmanteau and descended the steps, moving quietly in the direction of the lake."

In another minute or two they had reached the boathouse at the water's edge, carrying their portmanteau between them.

The boathouse was a tall, gothic-roofed structure, standing on a high, stone foundation, the object of the builder having been to shelter his sleep in it without unstepping its mast or lowering its sail. It was always kept locked, of course, as it contained many valuable articles pertaining to the aquatic tastes of the mother and daughter, not to speak of the neat craft they kept here habitually in readiness for instant use throughout the summer.

To take possession of their sleep, with their portmanteau and other effects, and to get it out of the boathouse and set sail, leaving everything snug behind them, was the work of a few additional minutes, and not long thereafter they had vanished on their voyage down the lake.

"Well good-by, my dear relatives," muttered Radd Moreland, who had watched their embarkation from a snug cove near the landing. "I can find you when you are wanted, as I know where you are going. I am even acquainted with your destination, as I passed several months at the village of Egg Island a few years ago. Curiously enough, our old friend Hutchley is living there as a fisherman, and he and I may take a new hand together. Meanwhile, I am going to make myself quite at home here—quite!"

He sauntered carelessly back to the house, giving himself admission by breaking a pane of glass and turning the fastener of a window.

Lamp in hand he made a rapid but comprehensive survey of the premises, and proceeded to serve himself an appetizing "bite to go to bed on," which included a bottle of choice wine from the cellar.

Emboldened by the said bottle he went out and took down the three signs left by the representative of the real estate agents, and concealed them under an icicle in the garden, after first reading them by the light of his lantern.