

THE SAVAGE SIOUX.

Gen. Ruger, After Visiting Several of the Dakota Posts, Reports Everything Quiet.

The Indians are Only Worked Up Over the Supposed Coming of the Messiah.

He Does Not Fear an Outbreak, but They May Make Trouble for the Soldiers.

General Ruger Not Alarmed.

HITON, S. D., Nov. 17.—General Ruger, commander of the department of Dakota, U. S. A., and Lieutenant Woodruff arrived on their way to St. Paul from a visit to Forts Sully, Randall and Bennett. They report having found the Indians very quiet, and, although there is much interest manifested regarding the coming of their Messiah, there is no occasion for alarm. General Ruger, speaking of the reports from Pine Ridge agency, remarked that while he was in possession of no information of an official character regarding the affairs there, he had no doubt but there existed some undue excitement among the Sioux at that place. "The late dances," he said, "in which the Indians have been allowed to engage have increased the excitement and prompted the agent to advise the department at Washington of the fact. There seems to be more uneasiness at Pine Ridge than at any of the other agencies, but I have no doubt it will be of short duration. Should the Indians, however, continue to carry on their dances and the Messiah foolishness be not stopped, it may be necessary for the military to give attention to the affairs at Pine Ridge, though I hope this will not be necessary." Both officers left for St. Paul this evening.