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I have just returned from Standing Rock Reserve, where, according to telegraphic dispatches in to-day's papers, a crisis has suddenly come in the capture and death of Sitting Bull.

I am thus warned that I know not what a day may bring forth; but I nevertheless send a letter which I wrote on my way back, which presents the truth up to date, so far as I have been able to learn it.

I have received letters saying that the condition of affairs in the Indian country has chilled interest in Indians and made it difficult to raise money, or provide Christmas boxes, for the missions.

The effect of the present excitement would be just the reverse of this if the real state of affairs were correctly apprehended.

Let me present the worst side first. The situation is in some respects critical and alarming. The old heathen chiefs and medicine men are making a desperate effort to retrieve their losses and regain their pristine power. They have for years kept themselves in communication by runners, and have managed lately to bring the excitement to a focus at certain centers; one on the Standing Rock Reserve, one on the Cheyenne, one on the Rosebud, and one on the Pine Ridge Reserve; these last two having coalesced within the last few weeks. The number of men participating at the first-named center is about 300; the number at the second not so many, probably; the number at the last two, larger. At these centers the condition is simply one of frenzy, and in the neighborhood of one of them, on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reserves, the houses of Christian Indians and two of the little mission houses, occupied by Cathechists, have been entered into, ransacked, and robbed. No one can tell whereunto the movement would have grown had not troops been massed near the Agencies. And let me say that