

where a guard was set over them. The other Indians then left the ground by the way they had come, taking with them the advice they had received, and a supply of meat, flour and tobacco.

Gen. Atkinson's troops, very soon after the surrender of these captives, arrived at Fort Winnebago, as did also the volunteers in command of Col. Dodge. The Indian prisoners were delivered over to Gen. Atkinson, by whom they were sent to Fort Crawford. Gen. Atkinson met the Grey-headed Dekauray at the Portage, who, in presence of Col. Dodge, disclaimed for himself and the other Winnebagoes any unfriendly feelings towards the United States, and disavowed any connection with the murders on the Mississippi. Gen. Atkinson then discharged the volunteers, assigning two companies of regulars to the occupation of Fort Crawford, and ordering the other regulars to their respective posts, while he himself returned to Jefferson Barracks. And thus ended the Winnebago out-break.

It may be thought that the results of this war are very meagre for the amount of force employed in it. If measured by the amount of blood shed after the murders at Prairie du Chien and on the keel-boat, the criticism is very correct. But if it be intended to suggest that there was no sufficient reason for apprehending that the Winnebagoes contemplated a general rising against and massacre of the whites, the thought and suggestion are the results of great ignorance of the intentions of the Winnebagoes, and of the facts of the case. There is satisfactory evidence that the Pottawatamies were allied with the Winnebagoes, and that they were to fall upon and destroy the settlement at Chicago, and it is probable that but for the movements resulting from the efforts of Gen. Cass, who was fortunately near the seat of war, the whole country would have been overrun with a general Indian out-break.

Red Bird died in prison at Prairie du Chien; and in September, 1828, his two accomplices, Wekau and Chichonsic, were indicted, tried, and convicted at a term of the U. S. Court held by Judge Doty, as accomplices of Red Bird in the murder of Gagnier and Lipcap. They were sentenced to be hung on the 26th December following; but before that day, a pardon arrived from