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AGENT McLAUGHLIN'S WORK.

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Sitting Bull's Dances Stopped and His Followers Being Won Over.

Standing Rock Agency, N. D., Nov. 22 - Major McLaughlin's visit to Sitting Bull's camp last Sunday has the effect of stopping for a time at least the ghost dances held in connection with the Messiah craze. McLaughlin received a letter from Bull yesterday and says he has taken his friends' advice and stopped the dances. He regards McLaughlin as the best friend he ever had and when he follows his advice he never makes a mistake. Bull's child is very sick or he would come to the agency to draw rations. He hopes to see his friend, McLaughlin, as soon as the child recovers. Bull's followers are growing less all the time and that discourages the old chief.

The agent thinks there is no probability of trouble at present and may not be this winter or spring. He is working hard with a corps of able assistants and makes strong arguments about the craze, talks to them, convinces them there is no reason for their belief. The rest of the band, about 100, he can draw away from Bull by argument. The agent is very successful in his method of winning Indians away from the craze.

People on the east side of the river are fleeing for their lives, and no man in pursuit. The excitement is all unwarranted.

Reports of a massacre forty miles south of the agency are believed to be unfounded. Lieutenant Crowder and men with an abundance of ammunition and rations for six days cross the river early tomorrow morning to make a tour of the country said to be infested by Indians. The agent refused to deliver rations to squaws unless the bucks were along.