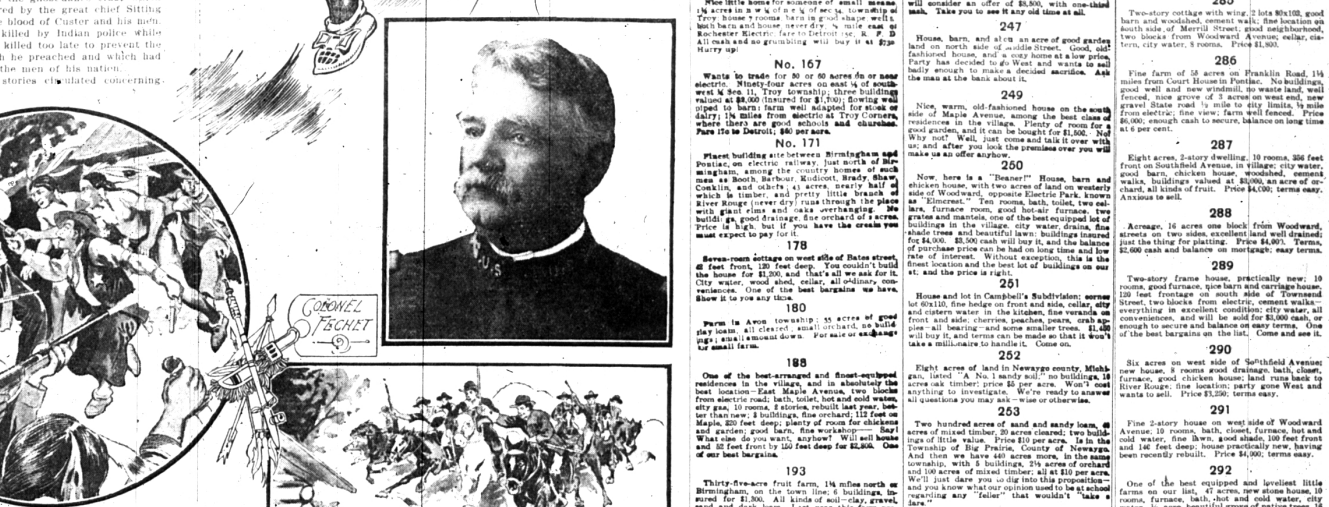


THE DEATH OF SITTING BULL

WASHINGTON—Memories of Indian war fade rapidly from the minds of all persons who were not actively engaged in the hostilities. In the east the troubles in the past on the frontier held the attention and interest but the easterner ever gave little heed to the sufferings and the men of the United States army who faced danger after danger and withstood hardship after hardship with precious little hope of any reward save the consciousness of duty well done.

It is probable that not one person in a hundred can name the battle fought only 18 years ago and in which the casualties to the small force of the regular army engaged amounted to 90 men killed and wounded. That battle was the battle of Wounded Knee, and today it is nearly lost to the recollection of the masses. There are several instances in the history of Washington who had a part in that Dakota fight. The fight between Col. Forsyth's men of the Seventh cavalry and the band of Big Horn's Sioux, was the result of the ghost-dance craze which had been started and fostered by the great chief Sitting Bull, of whose band was the blood of Custer and his men. Sitting Bull was shot and killed by Indian police resisting arrest, but he was killed too late to prevent the spread of the doctrine, which he preached and which had run like prairie fire among the men of his nation.

There were all sorts of stories circulated concerning



FECHET LED HIS LITTLE COMMAND IN A WILD DASH ON THE INDIANS.

them at a distance was the house of Sitting Bull, and in front of it, some hundreds of yards away, was a large log building from which came a feeble rattle fire.

Capt. Fechet had his Hotchkiss thrown into action and he dropped a shell in front of the ghost dancers, and then the command charged down the hill.

The shell and its frightening effect on the savages, who held aloof though still pouring in their fire, which was answered by the soldiers as Fechet himself took a rapid course to the log house, with his life in his hands every step of the way.

Inside the hut were found three of the Indian policemen and three mortally wounded. The wounded, resolved on exacting a price for their coming death, were still using their rifles against the besieging force. The soldiers finally drove the savages to flight.

The few that were left living of the little force of Indian police told this story. Lieut. Bull Head had arrested Sitting Bull and had led the chief from his cabin only to be confronted by hundreds of crazed savages. Catch-the-Bear and Strike-the-Kettle, two of Sitting Bull's men, strode through the Indian ranks, raised their rifles and fired. Bull Head was shot through the body. Lying on the ground, he was quickly and killed. Strike-the-Kettle killed Sergt. Shave Head. Instantly Policeman Lone Man added Catch-the-Bear. Then the surviving policemen sought shelter in the cabin and held off the ghost dancers as has been told.

With the Rosebud, Standing Rock and Pine Ridge Sioux, who went on the warpath in December, 1890, were a few stalwart warriors of the tribe of the Northern Cheyennes. That the Cheyennes braves were so limited in number was due to the fact that 12 years before the nation, exiled and longing for its old home, had met with practical annihilation in the attempt to regain it.

The Northern Cheyennes had been sent to a reservation in the Indian territory following one of the uprisings against the whites. Their hearts had been broken in their old home and the warriors returned to return.

Late in the fall of the year 1878 the Cheyenne braves, taking advantage of the temporary absence of their soldier guardians, gathered together in their own homes and decided to dash northward in the direction of the land where their fathers had lived from the time back of the beginning of tradition.

They had been told by the Indian agents and by the soldiers, who acted under orders, that they never could take the trail back to the north. They had no need to be told, but they gathered their possessions they set out.

The Cheyennes' love of home, natural and sympathy-compelling to everyone except to those who thought that an Indian should have naught to do with home-sickness, was the cause of the destruction of the great Sioux chief.

When Gen. Miles learned of the teachings of Sitting Bull and of his rapid spread, the chief's arrest was ordered. Accordingly Indian police led by Lieut. Bull Head and Sergt. Shave Head were dispatched from Fort Yates to arrest the chief at his log hut miles away. Capt. Fechet of the Eighth cavalry was ordered with his command, consisting of two troops, and, if memory serves, two light field pieces, to make a night march to Oak Creek, about 18 miles from Sitting Bull's house, there to receive the prisoner when he was turned over to Lieut. Bull Head.

Capt. Fechet and his men reached the rendezvous at 4:30 a. m. on one of the coldest mornings of a Dakota December day. There was no sign of the Indian police, nor yet of the scout which Bull Head was to send in advance to inform the cavalry officer of his coming.

Fechet's soldier instinct told him at once that there must be trouble. His men had had the ghost kind of a night ride, but they were willing, and he pushed forward rapidly. After he had made several miles he was met by a scout who was riding like mad. The runner told Fechet that all the Indian police who had gone to arrest Sitting Bull had been killed by the ghost dancers, and that there were thousands upon thousands of men fully armed and in their war paint ready for battle.

Fechet looked over his small command and went ahead at full gallop, his only thought being to get away as fast as he could. He might be alive, giving no heed to the other thought that ahead of him might be overwhelming numbers of the savages and the fate of Custer. It was terrible risk that he was taking.

When the morning was a little advanced the men of the command heard firing, which seemed to come from different points. On they went until they came to the brow of the hill. Below

ONE WAY TO CATCH COYOTES

Indian Straggle Secured More Than Army Officer Needed to Make Carriage Ride.

Coyotes and wolves were plentiful about the camp, and I decided to get rid of them and have an Indian woman as an attendant, leaving the tails on, and make a carriage ride for my sister, Brig. Gen. H. H. Pratt, who was once stationed in Oklahoma, was lately told of an Oklahoma acquaintance. "A Comanche named Esatoyet and his wife agreed to let the straggle ride them for a consideration, if I would give them a beef and some poison. The beef contractor sold me a beef for seven dollars. We were to pay him \$2.50 a hundred for the best beef for my use. I got the poison and went with Esatoyet and his wife to see them set the bait. They drove the

beef to a glade a mile from camp, killed it, took the hide and all the best meat for their own use, and then sprinkled the poison on the carcass.

"Esatoyet and I got 30 sticks of fat and a half long and sharpened them at both ends. These he stuck in the ground in large circles, and put a piece of fat in each. A chunk of liver or heart, asping as he did so: 'Sugar, I want beef. The next morning I went with them to see the results of our venture, and

we found 27 coyotes and two large gray wolves dead about the carcass and vicinity, so I got my robe and had skins to spare.'—Kansas City Star.

Erect Immense Steel Shed.

It is the usual custom to build a shed under a shed, that the work may proceed without regard to weather conditions. The steel framework under which the 900-foot White Star Irons are to be built has just been completed. It covers an area 200 by 850 feet.

Real Estate Exchange

OF WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL
 Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of Farms, City and Village Lots, and Real Estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list.

- 6. Eight-acre house and 20 feet front on 20' front on Maple Ave. East. (Half an acre). Five rooms, bath, kitchen, dining room, living room, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the owner would take for the same property. See advertisement for portion of the purchase price.
- 6b. Village lots on Woodward Avenue. Section 10, block 10, lot 10, east of D. & H. & M. R. Ry. front by Bowser street, west by Woodward Avenue, 100 feet front on Woodward Avenue, 100 feet deep on north side and 100 feet on south side, all the same. Located in Mich. One of the best building sites in the city.
- 77. One set on Baginaw street, just south of land owned by John M. G. Smith. See listing. Any one wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. See advertisement for portion of the purchase price.
- 103. Eight-acre farm in White Lake township, 1/4 of a 1/4 of section 22, 20 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and brush, 10 acres woods. This acre was planted the year over \$100.00. 100 feet front on Woodward Avenue, 100 feet deep on north side and 100 feet on south side, all the same. Located in Mich. One of the best building sites in the city.
- 147. One little home for sale of small means. 1/2 acre lot, 100 feet front on Woodward Avenue, 100 feet deep on north side and 100 feet on south side, all the same. Located in Mich. One of the best building sites in the city.
- 167. Wants to trade for 30 or 40 acres or more. Ninety-four acres on east of Woodward Avenue, 100 feet front on Woodward Avenue, 100 feet deep on north side and 100 feet on south side, all the same. Located in Mich. One of the best building sites in the city.
- 171. Place building area between Birmingham and Plainfield, on electric railway, just north of Birmingham, among the country houses, such as Wood, Brook, Redwood, Redwood, Redwood, etc. 1/2 acre lot, 100 feet front on Woodward Avenue, 100 feet deep on north side and 100 feet on south side, all the same. Located in Mich. One of the best building sites in the city.
- 178. Seven-room cottage on west side of First street, 100 feet front on Woodward Avenue, 100 feet deep on north side and 100 feet on south side, all the same. Located in Mich. One of the best building sites in the city.
- 180. Plans in Aron township, at price of good land. 100 feet front on Woodward Avenue, 100 feet deep on north side and 100 feet on south side, all the same. Located in Mich. One of the best building sites in the city.
- 188. One of the best-arranged and most-securely located farms in the county. 100 acres, 100 feet front on Woodward Avenue, 100 feet deep on north side and 100 feet on south side, all the same. Located in Mich. One of the best building sites in the city.
- 193. Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1/4 mile north of Birmingham, on the west side of Woodward Avenue, 100 feet front on Woodward Avenue, 100 feet deep on north side and 100 feet on south side, all the same. Located in Mich. One of the best building sites in the city.
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HOUSES UNDER THE GROUND.

Dwellers in the Desert Make Practical Use of Walls Erected by the Ancient Romans.

Concerning the mysterious underground dwellings in the desert back of Tripoli Hassan Vlachar writes in the Geographical Journal: "On the northern edge of the mountains the ruins of the ancient city of Gharian, with its large and gardens, stand like an island among the general destruction. To this day the old Roman terraces are to be seen, and the ruins of the sea and the winter rains and give one an idea of the country's former prosperity. The village of Gharian lies partly on the terraces, and the large farm gardens, built on the old terraces. Ruined castles look down from every little hill, old Roman or Turkish towers. The present inhabitants live in underground houses, built on the solid rocks, the ancient dwellings probably of some prehistoric race.

"A curious mass of earth mounds, which rose on either side of the road, showed the position of the village. From one of these mounds the rubbish taken out of the ground when the house was built, I looked down into a square courtyard about thirty feet below the ground, with walls built perpendicularly out of the rock. Around the walls several doors and arched windows showed the different rooms. The master of the house then led us to a door which was built above the ground, like the entrance to some cell. It looked like a narrow passage or tunnel to the courtyard below. The first apartment we came to held donkeys and some goats and was used as a stable.

"The living rooms were all white-washed and, like the courtyard, were built on the rock. The walls were whitewashed and the ceiling was made of the square of dark blue sky. The inhabitants praise their houses, for they are cool in summer and warm in winter, when the cold northeast wind blows, but they know nothing of the original builders."

Land and Nautical Miles.

In considering the speed of a steamship, it must be remembered that a knot, or nautical mile, is a very different thing from a land mile. There are 1.25 to a knot, or about 1.687 feet and a fraction. Therefore, when a vessel makes 23.95 knots an hour, she passes over very nearly 37 land miles.

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