

TWENTIETH YEAR.

HOSTILE CHIEFS COME IN.

Under a Flag of Truce They Hold a Council with General Brooks.

THEY WILL RETURN ON CONDITION.

Transportation from the Bad Lands to Pine Ridge Must Be Furnished for the Entire Outfit.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., (via Rushville, Neb.) Dec. 6.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Some of the hostile chiefs have kept their sworn pledge to come in and see General Brooks. They came bearing a flag of truce and armed with Winchester and Springfield rifles. The entrance of the novel procession caused a flutter of excitement, the greatest that has been known here at the agency since the trouble began. First came the chiefs, who were Turning Bear, Big Turkey, Hugh Pine, Big Bad Horse and Bull Dog, who was one of the leaders in the Custer massacre. Next came Two Strike, the head chief, seated in a buggy with Father Jute. Surrounding these was a polygynous of four young warriors. All of the Indians were decorated with war paint and feathers, while many wore ghost dance leggings and had the ghost dance shirt dangling at their saddles. Bunches of eagle feathers were tied in the manes and tails of most of the ponies, while the backs of the docile little animals were streaked with paint.

The lurid warlike cavalcade proceeded at once to General Brooks's headquarters in the agency residence. At a given signal all leaped to the ground, hitched their ponies to the trees and guided by Father Jute, they entered the general's apartment, where the council was held, lasting two hours.

At the beginning of the powwow General Brooks explained that the great father, through him, had asked them to come in and have a talk regarding the situation. A great deal of misunderstanding and trouble had risen by the reports taken to and fro between the camps by irresponsible parties, and it was therefore considered very necessary that they have a talk face to face. Through him, he said, the great father wanted to tell them that if they would come in and live near the agency, where he (General Brooks) could see them often, and not be compelled to depend upon hearsay, he would give them plenty to eat and would employ many of their young men as scouts, etc. He said he had heard they were hostile Indians, but he did not believe it. The soldiers did not come there to fight, but to protect the settlers and keep peace. He hoped that they (the Indians) were all in favor of peace, as the great father did not want war. As to the change in the boundary line between Pine Ridge and Rosebud agency, he said that and many other things would be settled satisfactorily after they had shown a disposition to come in as asked by the great father. Wounded Knee was suggested as a place that would prove satisfactory to the great father to have them live.

The representatives of the hostiles listened with contracted brows, silent glances at one another, and low grunts. When the general had concluded his remarks Turning Bear came forward and spoke in reply. He is the finest specimen of the blanket wrapped Indian that we have seen since coming here. With a face that is positively handsome, a form erect as a flagstaff, and a voice that would attract favorable comment in legislative halls, he proved a most interesting person. Sunned down to a few words, Turning Bear gave expression to the following ideas:

It would be a bad thing for them to come nearer the agency, because there was no water or grass for their horses here. He couldn't understand how their young men could be employed as scouts if there was no enemy to be watched. They would be glad to be employed and get paid for it. They might come in, but as the old men and old women have no horses, and as their people had nothing generally to pull their wagons, it would take them a long time to come. If they did come they should want the great father to send horses and wagons out to the bad lands camp and bring in the great quantities of beef, etc., they had there and take it anywhere to a new camp that might be agreed on. In conclusion, the speakers hoped that they would be given something to eat before they started back. To this the general replied that he intended before the council closed to tell them that they should be given food. As for horses and wagons being sent after the beef, the general said that and many other things would be considered after they had adressed to the great father's request to move into the agency. Any reference whatever to the wholesale devastation, depredations, thieving, burning of buildings, etc., was studiously avoided on both sides.

After the powwow was over the thieving gang was conducted to the quartermaster's department and there given a big fat feed. Then the squaws living here at the agency came out in gaudy feather and gave a grand squaw dance.

Before leaving the subject of the council I have only to add that General Brooks seems to believe that the hostiles will give up their designs of war within one or two days, while the agency officials and others think differently.

Before the bearers of the white rag left the agency a white man named John Sweeny, whose place was among those plundered, recognized his overcoat on the back of one of the hostiles. Sweeny immediately reported the discovery to General Brooks, who sent Frank Garvard, the chief scout, out to collar the war painted "brave." At least accounts they hadn't been able to find him.

Special Agent Royer recognized a Custer student among the visiting hostiles, and when he went up and spoke to him the young rebel actually looked ashamed.

Aside from Turning Bear, the entire forty-five were the most brutal looking Indians I have ever seen, a fact commented upon by everyone who saw them. A fact that five of the most influential of the young hostile chiefs who took an oath to come in and violated it, namely, Crow Leg, High Hawk, Eagle Pipe, Short Bull, and Ricking Bear, proves to a very great extent, how much dependence is to be placed upon the idea that more than possibly a hundred or so of the 2,000 blood-thirsty savages will lay down their arms or be good, as the government has requested them to do today.

Agent Royer has finally been successful in securing the names of some of the principal sufferers from the recent desperate raids made by the band of about two thousand Indians who have defiantly located in the bad lands. The information obtained was from William McAlla and John O'Rourke, who have owned and operated extensive stock ranches just beyond the north and northwest border of this reservation for years.

I was present when these gentlemen ap-

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PARNELL HOLDS THE FORT.

He Repulses All Attacks and Outmasters His Opponents.

VITUPERATION VERGING ON VIOLENCE.

An Encounter with McCarthy that Almost Came to Blows—The Antis Prepare a Manifesto.

[Copyright 1890 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, Dec. 6.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—There was terrific fighting among the nationalists today. At one time it nearly culminated in a personal encounter. The anti-Parnells woke up this morning to the conviction that they had been grossly foisted during the week, especially in the bogus negotiations with Gladstone, so adroitly set on foot by Parnell, consequently they went to Room 15 in a highly belligerent spirit. They were resolved to make an end of Parnell's leadership at all costs. Parnell was prepared for extremities and, as events showed, he outmastered his opponents in daring and remains in possession of the field, though with reduced forces.

Sexton and Healy lost no time in opening hostilities. It was known that Gladstone had declined even to nibble at the bats set for him, refusing to enter into any further negotiations with the Irish party until Parnell had been formally deposed. In this course Gladstone is supported by Harcourt, Morley, Earl Spencer and the whole of his party, many of whom thought he had gone too far already. Sexton declared that before the day had closed Parnell should be driven out.

This provoked a violent storm which raged some minutes. Parnell's position as chairman gave him power to put any resolution to the meeting or to refuse. This kept all his opponents at bay. At last Abrahams brought up a resolution declaring Parnell's leadership at an end. Then ensued a tremendous scene. Justin McCarthy held out his hand to receive the resolution, intending to put it to the meeting, ignoring the chairman. Parnell, suddenly reaching over, struck McCarthy's hand, seized the resolution and tore it up in the face of the meeting, whose howls, cheers and groans resounded through the building.

Justin Huntley McCarthy, who thus far has acted with Parnell, declared passionately against the chairman and accused him of insuting his father and betraying his country, and went over to the opposition camp amid the wildest excitement. Sexton, Healy, McCarthy and the rest of the opposition to the number of sixty-five walked out of the room and held a meeting of their own. They passed a resolution of an abstract kind affirming their adhesion to the doctrines of home rule as ratified by the Irish people, and proceeded to write a manifesto which is to be issued tomorrow.

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