

**RAIN-IN-THE-FACE.**

**The Sioux Chief Who Fought in the Custer Battle.**

It is through his connection with the massacre of Gen. Custer and men that Rain-in-the-Face is principally known. His role in that historic drama goes back some three years previous to the fight, when a surgeon in the army and a civilian trader attached to Gen. D. S. Stanley's expedition were murdered as they stopped to feed and water their horses on the Red River.

Some 18 months later Charley Reynolds, a government scout, subsequently killed at the battle of the Little Big Horn, brought in information to Gen. Custer, at Fort Lincoln, that the Indian who had murdered both men was Rain-in-the-Face, then at the Standing Rock reservation drawing government rations.

Gen. Custer immediately detailed his brother, Col. Tom Custer, and a cavalry captain and escort to arrest the murderer. Rain-in-the-Face was found in the trader's store at the agency and personally arrested by Col. Tom Custer.

The Indians were at first inclined to rescue Rain-in-the-Face, but the



At Time of Custer's Battle.

presence of a hundred troopers, whom the colonel had brought with him, served to overawe them.

When the prisoner and his captors returned he was brought before Gen. Custer. The general questioned the prisoner closely, but to no purpose. The Indian remained imperturbable. The next day, however, he confessed to the general that he was the murderer, and boasted of it and of the brutal manner in which it was done. That he had shot the elder of the two first, but not fatally, and that he beat out his victims' brains with a tomahawk and had then shot their bodies full of arrows and finally scalped both men. Neither of the murdered men was armed.

In the spring of 1874 Rain-in-the-Face joined Sitting Bull's band of hostiles, openly proclaiming that he would "cut the heart out of Tom Custer and eat it." Nothing further of him was heard until the memorable massacre of Custer and troopers, June 26, 1876. In this fight he distinguished himself among his own people by his bravery and generalship.

It has been many times stated that he personally killed Gen. Custer, and that he cut the heart from the body of Col. Tom Custer and rode about the field with a part of the greswome trophy between his teeth.

Rain-in-the-Face did not escape this battle unscathed. He will carry to the grave undoubted evidence that the men of the gallant Seventh cavalry fought well in their last engagement. While charging over a prostrate soldier, pinioned beneath his dead horse.



As a Sioux Policeman.

The chief received a wound from the bullet of a .45-calibre revolver which burrowed the flesh on the right thigh for about four inches, running diagonally upward, showing it to have been fired from beneath him. Shortly after he received another wound, the bullet entering back of the left knee. Rain-in-the-Face dismounted with difficulty, and in order to remove the bullet from the wound used his scalp-knife; in doing so he severed the tendons of the leg, which deprived him of its use forever.

More strangely still, and paradoxical as it may appear, he is now an Indian policeman. Cropped hair and felt hat have replaced the scalp lock and war bonnet, blue coat the war shirt, but beneath his uniform the skin is still the same color—red.

The blood is unchanged and the fire in his eye kindles now when he speaks of the wrongs of his people, and, although seemingly friendly, he is, and always will be, an enemy of the white civilization that has not conquered him, but a wholesome fear of the great government at Washington has, and he remains a crafty, scheming plotter—a perfect example of the once dangerous, still unforgiving, warlike Sioux.

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"If I had a toothache and advertised for a dentist, it would escape notice. So why, if I have a heartache, should I not advertise for a wife? Why should it seem so strange?"

Dr. Geer, who is a very pleasant person, looked remarkably young in spite of his gray hair. He has a keen sense of humor, and a gentle demeanor that augur well for the peace of the woman, whoever she may be, who accepts his name. "It is true that I am lonely," he continued, "and would like to be married. Being poor I would want the lady to have some means. This was said with an engaging simplicity that belongs perhaps to the clergyman's acceptance of poverty as part of his life."

"The paper referred to my rosy cheeks," continued Dr. Geer. "In view of many causes contributing to such ruddiness in this great city I think mine should be classified. I got it from the Devonshire air."

As he spoke the hotel clerk announced another reporter and the doctor looked alarmed.

"How long is this likely to last?" he exclaimed. "Why, I can't get out to luncheon. I don't understand it. England reporters would not think of asking about one's private affairs. Even in case of murder they would not enter a private house to get news. It wouldn't be allowed. Why, do you know, when the bishop of London was here recently a reporter called him on the telephone at 5 in the morning to ask his engagements for the day. He was very indignant."

"I tried to explain to the doctor the difference between a private affair and a 'heart interest story,' to use a 'trade' term, but I had to give it up. He couldn't see it. But anyway, let's got his 'ad' in the paper and I hope he'll get the wife. He deserves a good one, too.—St. Louis Chronicle.

"See here," asked the cautious stranger, "if I decide to stay here for a week, how much is it going to cost me?" "You can answer that best yourself," replied the clerk of the Florida hotel. "How much have you got?"—Philadelphia Press.

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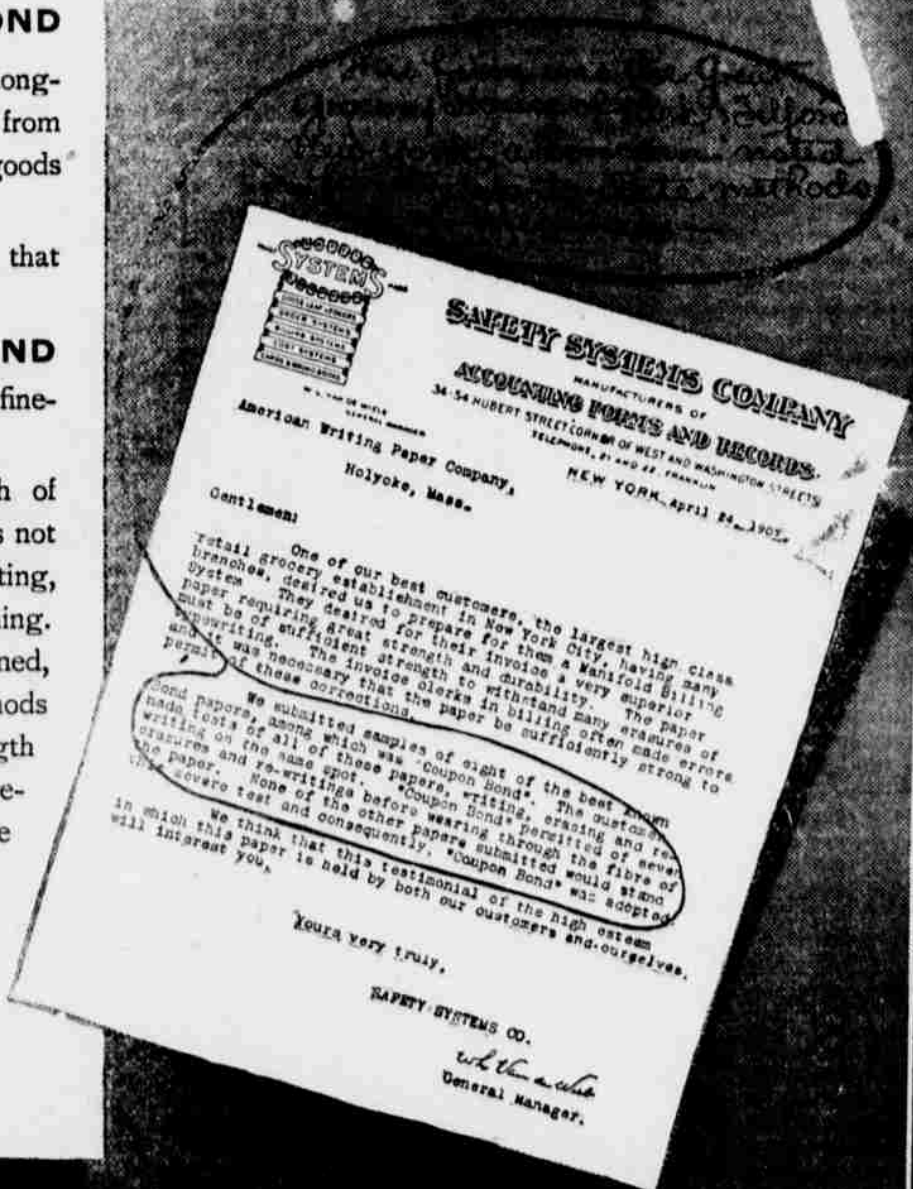
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