

ANOTHER SKIRMISH.

A Wagon Train Surrounded by Hostiles and One Soldier Wounded.

STILL ON THE WOUNDED KNEE SITE.

The God of War Seems to Hover Over the Fated Spot.

FORSYTHE'S SUSPENSION EXPLAINED.

The President Says He Was Only Seeking for Information.

WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES CURIOUS.

They Are Anxious to Know Why Women and Children Were Killed in the Battle of Wounded Knee.

Rossville, Neb., Jan. 6.—A special from the camp near Wounded Knee creek gives particulars of another engagement which took place at that point yesterday morning.



DIAGRAM OF THE SITUATION AT THE BATTLE OF WOUNDED KNEE AT THE TIME THE INDIANS OPENED FIRE.

...SOLDIERS. ...INDIANS. ...SOLDIERS' TENTS. ...INDIAN TEPEES. ...BIG FOOT'S TENT. ...THE BEE CORRESPONDENT. ...CAVALRY HORSES tied together.

ROSEBUD STRONGLY GUARDED.

Every Preparation Made to Repel an Attack from the Indians. ROSBUD AGENCY, S. D. (via Valentine, Neb.), Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Last night Colonel Poland had the agency strongly guarded. In case an attack should be made he will not be caught napping.

AT THE FRONT.

Western Settlers Pluck Up Courage When the Militia Arrive. ROSVILLE, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—General L. W. Colby arrived here this afternoon and took command of the Nebraska militia forces. He was accompanied by Major C. O. Bates, assistant adjutant general, Brigades Surgeon Walden, and two aides. A detachment of the First and Second regiments of infantry have been stationed along the line of the railroad and the towns from Valentine to Harrison as follows: One company at Valentine, one at Cody, three at Gordon, four at Rossville, two at Hay Springs, three at Chadron, two at Crawford and one at Harrison. Colonel Eratt is in command of the First regiment and Colonel Bell of the Second. The utmost activity prevails. The guards are in good shape and spirits and confidence is being restored all along the line. Supplies are arriving from Lincoln and Fremont and are being distributed by order of Colonel Hotchkiss, quartermaster and inspector general. It is reported that General Colby proposes to concentrate his command by bringing the companies on the eastern side of the line to right and left and then advance his line to within a mile of the reservation, so that the settlers can return to their homes and the guards be between them and the hostiles. The arrival of the state troops and the general energy displayed has revived everybody. Reports of all kinds are in the air and no one knows what a day may bring forth.

dians at Fort Totten breaking out. They are in poor circumstances, and are not looking for Winchester's ammunition. What they want is pork and flour. They are getting less than half the usual rations and the next issue on February 1 will exhaust supplies. They are getting their clothing from the clothing store until the new appropriation is made.

FORSYTHE'S CASE.

No Investigation Was Expected During the Campaign. WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The correspondence in regard to Colonel Forsythe's case was made public today.

Under the date of December 20, General Schofield telegraphed General Miles asking thanks to be given the brave Seventh cavalry for their splendid conduct. January 1 General Miles telegraphed Major Schofield, in effect, that the action of the colonel commanding will be a matter of investigation. He thought it proper to ask if Schofield transmitted the message as sent. Miles said his disposition of the 400 soldiers and four pieces of artillery was faulty and that a large number of soldiers were killed and wounded by the fire from their own ranks and a large number of women and children killed in addition to the Indian men. Schofield replied to hold the message until the matter was looked into. He added that the secretary of war directs him to say:

"The president has heard with great regret of the failure of your efforts to secure a settlement of the Sioux trouble without bloodshed. He suggests that possibly a watchful observation of hostile bands that would prevent their breaking into the settlements and give the Indians time to recover from the present excitement, it would be well. But he leaves all this to your better judgment and discretion and would suggest that you should exercise the same necessary to protect the settlements. He hopes the report of the killing of women and children at Wounded Knee is unfounded and that you can cause immediate inquiry to be made and report the result. If there was any need of your efforts to relieve the responsible officers and to assist the troops on gaged there as to avoid its repetition. I wish to add to the president's suggestions the hope which I entertain that in spite of the unfortunate accidents which have occurred, that you may be allowed to convince the Indians that the purposes of the army are not hostile to them, but on the contrary friendly and directed by a desire to secure their future peace and prosperity, to obtain their rights without bloodshed."

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The Sixth at Gordon.

GORDON, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The boys of company H, Second regiment, Nebraska national guards, have about got down to business. The wire edge is about worn off and things are moving along in military style. Upon our arrival here we were met at the depot by a company of "home guards" in command of Captain Beely, who invited us to a vacant store building, where we were unexpectedly treated to a lunch and hot coffee. The citizens of Gordon evidently know how to get the good will of the national guards, and the boys are loaded in their praise of the treatment received. Although the members of company H were very tired they were not much sleep the first night. Some of the boys, however, could not stand so much loss of sleep and were soon "saying wood."

Monday morning, bright and early, the bugle call roused up the tired soldiers, and after a hasty toilet, hot coffee and other necessary edibles were consumed so that all were soon as full of life as usual. A minister came to headquarters and extended a hearty invitation to attend divine services, which was enthusiastically accepted. The boys spent the most of the day in looking about town and in manufacturing their own jokes, after the "Soo" fashion. A few of the boys were given to readers some idea of the difficulty encountered in naming.

The cabinet met today considered the Indian question especially with reference to General Miles' proposition to relieve Indian agents of the charge of the agencies near the scene of the trouble and to replace the chief officers of the agencies. Secretary Noble is known to be earnestly opposed to such a plan and its accomplishment is therefore a matter of doubt.

The Last of the Herd. WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The commissioner of Indian affairs received the following telegram from Pine Ridge: "Chief Herder Hugh has returned with 300 cattle. We have no information as to whether any more are scattered over the range. Hugh says he thinks the herders burned the ranch after he left." These 300 head are all that have been recovered from the original herd of about thirty-five hundred head driven off by hostiles.

They Will Fight. WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Company I of the First regiment of Nebraska national guards, under command of Captain W. H. Wilson, arrived here at noon today and are comfortably quartered in Barnes' hall. They have been busy enlarging the rifle pits which were made by the citizens and making new ones, and getting things in shape to stand a siege. They are a fine looking lot of men and will fight to the death.

Fighters at Crawford. CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Company D of Fairbury, Captain Heasley commanding, arrived here at 9:30 this morning and were assigned quarters in the town hall. There are at present six companies of the national guards stationed here: D of Fairbury; D of York; I of Stromsburg, of the Second regiment, Colonel C. J. Bills of Fairbury commanding, and K of Central City, D of Sutton and F of Junction.

More Small Arms Wanted. Shortly before 10 o'clock last night Colonel Hughes, Colonel Sheridan, Captains Ray, Ayers and Simpson were hastily summoned from their homes to once appear at army headquarters. After being closeted for an hour they returned with information that the meeting was for the purpose of making arrangements for sending a quantity of small arms to the officers and soldiers who are at Pine Ridge.

General Miles Urgent. WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—It is stated that the war department officials today received a letter from General Miles, urging the prompt approval of the recommendation that the Indian agents of the Nebraska reservation be superseded by army officers, and stating that the situation demands that the change be made at once. Secretary Noble declined to say anything upon the subject when questioned today, but persons close to him assert that the plan is approved and that its adoption of the plan on the ground that it would result in unduly long the good done in recent years toward the material advancement of the Indian tribes of the northwest.

At Long Pine. LONG PINE, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The train bearing the Nebraska national guards from the front of the reservation to the Long Pine agency has been met at the station between this place and Omaha by large crowds of interested people. Many of them have friends among the soldiers and militia men who have gone to the front, and not a few are scattering friends and relatives from the Indian side who have driven from the reservation to Long Pine. A large number of men have stopped to make his appearance on the platform to be greeted by rousing cheers or to meet some individual who knew him in the "South Dakota" agencies.

A Young Indian's Advice. A Carlisle student writes to his father at Rosbud: "The situation at Rosbud is peculiar. Sixteen hundred Indians are at Pine Ridge. Indeed the leaders of the hostiles seem to be Rosebud men. Two strike, Crow Dog, Kicking Bear and Short Bull are all from here. Since fighting was begun by the Indians in the south among the militia and the agent has been great difficulty in getting at false rumors which are spread all most every day. As the only two troops of cavalry stationed here have been sent to Pine Ridge, nothing can be done but hold the place and await reinforcements. The boys will have to be very careful. Two strike comes here and will warn everybody. The way in which some Indians have remained loyal is quite remarkable. A letter from a Carlisle student was sent to his father, as follows:

Company at Work. COBY, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Company I, First regiment, Bennett, arrived here at noon today. No immediate danger is anticipated and confidence is being restored. Even the Indians are reported to have been well guarded and in good shape.

Going to Crawford. COBY, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Company B, First regiment, Nebraska National guards, under command of Captain Kleinsmith and Major McGinnis, arrived in this city at 10 o'clock and then departed over the B. & M. for Crawford.

Troops Ordered from California. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 6.—General Gibbon has received orders from Washington to have two companies of the Fifth artillery and two companies of the Fourth cavalry held themselves in readiness to start at once for the scene of the Indian troubles in Dakota.

Captain Higgins' Opinion. CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Captain Higgins, at the army headquarters, received word from Pine Ridge this evening that Assistant Adjutant General Corbin arrived at the agency today. Captain Higgins thought that decisive operations were at hand. The situation had apparently become such that a definite move to the present crisis could not be long delayed.

tionally every day I remember you. I want to talk of all our matters. I have said all. Affectionately, your older brother I am.

Inquiring Into Stiring Bull's Death.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The house military affairs committee today ordered a favorable report on the McAdoo resolution calling for correspondence and papers with reference to the killing of Stiring Bull.

Scheme of the Hostiles.

They Were Prepared to Pick Off the Whites One by One. PINE RIDGE, S. D., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Sunday night will never be forgotten by anyone who spent it at Pine Ridge.

The Indians have always been permitted to come in, and during the day and evening they have been around the agency as they please, carrying guns in their hands. By the excited actions of half breeds and squaw men it was soon learned that there was a plan to take advantage of this leniency and gather in town late in the evening, and at a given signal for each Indian to pick out his man and kill him on the spot.

The Hostiles were to be close at hand and as soon as the firing began they were to rush in. Finally the half breeds told certain Indians that we were onto the scheme and told the bucks to "light out," or the soldiers would make it warm for them. In an hour there was not an Indian in camp except the uniformed scouts and police.

Word from Hay Springs.

The Militia on the Scene and the Situation Growing Worse. HAY SPRINGS, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The situation is still growing worse. A courier has arrived with reports that a red-hot skirmish took place on the White Clay today between the cow boys and the hostiles. One man and some Indians were killed.

Your correspondent today visited the White ranch and could see at a distance ranches and hay being burned. On our return we stopped at Addison, where we found companies C, D, E and G of the Seventh cavalry and companies E and D of the Sixth infantry. The boys all look well and say they would feel better if they only knew what the morning would bring forth, after leaving the camp. We could see Indian fire signals on all sides.

It looks as if the Indians had the soldiers surrounded, instead of the soldiers having the Indians surrounded. A number of half breeds are among the men who are driving their stock south for safety. They say there is going to be the worst Indian war ever known in the history of the Indians. Company G of the Nebraska national guards arrived here this evening with Major Courtwright in command. The boys are welcomed by many a settler as well as the entire town. Some of the boys are happy, while others are feeling blue.

No Cause for Alarm.

General Miles Attempts to Alleviate the Fears of Settlers. CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—A dispatch has just been received at railway headquarters here from General Miles, at Pine Ridge agency, asking Superintendent Sooley of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad to request all railway agents to notify settlers that the militia are on the reservation, and to be hemmed in by troops. A patrol is kept night and day, and there is no cause for the sensational reports now being circulated through the press; that is of the opinion that settlers are perfectly safe on their farms. The general says that five of the principal chiefs came in to the agency today. They have no serious complaints, and their strongholds indicate a complete change of sentiment and point to a speedy return of all to the agency. This information has been given to the settlers, and confidence is being restored.

Notwithstanding the favorable view taken by General Miles, many old timers in this vicinity still predict a bloody battle before the end of the month. Settlers who are readers. Private advices received late in the morning confirm the reports that squaw men and ranchmen are moving in places of safety. The action of their part is considered as an indication of further bloodshed. The militia company took advantage of a pleasant day after last night's storm and were out bright and early for a ten mile march directly north, returning about 10 o'clock. The company was in good luck and there have been no casualties to date. Everything is quiet in the city, an occasional family coming in from the country. Settlers are not in the least alarmed by the news received from General Miles, which it is hoped will prevent the anticipated stampede of these settlers to Chadron.

A special train with three companies of the First from Rossville, S. D., en route to the agency via Rosville, passed through here at 4 o'clock.

Relief for Settlers. CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Dr. George W. Martin, superintendent of the state relief, is here arranging to supply the settlers with provisions who have left their homes and have taken refuge in town. About one hundred and fifty are quartered in the churches and other vacant buildings. About eighty of them are from South Dakota and the rest are from Nebraska. The city council have wired Governor Mott of South Dakota for relief. Four more companies of the National guards arrived over the H. & M. today, from Stromsburg, Sutton, Fairbury and Junction. Colonel C. J. Bills is in command and took the afternoon train for Chadron, accompanied by staff officers. It is expected that Company D of the Second will leave for Harrison tomorrow and companies C, K and B of the First and Second will go to Chadron.

More Fortifications. HARRISON, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—In addition to a fort being built at the ranch of J. G. Morris another stronghold is being built further down Hat creek valley, at Montrose. At the summit of a hill there is an excavation 300x90 feet, to be made inaccessible by a stone wall with loopholes. It will be seen that many settlers in Hat creek basin propose to remain near home these troublesome times instead of abandoning homes and stock and pouring into towns on the railroads.

Nep Persecutes Ghost Dancing. COLfax, Wash., Jan. 6.—Advices from Moscow, Idaho, state that the Nez Percés Indians are engaged in ghost dances and the settlers are greatly alarmed.

Young Man Afraid of His Horse. CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Captain O'Connell,

First infantry, United States regulars, arrived here today with Indian Chief Young Man-Afraid-of-His-Horse and three of his braves, who will be taken to Pine Ridge agency. These Indians are friendly and will be their influence on the hostiles over in the field with a view to conciliate them.

GOVERNOR TIER'S MESSAGE.

One of the Longest Ever Issued by Him. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 6.—Governor Trier's message, which will be submitted to the legislature tomorrow, will be one of the longest ever issued by him. The world's fair and the legislation necessary for the Illinois exhibit is discussed at length. The governor recommends a generous appropriation for all legitimate purposes for the exhibit. He does not attempt to indicate how the money should be expended beyond recommending that no branch of industry or natural resource which can demonstrate the wonderful resources and possibilities of Illinois should be ignored. The subject of ballot reform receives considerable attention and the governor warmly urges the legislature to take some action at this session to protect the purity of public elections. The strength recently displayed by farmer organizations is recognized in the recommendation that a general assembly devote some attention to agricultural legislation. In this connection the necessity of amendments to the revenue system of the state are suggested. The penal and reform institutions are recited to be in fair condition and certain appropriations are touched upon and evidently favored by the governor. This is a subject which many philanthropists have given a great deal of attention and the governor has received considerable communications on the subject. He especially urges the necessity of prompt legislation for the employment of a vast number of inmates of the penitentiaries, who will be released by the railroad and warehouse commission. The condition of the Illinois state contracts. Special attention is called to the recommendations for railroad legislation made by the railroad and warehouse commission. The condition of the Michigan canal is also reported. This has been one of the worst years in the history of this public enterprise, not only in matter of earnings but in frequent washouts and other mishaps.

To Fight the Harvester Trust. ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 6.—The Pioneer Press special from Fargo, N. D., says: Arrangements are being made to fight the collection of all notes now held by harvester companies. The trust has been said that notes to the amount of about \$3,000,000 were given for binders, which were included in the contract that repairs will be done free, and the rest of the contract "American harvester company" has made a rule that all repairs must hereafter be paid for in cash. Another group of men are going to the Central Congressional church, asserting that they are organized to fight the trust. It is estimated that the new company is a trust that is contrary to the laws of the United States and North Dakota. Arrangements are also being made to antagonize the business of the new company.

The Eye-weather Will Case. NEW YORK, June 6.—The Eye-weather will contest case came up in the surrogate's court today. He held that Mrs. Eye-weather must support her general allegations of undue influence and fraud. According to a local paper there are very sensational developments to come. Rev. Dr. Lloyd, pastor of the Central Congregational church, asserts that he was excluded from the millionaire's sick room the day of his death by the Eye-weather family. The Eye-weather family was induced to sign a codicil to his will leaving nearly \$5,000,000 to the three executors. He was partially unconscious. Further sensational news is promised.

The Weather Forecast. For Omaha and vicinity—Fair, followed by light snow; slightly colder. For Nebraska—Local snows; southerly winds, becoming variable; slight change in temperature; colder Thursday. For Iowa—Local snows; southerly winds; slight changes in temperature Wednesday; southerly winds, shifting to northerly.

Far from a Compromise. ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 6.—In the Minnesota legislature today the alliance-democratic combination elected their caucus nominees. In fact the nominees are considered, however, the three parties in the lower house are yet far from a compromise. The democrats claim the alliance got the best of it in the senate, and they want the best offices in the house. The republicans hope through this failure to agree to elect their man.

Delaware's Legislature Convenes. DOVER, Del., Jan. 6.—The general assembly convened today. The democratic nominees were elected. Governor Beag's message closed with a denunciation of the "force" bill and a declaration that it is the duty of the legislature as well to protest against the legislation for the proper representation of Delaware at the world's fair was urged.

Ohio Lawmakers Assemble. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 6.—The Ohio legislature convened in adjourned session this afternoon and listened to the reading of the governor's message. He recommends changes in the revenue laws, and recommends the Australian ballot system and a primary election law.

Auditing Campaign Accounts. DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The democratic state central committee is in session in this city, auditing the accounts of the last campaign and discussing plans for the future. Nearly all the members are present.

An Explanation Wanted. WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The police of Hoboken, N. J., took four firemen from the German steamer Elbe who had been riotous on shore. The German minister has complained to Secretary Blaine and the latter asks the governor of New Jersey to explain.

Grievances of Trainmen. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The Pennsylvania company's lines west of Pittsburgh presented a bill of grievances to the various superintendents on the different lines today. A strike is not anticipated.

The Colorado Legislature. DENVER, Colo., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The republican legislature caucus tonight nominated Hon. James W. Hanna of Montezuma county as candidate for speaker.

Went Through a Trestle. LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 6.—The Chesapeake & Ohio express went through a trestle near Stepstone today. Engineer Kilburn and Fireman McNeal were killed.

The Feast Recalled. LONDON, Jan. 6.—Nicholas, duke of Leuchtenberg, is dead in Paris.

Paper to be Returned in Gold. PARIS, Jan. 6.—A dispatch from Montevideo says the government of Uruguay will begin redeeming paper currency in gold on January 5.

Julia Ferry Challenged to Fight. PARIS, Jan. 6.—Duret has challenged Ferry to a duel as a result of a letter which Ferry wrote to the Matin.

Steamship Arrivals. AT NEW YORK—The Queen, from Liverpool.

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Stevens appealed from the decision of the chair, and the decision was not sustained. Fifteen minutes later the democrats, led by the Douglas county delegation, came in and took seats on the north side of the house in a solid body.

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At the same hour the crowds began to pour in, and in a few minutes the galleries were densely packed, and all available standing room was soon taken. At a quarter to 12 Tom Cooke, first assistant clerk of the last house, put in an appearance and took his old position behind the clerk's desk.

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