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RED CLOUD AGENCY, Neb., Sept. 6.—Crazy Horse, the redoutable Sioux chief and warrior is dead, his spirit having entered the happy hunting grounds at 12½ o'clock this morning. You have been informed by telegraph of the main facts in connection with the recent agency troubles. When Crazy Horse and the other chiefs of the Sioux at this post were informed that the Great Father desired them to send two hundred of their young men to fight the Nez Perces under Joseph, he and Touch-the-Cloud demurred, and it is asserted by Lieut Clark, who has general charge of the Indians, and by his interpretor, Frank Gouard that both threatened to go north again and war against the whites. Crazy Horse said he had appointed a day and arranged for his departure. His village was situated about five miles north of the agency, on White river, and numbered over one hundred tipis. Many of his principal men, including Little Big man, Big Road, Jumping Shield, Iron Hawk, and Yellow Bear, had left him to join other bands, having been excited thereto by jealously, the action of Gen. Crook and his representatives, and the protestations of Red Cloud, Little Wound, American Horse, and Young-Man-Afraid-of-his-Horses, all enlisted Indians and Ogalalla or Kiocie, chiefs. His influence was rapidly waning, and at this juncture, especially, much dissatisfaction prevailed because of his persistent refusal to go to Washington.

Little Big Man will be remembered as the instigator of almost a massacre of Senator Allison and his Commission when treating for the possession of the Black Hills. Touch-the Cloud is reported to have expressed himself with similar import and emphasis. He is a Minneconjou, of magnificent physique, standing six feet five inches in his moccasins, and without an ounce of surplus flesh, weighing 280 pounds. Notwithstanding his stature and avoirdupois, he is nothing if not poetical. "The Great Father," said Touch-the-Cloud, "washed the blood from our faces, and now would besmear them again! If he bid us put it on, it must stay there." The interpreter construed this into highly insolent and mutinous language and both Crazy Horse and Touch-the Cloud were reported by telegraph to Gen. Crook, who, although rapidly travelling to Camp Brown, found time to visit this agency enroute. While here he endeavored to see Crazy Horse; but the latter not only refused to come to Camp Robison when summoned, but threatened to scalp the Gray Fox (Crook) if he ventured inside of his village. Touch-the-Cloud had returned to Spotted Tail Agency, where his people are encamped. Of course this ended amicable negotiations. Spies were at once set to watch the supposed hostiles, numbering several hundred.

There are about 6,600 Indians at this agency, and at Spotted Tail not less than 7,000. Of the former, perhaps 2,000 are bucks. Here there were only four companies of the Third Cavalry and three of the Fourteenth Infantry—of whom it is said, however, "Russia has her Cossacks; Turkey, the Bashi-Bazouks; and the United States the "bloody Fourteeners!" At Spotted Tail, one company of the Third Cavalry and one of the Fourteenth Infantry occupied the neighboring post of Camp Sherman. It was desirable to have more troops, and E. and G. companies of the Third Cavalry were ordered from Fort Laramie, and a part of F. and all of D. company (en route to the Black Hills) of the same regiment, from Camp at Hat Creek. The troops thus consolidated entered Camp Robinson at midnight and on the morning of the 4th inst., at about 9 o'clock, they proceeded to surround Crazy Horse and village. There were seven companies of cavalry, partly incomplete, numbering about 300 men, and commanded by Major J. W. Mason, Third Cavalry.

The reinforcements were accompanied by nearly 300 enlisted Sioux under Red Cloud, Little Wound, Young-Man-Afraid-of-his-Horses, Little Big Man, and Jumping Shield and about 100 Arapahoes of Friday's band led by Black Coal and Sharp Nose. A twelve-pounder brass Napoleon with the limber chestfuls of grape-shot and canisters, and which evidently inspired both allies and hostiles with a wholesome fear, completed this martial array.

Arriving where but a single crest conceal the village, it was cautiously approached, when there was discovered an empty and uninhabited valley. Crazy Horse and village had vanished. A few scattered lodge poles and bundles showed that his departure had been somewhat hurried. His trail led north principally, in the direction of Spotted Tail, and thither American Horse, with one party, and No Water with another were instantly despatched, with instructions to bring him dead or alive. Two hundred dollars was offered for his apprehension. Meanwhile, several incidents occurred peculiarly illustrative of the Indian character. At a time when the troops anticipated coming upon Crazy Horse and his fleeing village at any moment, a coyote was discovered running along the bank of the river, and a dozen or fifteen shots were instantly fired at him. They were heard at the agency, and it was supposed the ball had opened in earnest. Later, the Arapahoes started a gray fox from the brush, and the entire one hundred followed, chasing him into and through an adjoining village. These childish impulses are irresistible to the otherwise grave and dignified warriors of the plains. The latter tribe converse almost exclusively by signs, and no white man ever acquired their deep guttural tongue. It is said that not even two Arapahoes can make themselves understood in the dark, where their gestures are not discernible.

At about 2 A. M. yesterday, a courier was received from Lieut. Lee, Acting Indian Agent at Spotted Tail, reporting that Crazy Horse and many of his people had arrived at his agency, and that he would bring the former down on that day.

Gen. Crook had left Camp Robinson very early on the 4th inst., before the attempted "surround," in order to connect with the stage line at Fort Laramie, and continue his journey to the front of the nose pierced Joseph. Before he left, however, it is understood that he gave directions that Crazy Horse, if captured, should be confined in the guard house at Camp Robinson, until he could be secretly conveyed to Cheyenne, and thence to the Dry Tortugas; and, although an arbitrary punishment, it was by no means an excessive one, if the conduct of Crazy Horse, as an enlisted man in the United States Army, is considered.

Of course everybody was eager to see the doomed chief, and about 7 o'clock P. M. he arrived, accompanied by some of his own people, Lieutenant Lee, and thirty of his agency Sioux. Touch-the-Cloud towered above all, and in his haughty bearing recalled the pictures of Warwick, the great king maker, which relation indeed, he is destined to sustain to the future choice of the Minneconjous. The next in importance to, and possessing greater influence than even Crazy Horse, it is not unlikely that he will be his immediate successor.

Arriving at Spotted Tail, he had reported that he desired to change his agency, as he was misinterpreted here, and Red Cloud and others were jealous of him. He was closely followed by the Indians sent after him by Lieut. Clark, and No Water only declared his intention to shoot him. In this emergency Crazy Horse was protected by his Northern friends, while Black Crow, old Swift Bear (a very eloquent Indian, who was chiefly instrumental in having Spotted Tail declared chief.) Whirlwind, Spider, and Three Bears, chiefly Brules, forced him to accompany them to the agency. To allay his fears, Lieut. Lee started with only half a dozen Indians, three of whom were adherents of Crazy Horse, but on the road the number of friendly Sioux was purposely augmented, although his conductor was entirely unconscious of what awaited him here.

At Camp Robinson, Col. Bradley, commanding the District of the Black Hills, ordered the prisoner confined in the post guard house, and Capt. Kennington, the officer of the day, was charged with its execution. The interpreters seemed to anticipate trouble, and noticeably absented themselves. Taking Crazy Horse by the hand Capt. Kennington led him unresistingly from the Adjuntant's office into the guard house, followed by Little Big Man, now become his chief's worst enemy. The door of the prison room was reached in safety, when discovering his fate in the barred grating of the high windows, the liberty-loving savage suddenly planted his hands against the upright casing, and with great force thrust himself back among the guards, whose gleaming bayonets instantly turned against him.

With great dexterity he drew a concealed knife from the folds of his blanket, and snatched another from the belt of Little Big Man, turning with them upon Capt. Kennington, who drew his sword and would have run him through but for another Indian who interposed. Many of them were dismounted and were crowding around the guard-house door, some protesting vehemently against his confinement, while others cooly insisted upon non-interference.

Crazy horse had advanced recklessly through the presented steel, the soldiers fearing to fire, and gaining the entrance he made a leap to gain the open air. But he was grappled by Little Big Man. This Indian as his name implies, is remarkable both for his stature and his strength; his double joints would secure him distinction, as well as a competence, in the arena. Crazy Horse, though powerful, was held in a vise, until, freeing his right hand, he was observed to thrust a long keen blade into the muscular arm of his antagonist, who, avoiding the full force of the blow by a backward movement, reversed the hands which contained the dangerous weapon, and once more grasping Crazy Horse as he made a second leap for his freedom, the point accidentally pierced the quivering groin of the chief, who sank in a doubled up posture upon the ground outside the door.

Instantly every Indian present—and about fifty had gathered near—was observed to load and cock his carbine; and the silence that ensued was broken only by the dark figure writhing in agony on the gravelled earth, until an old Indian, Crazy Horse's father, suddenly leaped from his pony, and with bow and arrow in one hand, and a cocked revolver in the other, advanced upon Capt. Kennington. He was instantly hurled upon his back and disarmed by the friendly Sioux. Reassured by this, the officers and guard approached Crazy Horse to convey him to the guard room, this time for medical attendance; but again they were arrested by the click of cocking carbines. What could they do? No interpreter was present, and they did not know friend from foe. In this emergency the Indians themselves motioned to the open Adjutant's office they had just quit as a compromise between their contending parties, and into this room they were permitted to carry the prostrate chief. Some of them subsequently desired to convey him to an adjoining village, but this request Col. Bradley refused to grant; and with the exception of a guard of enlisted Indians, Touch-the-Cloud, and Crazy Horse, Sr., the crowd dispersed.

Until now it had been feared that the wily chief was only "possuming," but when his wound had been examined and dressed, Dr. Macgillycuddy, the assistant post-surgeon, pronounced it fatal. Touch-the-Cloud, the old father of the dying chief, and several officers remained until the end, which approached slowly and painlessly under hypodermic injections of opium or morphine. He never rallied, and only once spoke indistinctly about bayonets, which, unfortunately, created the impression in the minds of the two Indians present that he had been stabbed with a bayonet. Dr. Macgillycuddy showed them the cross section of a bayonet by thrusting it through a sheet of paper, and also that of the knife, endeavoring to explain the different wounds the two would cause, but I fear with little success. The latter had originally been a butcher's knife, and had been ground or whetted down to a very slender and pointed blade that appeared to correspond exactly with the wound. This was so small as to be scarcely noticeable. He bled internally.

As death approached, the old man related his son's deeds of prowess and of war. He was his last and only living child. He had another boy, equally brave and renowned, but he was killed by the Snakes or Shoshones. Neither had any children, although Crazy Horse had long possessed two squaws, and recently persuaded a beautiful half breed, at the agency, to elope with him. His family and name would become extinct with his own death, and he was sixty-six years of age. His son would soon have been thirty-seven, having been born on the Cheyenne river in the fall of 1840. His boy, he affectionately said, would never have fought the whites, but they hunted him and his village in their own country, and they had to defend themselves or all would have perished. He had enough buffalo in that country to last several years, and wanted to stay. He fought only the Crows and Snakes and stole their ponies. But he was not let alone. Every courier that came north to him said, "Come in! come in!" or the Gray Fox will drive you after Sitting Bull!" At last he came. Spotted Tail and Red Cloud, the greatest chiefs of the Brules and Ogalallas, had to stand aside and give him the principal place in council, and on this account they and their young men became jealous. They were the cause of his poor boy lying there. He was killed by too much talk. He had said.

The old man appeared so much exhausted by this discourse and his grief that the Doctor kindly gave him a drink of whiskey, which he seemed to relish amazingly. He rose and shook hands all around exclaiming, "How could!" a significant expression of friendship. After a silence of several minutes, he resumed: "You gave me to drink and made my heart glad; but thinking of my dead son, my heart grows sad again. Give me another whiskey straight?"

At about 3 in the morning, Crazy Horse's mother, a withered old hag, who was not yet aware of his death, was challenged by the outposts and admitted to the room. Her outbursts of grief, in which she was joined by her husband, seemed uncontrollable. They tore their gray hair and shrieked so as to alarm the garrison. Finally they became quieter, and settled in a crooning manner on their knees, bending over and caressing the prostrate and lifeless form, both chanting in an indescribably weird manner, the now famous Sioux death song. The deep guttural of the one blended wildly with the shrill treble of the other, and both were cracked by age. No one who witnessed or heard the old couple in their savage devotion can forget the sad scene, or their strangely impressive and mournful dirge. Touch-the-Cloud several times grunted "Washte!" "Good!" And once, pointing to the corpse, he said: "That is only the *tipi* (lodge): the rest has gone to the Great Spirit in the happy hunting grounds!"

At about 7 the body was conveyed by them in the post ambulance to the nearest village and I learn that great excitement prevailed especially among the young bucks. They propose to bury the dead chief with much ceremony at Spotted Tail, and many of his people are leaving for that agency. All day the squaws have been mourning for miles around, and to-night a number of dances are in progress.

It is impossible to predict what effect the death of this distinguished chief and renowned warrior may produce upon the nation. Last night there were several false alarms at Camp Robinson, and the troops are kept constantly under arms and on the alert.

Dom Pedro.

The emperor of Brazil is the only hereditary ruler in South America. The anomaly of his situation is sufficiently obvious, and the prospects of his heir are shadowy in the extreme. The republican system is popular with the unprincipled and ambitious men who usually occupy themselves with the affairs of government in the newly settled countries on the verge of the civilized world. The possibility of his own election to the presidency of his state is present to the mind of many a competitor for power; and all are ready to combine against the hereditary principle which shuts the door impartially against all aspirants.

The empire of Brazil is held together but loosely by the existing constitution. It is rather a federation of separate states under an emperor than a compact and homogeneous empire. If the empire were to be transformed hereafter into a republic it would be split into several independent states. Bahia, Pernambuco, Rio Grande do Sul and Rio de Janeiro would each become the seat of a separate government, and a new focus of intrigue and rapacity. The reasons why a republican rather than a monarchial form of government would be adopted are not far to seek. "Those who speculate on 'change" says Burke, "always make a great number among people of rank and fortune, as well as among the low and indigent." How true is this remark in reference to the affairs of the old world, and how inevitable is such a condition of men's minds in a new and unsettled community.

The personal influences of the present ruler is the chief security for the maintenance of the imperial style and the monarchial form of government of Brazil. The emperor, as his habits of life during his visits to Europe testify, is endued with untiring energy. He manifests a deep interest in schools and frequently opens new educational establishments and training colleges in person. By these manifestations of solicitude for their social elevation, the hearts of the Brazilians are won over to the imperial cause. We know the good effect in England of Royal visits to the city and the provincial towns and of manifestations of sympathy from high quarters with the great cause of social improvement.

At the date of our visit the religious question was uppermost in the public mind in Brazil. Freemasonry flourished throughout the empire, and the pope had recently promulgated an edict that all Freemason's were to be deprived of the privileges of membership of the Church of Rome. The course which the emperor would take was a subject of deeply interesting speculation. It was the opinion of many that his throne would be rudely shaken should he lend his support to the papal edict of exclusion, directed against a body of men who are strongly imbued with liberal, not to say republican ideas.—*T. Brassy—the Nineteenth Century.*

The Apostles of the Mormon Church, with J. W. Young and Daniel H. Wells, the counsellor of Brigham Young, published a circular in Salt Lake city announcing that on the 4th instant they unanimously el