

MR. SITTING BULL.

A Little Dissertation on the Sioux Warrior Who is Supposed to be Famous, But Isn't.

He is a Member of the Coffee Cooling Order and His Influence Limited to a Dozen.

But Little Foundation for the Rumors of an Uprising of the Standing Rock Reds.

As to Sitting Bull.

The eastern press is considerably wrought up over reports from Standing Rock agency regarding the probable uprising of the Indians and the possibility of another reign of terror among the white settlers. Sitting Bull was at one time a warrior with a great deal of influence. His word was law. But now he is old and decrepit and his followers have dwindled down to not more than a dozen, whom the other Indians term "coffee coolers." Sitting Bull has not the power to incite a revolution. He has got a large amount of the prophet's religion into him at present and is endeavoring to work upon the superstitions of the Sioux. In the east Sitting Bull is generally believed the greatest Indian warrior of the present generation, but such is not a fact, as all who are familiar with early frontier history will attest. In Indian warfare there were greater chiefs and leaders than Sitting Bull—among them might be mentioned Chief Gall, who is without doubt one of the greatest and wisest American Indians that ever lived. Sitting Bull is too utterly far beneath the Indian social plane to be compared to Gall. The former is and always has been bitterly jealous of the latter, who does not deign to notice Sitting Bull as a rival for tribal honors, though Bull is enjoying more false fame than Gall probably ever will have of the real. How this wrong impression ever got abroad is difficult to surmise. Gall is credited with all the fine-scheming and head-work that characterized the Indian campaigns prior to 1876. Sitting Bull was certainly more cruel and bloodthirsty in his treatment of defenseless whites than was Gall, who exhibited more real bravery and generalship while leading the Sioux forces in the battles with Uncle Sam's troops. Some Indians are said to possess noble traits and if such be the case Gall possesses them. The old fighting Indians at Standing Rock are diminishing in numbers. It is only a question of time when there will be but few left to talk over their deeds of daring. Their offspring are compelled by the government to be brought up educated like white people, and thus inherit but little of the vengeful spirit of their fathers. The Indian of to day is a pretty well civilized specimen of humanity. There are several thousand redskins at Standing Rock, also a strong military force stationed at the same point in active readiness to quell any sudden disturbance. The Dakotas can now, with their several strong military posts and splendid militia, easily take care of the few thousand Indians within their borders should occasion demand it. It is believed that a great many of these reds have gone daft over the visit of an old grizzled medicine man who styles himself their prophet and savior, who is in a measure responsible for the rumors of an uprising among them. Indians are no more subject to such superstitious spasms of religious belief, than are the white people frequently mentioned in the newspapers. The Indians will doubtless all be rational and just as hungry and clamorous as ever when ration day rolls around again. Sitting Bull never fails to avail himself of an opportunity to sow the seeds of dissension on the susceptibility of the savage heart. Sitting Bull will practice his evil doings till the Great Father calls him to the happy hunting grounds. His dozen or less fellow coffee coolers are the only ones who listen to his words of wisdom. A coffee cooler, in Indian parlance, means a worthless buck who sits around his tepee all day sipping coffee and is heartily despised by the other reds.

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