

FERCE FIGHT WITH INDIANS

FIVE HUNDRED MEN AFTER RED SKINS IN WYOMING.

A Second Fight Took Place—Nine Indians Reported Killed Outright and Ten Captured—Whites Escaped Without Loss—More Trouble Looked for—Indians Hunting Out of Season.

Denver, Col., Nov. 3.—Five hundred men, including sheriffs' posses, augmented by volunteers from the ranches adjacent, are scouring the country the country in the vicinity of Lightning creek, in eastern Wyoming, in search of the band of Indians which Saturday afternoon fought a battle with Sheriff Miller's posse, killing the sheriff and one deputy named Fossenburg.

A second battle is reported to have taken place this morning near the Horse Shoe ranch. The fugitives were traced by a posse, and with their reinforcements made a determined stand. Nine Indians are reported killed outright and 10 captured. The white men escaped without loss or injury. The news of the battle has spread to the reservation and to other hunting parties, and a general uprising of the reds is feared. There is reason to believe that Indian couriers are enticing the redmen to deeds of violence. Governor Chatterton is investigating the report of the second battle, and should the story be confirmed he will immediately order troops into the field to suppress the uprising.

News from the scene of the trouble, which is 25 miles from telegraphic communication, is very meager.

The Indians, 75 in number, said to be under the leadership of Charlie Carries Elk, are supposed to be Sioux from the Pine Ridge and Rosebud agencies in South Dakota. They have been hunting in Converse county, Wyoming, in violation of the game laws of the state. Sheriff Miller, with a posse, went to the scene of their depredations last Saturday for the purpose of arresting the Indians. The Indians had received warning of the coming of the whites, and prepared an ambush for them. The posse would have been entirely wiped out but for the fact that they were proceeding cautiously, and were in a measure prepared for some trick on the part of the Indians.

Killing and Stealing Cattle.

The settlers have been complaining bitterly that the Indians have been killing and stealing their cattle. Settlers warned the leaders of the band to leave the country, but the redskins only laughed at them. They claimed that the government had so reduced the amount of rations that they were forced to kill game to keep from starving. Charlie Carries Elk openly declared that if he and his followers were driven too far they would fight.

When Sheriff Miller of Weston county was notified of the refusal of the Indians to get out of the state, and the threats made by them, he organized a small posse, including R. D. Hackney, D. O. Johnson, Fred Howell, Lieutenant B. F. Hilton and James Davis, and started for Beaver creek, along which the redskins were encamped. On Friday the Indian camp was reached. It was deserted by all except the squaws, children and a few old men, who were busy skinning wild animals and preparing the meat for winter use. The entire camp was placed under arrest and sent to Newcastle in charge of Lieutenant Hilton.

The posse started on a search for the braves. They were located Saturday, and during the afternoon Sheriff Miller and his deputies started to close in on them. When the whites got within rifle range of the Indian camp they were suddenly fired upon, and the battle followed.

Sioux or Crows?

Governor Chatterton reports that the Indians had been illegally hunting in Lightning creek, 40 miles from Lusk, on the Northwestern railroad.

Sheriff Miller was seriously shot through the hip by the Indians, and a member of his posse, Falkenberg, was killed. Three Indians were killed. The Indians are reported by Putnam, county clerk of Weston county, to be from Pine Ridge. Later information is to the effect that the Indians are Crows. The remainder of the party are at large in Wyoming and are supposed to be headed eastward toward Nebraska.

Senator Warren suggests that the Indians should be arrested, and he expressed the opinion that they can be reached either through Indian agents or the military authorities. The authorities here believe that the Indians are a band of Crows on their way to the Pine Ridge agency to make a visit. It is thought their meat supply was exhausted and they were hunting to obtain food.

Towne—I suppose you have heard that old Lawyer Sharpe is lying at the point of death.

Brown—No. Well, well, the ruling passion strong in death, eh?—Philadelphia Press.

PUBLIC LAND FRAUDS.

Statement From Secretary of Interior Department.

The following statement of the conduct of the investigation into public land frauds in the Pacific coast states was prepared at the interior department and given out with Secretary Hitchcock's approval:

"Nearly a year ago a report reached the secretary which indicated that frauds of a serious nature had been and were being perpetrated against the government under what is known as the forest reserve land act of June 4, 1897, by a combination of land speculators on the Pacific coast. The information indicated frauds were of so grave a character that the secretary at once directed a thorough investigation to be made. This was commenced last June and has been conducted by those in charge of the actual work with great care and with all possible speed consistent with thoroughness. The investigation has proceeded without intermission under the secretary's personal direction and every clue to wrongdoing has been quietly followed to its source, with the result that it is the confident belief of those in charge that the guilty parties will be apprehended and speedily brought to justice.

"It has been the determination of the secretary from the beginning that the matter should be probed to the bottom regardless of the apparent influential character of some of the men involved, and the inquiry has been conducted throughout along these lines. The work is now nearing completion and the whole matter at an early date will be in shape for definite and appropriate action against the offenders.

"While several hundred thousand acres of public lands are involved in the illegal transactions brought to light, the number of acres to which patents have been obtained by the perpetrators of the fraud is comparatively small. It is proper to say also that some of the statements in regard to the matter which have appeared in the newspapers recently, both in the east and in the west, are more or less exaggerated and others are mere surmises.

"The statements widely circulated to the effect that five United States senators and a large number of representatives were implicated and that the land involved will reach in value \$15,000,000, are without foundation. It can be positively stated that they did not originate in the interior department.

"The details of the investigation are known to few. At the proper time a full statement will be made covering the results of the entire investigation and the whole matter will be given to the public; but, for obvious reasons, it is not deemed expedient that a detailed statement of the facts should be given at the present time.

"The work of the investigation has been conducted by Arthur B. Hugh, assistant attorney in the interior department, and William J. Burns of the secret service of the treasury department. Mr. Burns was called into the case last May and since that time has had entire charge of the secret service features of the work, while Mr. Hugh had attended to its legal phases. The secretary of the interior is highly gratified with the service rendered by the officers in the matter."

CONFESSED TO EMBEZZLEMENT.

Marie Layton Says She Took \$37,000. During Six Years' Time.

Marie Layton, who was arrested a few weeks ago and pleaded guilty to charges of embezzlement brought by officers of the United States Playing Card company, is reported to have made a complete confession showing that she diverted from the company's bank account \$37,000 while acting during six years as confidential clerk in the New York office. Miss Layton is now awaiting sentence.

The confession was first made to Assistant District Attorney Sanford. The woman has turned \$5,000 back to her employers, all the money she saved.

In her confession she mentions the name of a prominent officer of a New York corporation, who, she says, profited by her stealings. She alleges that the man got her to cash checks, and in that way got rid of a good deal of the money. The balance went in high living.

Killed on the New Maine.

Newport, R. I., Nov. 4.—Lieutenant Albert Beecher of Fort Dodge, Kansas, ordnance officer of the battleship Maine, fell from the turret to the handling room, a distance of 40 feet and died an hour later without regaining consciousness.

Lieutenant Beecher was examining articles of ordnance, when he lost his balance and pitched head foremost through the turret to the handling room. His skull was fractured.

Dowie's Host Is Home Again.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Weary and travel stained John Alexander Dowie's restoration host has returned to Zion City from New York.

NEW YORK WENT DEMOCRATIC

REPUBLICANS GIVE THEIR CANDIDATES BIG MAJORITIES.

J. L. Bates Re-elected Governor of Massachusetts—Kentucky Re-elects Beckham Governor—New Jersey Goes Republican—San Francisco Re-elects Mayor Schmitz.

George B. McClellan, democrat, is elected mayor of New York over Seth Low, republican, by over 60,000 plurality.

In Massachusetts the republican state ticket is elected.

Governor John L. Bates heads it with a plurality of 37,000.

In Ohio Myron T. Herrick, republican candidate for governor, and the entire state ticket, with most of the legislative ticket, are elected. Herrick's majority is the largest ever given a governor. The legislature will reelect Mark Hanna to the United States senate.

Albert B. Cummins for governor and the rest of the republican ticket are elected in Iowa by large majorities.

In Pennsylvania, William P. Snyder, republican candidate for auditor general, and his associates on the ticket have the usual heavy majorities.

Kentucky reelects John C. W. Beckham governor, and the entire democratic state ticket by majorities of over 15,000.

Colorado elects John Campbell, republican, supreme court judge.

Late returns point to a victory for the democratic ticket, state and legislative, in Maryland. The legislature elects a successor to United States Senator McComas, republican.

New Jersey elects a republican legislature, which will elect a successor to United States Senator Kean, republican.

Rhode Island's contest will not be definitely decided until all the votes are counted, but returns point to the reelection of Governor Garvin, democrat, and the rest of his ticket.

In Mississippi the democratic ticket, headed by James K. Vardaman for governor, had a walkover.

Nebraska elects John Barnes, republican, supreme judge by nearly 5,000.

San Francisco probably reelects Mayor Eugene Schmitz, labor union candidate, with the republican candidate, Crocker, a close second.

Salt Lake elects a democratic mayor and council.

Fatal Election Rows.

Louisville, Ky.—In a pistol duel in a voting place at Thirteenth and Green streets, Tom Kiely, the democratic judge, was shot through the head and probably fatally wounded by Jacob Krieger, the republican candidate for sheriff.

William Stevens, the republican judge, was crossing the street to enter the polls when Kiely opened fire on him. Krieger says he believed that Stevens' life was about to be taken and he opened fire on Kiely. Krieger was subsequently released on \$500 bail.

Danville, Ky.—During an election discussion, William Middleton, aged 23, struck Fountain Hasty with a gun, crushing his skull. Hasty will die.

Bristol, Tenn.—A fatal election row occurred in a polling place at Fairview, in Scott county, Virginia. Two men were killed and two others injured, one fatally.

The dead are John Osborne and Ezekiel Nichols.

Those wounded are John Catron, shot through the neck, will die; and Alexander Kris, shot in the right hip.

The trouble arose over the objection to C. P. Roller serving as an election judge. Roller, it is claimed, had been selected by democratic election commissioners for services.

Osborne and Nichols, the two dead men, were democratic election judges, and were brought into the quarrel on account of their official connection with the election. It is believed that Catron fired the shots that killed Osborne and Nichols. The two men killed shot Catron and Kris. More trouble is feared.

Gig Fire at Basin, Mont.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 4.—A special from Basin says the town has been practically destroyed by a conflagration which started at 2 o'clock in the afternoon from a bonfire built between two buildings by some children at play.

All the business section has been wiped out and the fire is still burning. The large concentrator of the Montana Ore Purchasing company was saved after heroic work by the firemen.

A special train carried the Boulder fire department about 10 miles to Basin. The loss is estimated in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

As Day of Thanksgiving.

Washington.—President Roosevelt issued the Thanksgiving proclamation, designating Thursday, November 26, as the day to be observed.

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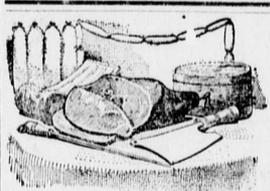
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