THE WHEAT CROP.

Reports From Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska And Dakota.

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National Associated Press

CHICAGO, July 23 .- Unofficial but reliable crop reports have been received from the principal wheat bearing districts of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and Dakota. In Illinois nearly every county reports a decrease in the area since last year and in many localities the unfavorable weather and other cereal evils have made the crop nearly a failure. On a fair average the crop will be from one to two-thirds as much as in average

In Iowa the acreage has greatly fallen off. This state complains of HAD KNOWN SITTING BULL FROM HIS minent. The cordon of forts companied in 1877 was now almost comp everything that affects the wheat crop. Fifty-one counties report an acreage of one-third less than last season. In many of these the crop will not be over eight bushels to the

In the northern districts of Wisconsin chinch bugs and extreme heat have caused great damage to the growing crops. About two-thirds of a crop is exected. In the middle and southern districts the prospects are better. The acreage throughout the state is much less than last year.

In Minnesota wheat is very unequal in different parts of the state, but the marjority of the reports are fair to first-class. Twenty bushels to the acre is the highest estimate on the yield. These figures are given on about ten per cent. of the crop. The shortage in acreage over last year is placed at 30,000 acres. Millers are looking to Dakota Territory for their chief supply. Here the prospects are more reassuring. The yield is placed at fifteen bushels to the acre. Red river valley will produce 5,000,000 bushels.

In Nebraska the yield per acre is less than the average, but the increased average in the western part of the state will raise the total yield to onethird more than the crop of last year. Grasshoppers are reported as doing great damage in Minnesota and army worms in Iowa and parts of Illinois.

SITTING BULL.

Career of the Chief--His Character istics and Campaigns

as a leader was in 1866, when the report came from Buford that the garrison had been surrounded and wiped out, and the commanding officer had first shot his wife to prevent her falling into the hands of the savages to suffer indignities worse than death. So slow was the means of communication in those primitive days that it was several months before the truth was known, when it appeared that the scare was caused by a raid of Sioux-indeed it has ever been his boast that he would never go upon a reservation or make peace with the being in the thick of a fight. WHEN HARD KNOCKS MIGHT BE EX-

PECTED. His forte has ever been to steal horses and ponies, raid defenseless ranches and carry off such stores, public and private, as he could conveniently lay hands on. Ever hostile and a malcontent, he was the nucleus about whom gathered the well-fed, fiery young bucks from the reservations, who as soon as grass was green would set forth on their annual round of plunder until at last the signs of disaffection at the largeragencies, such as Bod Claud Scott and a malcontent, he was the nucleus who had been duly constructed members of the peaceful embassy, proceeded with an escort to the British line, and were met by Col. McLeod of the Northwestern Mounted police, who, with a battalion of his force, guided them to Fort Walsh. Much as Red Cloud, Spotted Tail, Standing Rock, etc., containing then some 40, 000 Indians, became so marked that a general outbreak was feared unless the 17th of October an interview was steps were taken to compel these outlaws to settle down at some designated fort. point. Accordingly the secretary of the interior in December, 1875, notified these hostiles that they must the renegade red received the discome in to the reservations on or be-fore the 31st of January, 1876, "or a shake hands with them as the first military force would be sent to compel mark of his disapprobation and next time the secretary of war was formally notified that the Indians were that he should try and speak the turned over to the military authorities truth to the assembled chiefs. The for such action as might be deemed

proper, and THE CAMPAIGN OF 1876 was then organized by Gen. Sheridan, gave a forceful presentment of what the plan being to move in three distinct columns from Montana, Dakota rendered-how well they had been and the Platte simultaneously, to a treated, etc.—and promised on behalf common center, where the hostile of the United States government that were supposed to be, the two former no harm should befall any, present or under Gen. Terry and the latter under absent, who would cross the line, sur-Gen. Crook. On the 27th January of render their arms and ponies and January, 1876, Gen. Crook's column, peaceably take himself to such agency while descending the Rosebud, was as might be designated, not only boldly attacked by a large force of warriors, and after a fight which lastwarriors, and after a fight which lasted into the night, beat off the enemy; but the general 'concluded to retire with a loss of nine dead and twenty-one wounded. Meantime Gen John Gibbon, Seventh infantry, with a force of 450 men. was marching from Fort Ellis, Montanta, down the valley of the Yellowstone to meet Gen. Terry, who, with 1,000 men, was then ascending the same valley, and as soon, as communication was established it by attained. not through any fault of but the reneral concluded to retire with a loss of mine dead and twenty one wounded. Meantime Gen John Gibbon, Seventh infantry, with a fore being applied in their beholf. To the condition precedent, that arms Gibbon, Seventh infantry, with a fore being applied in their beholf. To the condition precedent, that arms Gibbon, Seventh infantry, with a fore being applied in their beholf. To the condition precedent, that arms Gibbon, Seventh infantry, with a fore of 450 men. was marching from Fort Ellis, Montanta, down the valley of the Yellowstone to meet Gen. Terry, who, with 1,000 men, was then ascending the same valley, and as son, which are also decreased in the proceeds of 450 men. was established it was determined, June 21, to detach it and nothing of good was there say a circuit to the upper Rosebud and was to meet on a day appointed. Of the disaster that tollowed the moment when the brave but rash Claster, disregarding the inatructions of his superior, and taking the chances of battle, rode fearlessly into that valley of death on the Little Big Horn, where the entire command was to meet on a day and the result, showever, and as the hostiles seriously, but of the same valley of the same va

tacked by Major Reno, and immediately after the fight opened gave or-

To determine the truth of this ru- THE YEAR 1879 HAD SCARCE OPENED mor, a number of scouts and Indians were examined, whose various description of the chieftain's personal Sitting Bull's Indians were there, appearance might have answered for having crossed the line as soon as appearance inght have answered for anybody from George Washington to John Brown, the most accurate and dations had been committed—confined truthful, however, being that of principally to the killing of cattle and Half-Yellow-Face, a Crow scout, who stealing of horses—and more were im-

when he used to wander around the boundary of what was then the Crow reservation, looking for stray ponies. His description of Sitting Bull's peculiarities was very vigorous—the low, squatty figure, his walking on the outer edge of one foot owing to a wound in the sole, the dark, almost Ethiopian complexion, the remarkable width between the cheek bones and the pointed chin-all conspiring to make up a personnel at once pecu-

liar and typical. FHE EVENTS OF 1877. The Nez Perces campaign of 1877, with its opening, stirring fight at Big Hole, Howard's long and arduous pursuit, and Miles' final success in capturing Joseph and his band, to-gether with the later fight with Lame Deer's Sloux at Bear Paw mountain, in which troops under the last-mentioned commander were engaged, claimed principally the attention of the public in connection with Indian affairs. It will be remembered that would recross the boundary, form a junction with the Nez Perces, and aid fight ensued, which in crushing the common enemy and many were the reports received - first, that such junction was about to be made and then that it had been accomplished. But Sitting Bull had no notion of taking up any quarrel not distinctively his own. He knew full

well that Joseph, beside being as wise in council and as powerful as himself. In an interview with a member of Gen. Terry's staff, it was learned that dier, not only planned a fight but took was a skillful general and a brave solhis earliest recollection of Sitting Bull | a leading part therein, a role to which the Sioux leaders never particularly aspired. To all the pleadings of the couriers sent by Joseph to the Woody Mountain camp Sitting Bull made but this reply and this only: "You may smoke and eat here; you are welcome; BUT THIS IS YOUR FIGHT NOT MINE. You must not expect that any of my warriors will go across the border to help you." These, in fact, were his very words, and he consis-tently lived up to their import. Had some Sioux under Sitting Bull, who had swung round the circle of the fort on a horse stealing expedition.

From that time Sitting Bull who had sweng round the circle of the hard to tell exactly what the denouement might have been. In the aumunition, fatally retarded the settlehe joined his fellow reuseries, hard to tell exactly what the denougment might have been. In the autumn of 1877 it was decided in Washington to make an effort to effect by diplomacy what arms had failed to bring about, and to send to Sitting bring about, and to send to Sitting Bull's camp, stated that the recalcitrants had finally elected to remain on the northern side of the line and Major Walsh, of the mounted police, assured Gen. Miles

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horde of followers-for the entrance of such commission, Gen. A. H. Terry, United States army, and Hon. A. G. Lawrence of Massachusetts. trouble was experienced in getting Sitting Bull and his leading men to consent to an interview at all, but on brought about within the limits of the

GLOOMY, RETICENT, SUSPICIOUS AND IMPERTINENT

On the expiration of this insisting that Gen. Terry should sit in front of the table, in plain view, and general then presented the reasons why the hostiles should cease their hostility, and become agency Indians, had been done to others who had sur-

menced in 1877 was now almost complete, and it was not believed that the former scene of the Sioux troubles, the hostiles as they would have every reason to fear decimation if not capture in toto. Above the cordon, howat their own sweet wills, and the stores never safe from their raids. In view of these and cognate facts, Gen. Terry leemed it advisable that Gen. Miles take the field again in person and with any body of Indians however large. On the 12th of July, accordingly, Gen. Miles crossed the Missouri to the northern bank, in the vicinity of old Fort Peck, having under his command seven companies of cavalry, nine of infantry, ninety-eight unassigned re-cruits, a goodly sized detachment of scouts, and friendly Indians and several pieces of artillery. On the 17th of July, the advance detachment under Lieut. (now captain) Philo as Chief Joseph and his brave follow-ers advanced eastward, grave fears were entertained that Sitting Bull body of hostiles between Beaver MIGHT HAVE ENDED DISASTROUSLY

for the whites, as they were largely outnumbered, had not the near approach of the main body frightened Sitting Bull, whe was in command in person, and he withdrew his forces to the north bank of Milk river, thence retreating to the British possessions. Many captives were made, however, and the operations of that summer were the beginning of the end, as ever thereafter there appeared a spirit of dissatisfaction among the Sioux known as the hostiles proper, fostered eagerly by such chiefs as Gall and Rain-in-the-Face, who had long viewed, jealously, the power of a leader whose right to absolute command they had many times disputed. Another gratifying result of the campaign of 1879 was the capture or dispersal of many small bands of halfbreeds, who had, by their nefarious mounted police, assured Gen. Miles that there need be no further apprehension of inraids by hostile parties.

CENTERS from which radiate EVERY LINE OF ROAD that penetrates the Continent from the Missour River to the Pacific Slope. The These assurances were afterwards

borne out by the facts. THE GRATIFYING RESULTS IN 1880, brought about by the subtile yet powerful agencies of hunger and want, and aided by the attitude of the British authorities, who refused longer to suffer the hostiles to come and go at will, are so recent as not to need elaboration. There were isolated instances of rapine and murder in which the handiwork of the Sioux was apparent. but they were fewer than ever before, and the surrender to Gen. Miles in autumn, of Rain-in-the-Face, and many other chiefs with thousands of followers, who were safely corraled at Fort Keogh, gave assurance that the backbone of the recalcitrants' opposition was broken and the problem on the verge of solution. When Rainin-the-Face crossed the line and surrendered, Gall and his hundreds crossed also, but went to Poplar Creek instead of Keogh, and at first expressed a desire to surrender, but delayed from time to time until January 2d of the present year, when Col. Ilges persuaded them out of the woods and into custody with his frost-bitten sol-diers and his Hotchkiss gun. Crow King and his bands, persuaded by Scout Allison, whose efforts to gather in the entire outfit have often and recently been detailed, made a virtue of necessity and were sent to join at Buford. Sitting Bull,

promising to come in and acting in bad faith, as usual, and retreating to his old camping grounds at Moody mountains.

LED A HAND TO MOUTH EXISTENCE for months, deserted by the hundreds who once rallied round his council hre and medicine banner, and treated with marked coldness by the servants with marked coldness by the servants of his Great Mother, upon whom he had supposed he could confidently count for moral support and substantial sustenance, He was deterred from surrendering by two things: First and foremost, his unconquerable disinclination to yield and become a "common Indian," with his potentiality gone and his very personality moraed with the crowd of agency

reached. Standing Rock, whither ders to the old men and squaws to during the year and the hostile attipack up and leave, and this was actually in progress, when a threatening message came by runners from Crazy Horse, who was fighting Custer three miles away at the other end of the village to this effect: "Don't go; we are getting away with the soldiers," which so inspirited the warriors that a A General Falling Off Reported in All the Above

States.

We are getting away with the soldiers, which so inspirited the warriors that a furious attack was at once made on Reno, and he was driven back and compelled to retreat to the bluff ognized fact that an Indian absent Stephan, by the war department, which up to this time has not only guarded but fed them. Whether it will be deemed wise to send Sitting ognized fact that an Indian absent Bull to Standing Rock and place him across the river. On General Terry's from his proper reservation without at once on the footing of an agency arrival the Indians retreated, and leave is a hostile de jure and de facto, among the spoils of the camp was his capture or surrender was still relikely that he will be dignified by found a fine elk robe, which, from the garded as a consummation devoutly to separate maintenance, though a spec totems or marks upon it, was thought be wished, and any means looking to- ial guard may be deemed expedient to belong to Sitting Bull, and the re- ward the end desired would have been at least for a time. Maj. McLaugh port was started that he was among eagerly used by the military authori- lin, who will assume charge of Stand ing Rock ageccy about the 5th of Au gust, is learned in all Indian ways, respected by all the Sioux, and is cred ited with a skill and firmness in their management likely to produce the best results. Possibly it may be thought best to confide Sitting Bull to his keeping, and he has plenty of aborignal policemen to secure strict watch and ward over him and prevent an escape, which, it is far from unlikely will be premeditated ere next sum mer wanes away.

GEN. TERRY'S GREAT SATISFACTION the Yellowstone valley and those of at the "conclusion of the whole its tributaries, would be entered by matter" goes without saying, though he does not hesitate to express His feelings will be shared freely. not only by every officer and soldier ever, they seemed to be able to roam in the army-their wives and children of course, included - but by every of government supplies at Poplar frontiersman in the country from river and other outlying stations were Texas to Washington territory, and by the tax-payers all over the country whether they adhere to the peace policy or no. Sitting Bull's influence for evil, throughout all the aboriginal sufficient troops to meet and overcome tribes, has been immense, since his any body of Indians however large, nomadic and unrestrained life has served as a constant lure to those who, try as they will, cannot subdue en-tirely the instincts to go and do likewise, born in them and growth of their growth.

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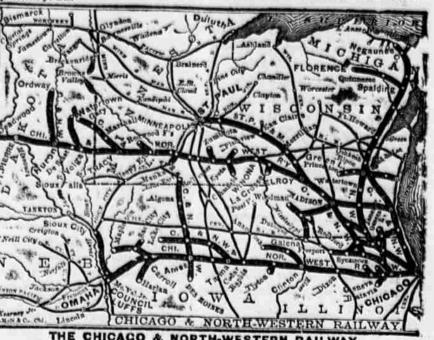
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