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**Asks That Appropriations From
Chippewa Tribal Funds be
Stopped.**

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ures that we can get anything from—appropriation bills, reports of the bureau, and every hearing from 1889 down to this day—there is nothing to show anything—

Mr. SMITH, of Michigan. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. ELLSWORTH. No; I can not yield. There is nothing to show anything except the bare statement by Mr. Merritt, the Assistant Indian Commissioner. And this is what Mr. Merritt says, after 30 pages were consumed in trying to get him to say what, if any, of this \$160,000 which is now in the bill at \$100,000, because the committee could not conscientiously leave it at \$160,000—

Mr. Merritt says in reply to a question by Mr. Hastings of how much of this was spent for schools: "We are maintaining a number of agencies in the Chippewa country, among which is the White Earth. Under each one of those superintendencies there is a system of schools—"

Under the superintendents, like schools under a school board in a country or little village supervised by an agent—that is, he is over it in authority—

"There is a system of schools, and we maintain that agency organization out of this appropriation of \$160,000 that we are now requesting—"

Maintain the schools? Oh, no; they maintain the agency organization. This is all Mr. Merritt would say. He continues:—

"And with that appropriation wiped off the statute books we would be absolutely powerless to continue that organization in the Chippewa country, and the Chippewa Indians themselves would be the first people who would suffer as the result of the discontinuance of this appropriation."

Powerless to continue the schools? No; the organization.

I wish I had a little more time.

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but all I can say is this: The Chippewa Indians, of which there are two factions—and they do not agree on many other things—want this item stricken from the bill. Mr. Merritt suggested that Mr. Coffey, representing a contesting faction on which the bureau has relied for support might have something to say following the statements of Mr. Carl and Mr. Beaulieu, of the regular legislative committee of the general council who, with Mr. Fairbanks and others, ask for the elimination of this provision, and Mr. Hastings, of the committee, inquired:

The main thing that I want to know is just what I asked you.

He had asked him whether they wanted it appropriated. Mr. Coffey replied:

Well, it is the sentiment of the Indians that Congress ought not to appropriate this money.

These men do not want Congress to appropriate this money. They have been here every year for 10 years fighting it, and every man, white and red, outside of bureau and agency employees and their immediate supporters, in that country is against this appropriation, and will fight it here from now on until it is put out of the bill, and will try to keep it out. And every single Member of the House of Representatives from this State who understands the situation, and the men who are the county officials and bar associations in counties within the reservation confines and the principal associations in these counties and the members of the tribe are against this appropriation being made.

I have in my hand a petition signed by hundreds of the members of the tribe, and among the names are the names of 72 men who fought at Chateau Thierry and in the Argonne Forest and at Sedan for world democracy, and they do not want it. No one will suffer—and I make this statement with a willingness to accept full responsibility—if you take every cent of this appropriation and wipe it out, and it will not cause a single bit of contention or dissatisfied faction among any citizens or Indians, white or red, but will be the commencement of the elimination of a bureaucratic control, and a gigantic step toward the reestablishment of a new self-respect and independent spirit among the race, and we here may feel that we are fulfilling our promises of free government to our own as well as to the oppressed people of other lands. [Applause.]

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Pernicious Propaganda.

In connection with the Linnen report on White Earth agency affairs a considerable portion of which is devoted to scandalous, vile, and untruthful attacks upon the character and reputation of certain members of the reservation who dared to tell the truth concerning the deplorable management and condition of Chippewa affairs in the hope that Congress would investigate the Chippewa affairs thoroughly, a concerted propaganda is being fostered by the Indian Bureau to destroy the usefulness of the General Council and to vilify the members of its legislative committee in an attempt to destroy their good standing with members of Congress. This propaganda is being carried on both at Washington and at several of the agencies in Minnesota and the latest attempt in line with this pernicious propaganda that has come to light, was the attempt of John H. Hinton, superintendent, to induce a certain young married woman of this reservation to go to Minneapolis and appear before the Hennepin County Grand Jury to give testimony against one of the members of the members of the legislative committee who is now in Washington in an endeavor that he might be arrested and brought back from Washington so stand trial. The young woman positively refused to have anything to do with such a proceeding, whereupon the said Hinton caused a subpoena to be served upon the young woman ordering her to appear before the Hennepin County Grand Jury. After the County Attorney and grand jury of Hennepin county were advised of this proceeding and the animosity behind the attempted prosecution, they promptly refused to entertain the subject or to find an indictment, thus again exposing the sinister, feeble and malicious attempts of the Indian bureau and some of its incompetent officials in a vain endeavor to decry the honest efforts of the progressive Chippewas in seeking what they believe to be just and honorable in the administration of their affairs.

This insidious propaganda is being conducted for a purpose, and that purpose is to destroy, if possible, the personal character of every person who dares to make a complaint against the demoralizing conditions existing in the Indian Service to the end that their usefulness might be destroyed and, as a notice to others of what they might expect if they ever dared to complain against an employee or official of the Indian Bureau, no matter how just their cause for complaint might be. The Indians realize this. What hope is there of such methods civilizing them? Is this the sort of civilization they should be taught? What redress have they and what kind of loyalty does it breed, and what grade of citizenship does it promote?

Geo. A. Morrison, of Ogema, was an agency caller during the week.

PAY your subscription.

Louie Uran was doing business in the village on Tuesday and did not forget to renew his subscription to THE TOMAHAWK.

Louis Jackson arrived home last Thursday, having received an honorable discharge from military service.

Mr. McTier, of Minneapolis, arrived here the first of the week for a short visit with his wife who is employed at the boarding school.

Don't forget to attend the reception for the returned soldier boys at the boarding school tomorrow evening.

Caroline Morrison-Grandelmyer, a pioneer Minnesota woman and member of this reservation, died at Brainerd on Jan. 25th, from arterio-sclerosis.

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O. W. DUMMERT,
Chairman, sub Committee for White Earth Twp.