

Upon the arrival of news of the Custer massacre at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, General Miles and the Fifth Infantry were ordered to proceed to the scene of hostilities, and form part of the large command already there. The orders were obeyed and the autumn passed without any important military movement.

General Miles became satisfied in October that a large number of hostiles were near him, and, because of the delay in the arrival of a supply train, expected from the cantonment of Glendive, he marched down the left bank of the Yellowstone with the Fifth Infantry. Some days later he met the train under the escort of a battalion of the Twenty-second Infantry. The train had been obliged to return to Glendive, because of the large number of Indians, and the teamsters were so panic stricken that their were places filled by soldiers. On his second advance, and two days before General Miles was met, an Indian runner left the following note on a hill top:

"Yellowstone.

"I want to know what you are doing traveling on this road. You scare all the buffalo away. I want to hunt in this place. I want you to turn back from here. If you don't I will fight you again. I want you to leave what you have got here and turn back from here.

"I am your friend,
"Sitting Bull.

"I mean all the rations you have got and some powder. Wish you would write as soon as you can."

General Miles started after Sitting Bull and overtook him near the head of Cedar Creek, one of the tributaries of the Yellowstone. They met under a flag of truce and had a sharp interview. Sitting Bull tried to entrap Miles, but the latter was too prudent and told him that he would drive him out of the country or Sitting Bull would drive him

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