

THEIR TALK WITH TORCHES

An Exchange of Signals Between the Friendly and Hostile Indians.

SERIOUS WORK OF MISCHIEF MAKERS

They Excite the Indians in Camp at Pine Ridge with Stories That Their Brothers Are Being Butchered Like Cattle.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Nov. 25.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—When the bugle sounded for lights out last night General Brooke and Agents Royer and Cooper were anxiously discussing the degree of seriousness to be placed on a complicated series of brilliant torch signals being indulged in, greatly to their surprise, between the friendly and the unfriendly divisions, a complete separation of whom had been effected only a few hours before.

"It looks very bad to see these two factions exchanging fiery messages with so much persistence," remarked Agent Royer. "No, sir," exclaimed Special Agent Cooper, "you may well say it is not the thing and my ten or fifteen years' experience of such display tells me we should get to the bottom of the signals if we can."

"Do it sure," replied General Brooke. "Just then an Indian scout dashed up and said that the signaling was between the leading chiefs among the friendlies and Red Cloud's warriors. The scout went on to say the friendlies were telling Red Cloud's band their opinion as to what the troops were going to do and that they, the friendlies, would let them know if the troops made a start to march against them."

"Then the friendlies, or at least some of them, are not so friendly after all," remarked the general. "No," replied Cooper, "they must be watched with increased vigilance."

When called upon Agent Royer this morning his first remark was this: "I'm not in a good humor this morning, I'm mad. I open my eyes this morning and find one of our Indian police at my bedside. He informed me the Indians whom we have thought all along could certainly be depended upon as friendly, indeed all of those whom we have put on the friendly side of the camp, have their horses all fixed up to go on the warpath, while the ghost walking gang is also, it is said, on the warpath."

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When it is discovered that the pipe is not smoked the dancers wait and say and then commence dancing, holding hands. The dancers form a ring and dance around the shrine, their feet keeping time to a wailing and morose cry.

In circling around with their eyes closed they become dizzy, and when they can no longer stand, fall out on the ground and remain lying there until they regain their consciousness and then they tell the medicine men what they saw when in spirit. These men were offered \$5.00 each if they would tell a Catholic priest what they saw, but they saw nothing and could tell nothing.

Outside of the dancing and which is nothing but pretense and acting, the dance is nothing but a quiet religious ceremony, with less excitement than is often seen in a Methodist revival.

The Indians had no guns at all and had none in their tepees. They have no idea of such a thing. They are not so much afraid of the Indians as they are of the white men. The Indians dance with their clothes all on and their faces painted white. They put on a cotton shirt with a big eagle painted on the back to take them to the spirit land when they die.

While the dance was in progress fifty mounted Indians came over the hill from Porcupine creek. They came in two abreast and up to the top of the hill. While they were in this line, and before they dismounted, we went down the line and gave each Indian a cigar. This was done for the purpose of making the Indians feel that we were not afraid of them.

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More Cavalry. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 25.—The Sixth cavalry is ready for transportation to South Dakota. A special train has been ordered.

A Variety of Comments on the Gladstone-Parnell Trouble. LONDON, Nov. 25.—All the papers comment freely on the Parnell matter. The Daily News says it is with the deepest regret it places together publicly for the first time the names of Gladstone and Parnell. The latter will find Englishmen are not to be persuaded out of their convictions. The Post says Parnell's action threatens to dissolve the home rule alliance more suddenly than it was formed. The Times makes a savage attack upon Gladstone, saying that he conceals the fact that exists entirely with the chief of a criminal conspiracy to close the ranks of the quondam liberal leader with a most impudent and unbecoming appeal to temporize, the sting will not be removed from the minds of Englishmen.

Godfrey Wins the Fight. NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The long-expected glove fight between Godfrey, colored, of Providence and Ed Smith, of Denver took place tonight at the Metropolitan Club of the Puritan athletic club of Long Island City, and resulted in a victory for Godfrey. Jere Dunn acted as referee and held the \$2,000 purse given by the club. From the start it was plain Smith was overmatched. He made a game fight, however, and several times resisted his opponent's blows. Godfrey gained an advantage in nearly every round and in the twenty-third landed a heavy right-hand blow on Smith's ear. Smith staggered and nearly fell and he was making an effort again to put up his hands. Referee Dunn stopped the fight, giving it to Godfrey.

The Floods Subsiding. VIENNA, Nov. 25.—There was a sharp frost throughout Bohemia. The floods generally are subsiding but the Danube and Elbe are still rising. Two violent shocks of earthquake were felt at Pressburg today.

Took the Packing Company In. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Nov. 25.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The city council last night passed an ordinance extending the city limits so as to bring the Nebraska City pack-

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Interesting Figures in the Report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.