

it gave him a grand opportunity to practise his Indian medicine and to show to his people what a wonderful character he was. Adopting the spirit of prophecy he told his foolish and benighted clients, that now the white race would become extinct and all the buffaloes and other herds of wild game would return to their wonted grazing grounds and be once more, their sustenance and former happy life.

This doctrine pleased his followers of Indians exceedingly and becoming imbued with this spirit were ready for any sacrifice. As there was no longer any work to be done, but to follow the phase, and then to possess all, their hearts desired, this was a grand idea.

That a condition of things, which now followed, could not last, was evident. For by dancing, singing, sleeping and feasting, they could not sustain themselves, nor bring happiness to anyone else.

Hence orders had to be given on the part of the Indian Department of Washington as to the course to be pursued in the future, as regards Sitting Bull's conduct. Col. James McLaughlin, the Agent of Standing Rock Agency at that time, knowing his responsibility, kept his policemen in the bank when the strikers