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NEWS ITEM ON THE RUMORS OF WAR

Various rumors concerning the war have been floating around for the past week, but nothing authentic has been received either by Agent Tufts or Inspector Pollock. Parties in town Monday reported that Spiechee had sent in word that he was coming with 200 men and would resort to bushwhacking before they would give up the cause. The same informant said that Col. Robinson, in the absence of Gen. Porter, had gone to meet Spiechee with 200 men, but nothing to confirm this has been received. Gen. Porter left here Monday morning for Okmulgee. An Indian came in Tuesday night and reported to Chief Bushyhead that Spiechee was camped about 12 miles west of Okmulgee, but he did not say what his intentions were. He said the report had reached there that the Cherokees on Greenleaf were to help Spiechee, but Bushyhead gave a positive negative to this. Porter is making arrangements to protect the towns that deserted from Spiechee from raids by him.