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frenzy, it promised at one time to involve all the tribes of the northwest, and extend its devastating terrors from the Missouri to the Pacific. It is thought by such excellent judges as General Miles and others equally well-posted, that the master mind of Sitting Bull had thought out the chances for the red man in such a conflict, in which the small number of our army, called on to protect so wide a territory, would have frittered away its strength and discipline in the presence of the best armed and equipped, and practically numberless, bands of barbarians the world has ever seen. But forces were found at work with which the Indian has not been hitherto called on to contend. The telegraph and the railroad have not hitherto counted as important factors. In this contest, the click of the operator's instrument almost mingled with the rattle of the rifle shots. The railway whistle could almost be heard from the field of battle. The resources of the most powerful nation on earth were available in a few days. Machine guns and artillery carried an unaccustomed terror to savage hearts.

There is little more to tell. As soon as the Indians could be made to understand that the way of surrender was open to them, they began to make their way to the headquarters which General Miles had established at the Pine Ridge Agency. They saw that the conflict was hopeless. The Messiah, which the warlike had hoped, as did the Jews of old, would come as a destroying angel, sweeping the white man from the earth and raising the Indian and buffalo from the dead, came not. The ghost shirt, which the medicine man had subjected to his incantations, was as pervious to the white man's bullets as the veriest cotton rag. Others remembered that in all the best messages which they had received from the Messiah, as for example, those from Johnson Sides, the Ute prophet, they had been told not to fight, and they realized that, in spirit and in fact, they had disobeyed these messages. Whatever had been the injustice and provocation by the white man, they had allowed themselves to be drawn into an attitude of bloodshed and rebellion. Under the impulse of these