

A DEADLY TRIANGLE.

One Hundred and Fifty-six Indians Bled the Dust in It.

FORTY SQUAWS ARE AMONG THE KILLED.

The Greatest Slaughter of Redskins of Many a Year.

TWENTY-FOUR BRAVE SOLDIERS DEAD.

Children's Laughter Mingled with the Roar of the Guns.

WILD EXCITEMENT AT THE AGENCY.

Two Strike and Little Wound Make an Attack on the Catholic Mission—More Trouble Feared.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Dec. 30.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Following is the correct list of the killed and wounded at Wounded Knee yesterday so far as is now known at hospital headquarters here, where they have all been brought:

DEAD.

GEORGE D. WALLACE, captain Company K, Seventh cavalry.

JOHNSON, private company A, Seventh cavalry.

FREY, private company A, Seventh cavalry.

DYER, first sergeant company A, Seventh cavalry.

KELLEY, private company I, Seventh cavalry.

CAIN, private company I, Seventh cavalry.

COFFEY, first sergeant company B, Seventh cavalry.

COOK, private company B, Seventh cavalry.

JOSEPH MURPHY, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

KELLNER, private company E, Seventh cavalry.

NETTLES, first sergeant company E, Seventh cavalry.

OSCAR POLLOCK, hospital steward, U. S. A.

HODGES, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

BONE, corporal company I, Seventh cavalry.

FORREST, private company B, Seventh cavalry.

NEWELL, private company B, Seventh cavalry.

McCUE, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

LOGAN, private company A, Seventh cavalry.

COSTELLO, private company B, Seventh cavalry.

RAGAN, private company A, Seventh cavalry.

CHRISTENSEN, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

RANEKA, private company D, Seventh cavalry.

DE FREY, private company C, Seventh cavalry.

WILLIAM ADAMS, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

Total, twenty-four men.

WOUNDED.

THOMAS HARRIS, private company B, Second infantry.

ROBERT BRUNNEN, private company B, Second infantry.

JOHN COFFEY, private light battery, First artillery.

HARRY L. CLIFTON, corporal company K, Seventh cavalry.

JAMES WARD, sergeant company B, Seventh cavalry.

WILLIAM TOOLEY, sergeant company B, Seventh cavalry.

JOHN MCKENZIE, private company B, Seventh cavalry.

HARVEY H. THOMAS, private company I, Seventh cavalry.

CHRISTOPHER MARTIN, private company A, Seventh cavalry.

JOHN F. FRISCH, first sergeant company E, Seventh cavalry.

DANIEL McMAHON, private company A, Seventh cavalry.

ADAM NETER, private company A, Seventh cavalry.

HARRY STONE, private company B, Seventh cavalry.

FRED WOODEN, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

HUGH McGINNIS, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

WILLIAM DAVIS, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

EDWARD A. SULLIVAN, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

SAMUEL F. SMITH, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

HENRY HOWARD, private company I, Seventh cavalry.

CHARLES CAMPBELL, quartermaster sergeant.

GOTTLEIN HOFF, private company I, Seventh cavalry.

FRANK LEWIS, private company B, Seventh cavalry.

H. L. FAWCOTT, first lieutenant, Second artillery.

ALVIN H. HAZELWOOD, private company H, Seventh cavalry.

GEORGE YORK, private company D, Seventh cavalry.

JAMES CHRISTENSEN, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

HARRY LINCOLN, private company A, Seventh cavalry.

WILLIAM H. GREEN, private company C, Seventh cavalry.

GEORGE LLOYD, sergeant, company I, Seventh cavalry.

HERMAN KRAHBERG, private company A, Seventh cavalry.

GEORGE ELLIOTT, private company K, Seventh cavalry.

RAYNE SCHREIBER, private company C, Seventh cavalry.

ERNEST A. GARLINGTON, first lieutenant company A, Seventh cavalry.

Total, thirty-three.

The first names in some cases are impossible at this writing to be obtained, owing to the fact that the officers who have them are now in the field fighting. There are three men missing. Their names cannot be ascertained for the reason just mentioned.

The firing did not cease entirely until nearly 11 o'clock, and continued about two hours. The hot part of the struggle, however, lasted but thirty minutes. The wind-up presented a strange scene with the battery of three Hotchkiss cannons surrounded by a very hastily improvised breastworks of sacks of grain and boxes of provisions, behind which lay about two hundred of the cavalry shooting at those of the daring redskins who, as if by a miracle, had escaped from the open triangle of cavalrymen and were making for the gulleys and draws which cut up a little plain that separated them from the foothills nearly to the west. The battery and breastworks were on a knoll about a hundred yards northeast of the spot where was fought the horribly fierce hand to hand struggle that was opened at such desperate odds by the dazed Indians at this place.

On and around this spot lay the bullet-riddled bodies of about sixty of the redskins. Big Foot among the others, while the slope further west was spotted with them, lying, in most instances, with faces in the dust, one foot in the air and a rifle, tomahawk or knife in their hand.

A glance up the ravines showed more of them that had been picked off as they had rushed up to get a shot at the soldiers. A hundred and sixteen warriors and forty squaws lay stiffening in death.

It was the greatest slaughter of Indians that has occurred since 1859, when General Hardy had almost identically the same experience with the Bannocks at Soda Springs, Idaho.

As for the squaws, they were not killed with particular intent, notwithstanding that they had been running around with scalping knives trying to stab the soldiers. They were killed principally by reason of being so mixed with squads of bucks that made dashes to gain the ravines and were mowed down by the battery.

It was a ghastly and bloody field, the horror of which was added to by the groans of thirty-three wounded and dying soldiers—gallant, utterly fearless, Seventh cavalry boys, whose bravery in the discharge of their duty none except those who, like myself, witnessed it, can ever fully appreciate. Many of them were shot while pursuing the reds who escaped from the death triangle of troops and had gained the fortification in the gulleys.

The wounded, in the majority of instances, were fearfully wounded, particularly in the legs and arms, while several were shot in the breast and cannot survive long or, if they do, will always be sufferers more or less.

While the fight was hottest there mingled with the roar of musketry the careless, joyous laughter of half a dozen little Indian children, who were not more than five or six years from the scene of the savage conflict, and who paid no more attention to it than if it were so much conversation.

As a most striking illustration of how deeply rooted and founded in is the ghost dance faith, even the children of these fanatic Indians have become like them. One of them, a little thing who could just talk plainly, ran up to one of our interpreters, just after the firing ceased, and shaking a toy tomahawk at him, exclaimed: "The soldiers would have killed my father (one of the braves) if they hadn't been close enough to touch him with their guns, because he had a ghost shirt on and white man cannot kill one of us when we have a ghost shirt on, unless they can touch us with their guns."

It was a pitiful sight to see the cavalry horses that had been wounded at the first volley as they stood tied near by in a long string trying to get up on their feet and join their comrades, who bore away their riders in pursuit of the enemy.

About noon orders came from General Brooke to immediately pack up and come to the agency to aid in resisting the attack that had been made here by the thousands of so-called friendly Indians in and near the agency. Compliance with the order involved a re-handling and long, rough, hurried ride for the wounded, which probably hastened the death of three which occurred just after their arrival here.

The order, however, was thoroughly necessary, as shown in my dispatch from this point yesterday.

Intense excitement reigned supreme here when the Seventh cavalry arrived. Every man here was going about carrying a Winchester, a 45-caliber revolver and a belt of cartridges. The women and children were huddled together in one house, guarded by infantry. No one slept last night or even took off his clothes. Colonel Henry with the Ninth cavalry arrived soon after daybreak, his horses white with foam and ready to drop. He had scarcely got into camp when a courier dashed in and reported that Colonel Henry's wagon train, that followed a half hour behind, had been surrounded by the Indians that went out of here under Two Strike and Little Wound. The Seventh flew to the rescue, and after running their horses six miles, succeeded in rescuing the train. As I write this the booming of cannon and the rattle of musketry tells that they are still fighting, after having sent the wagon train back. Before leaving the agency last night with their thousands of warriors, Two Strike and Little Wound compelled poor old Red Cloud under threats of instant death to accompany them on the warpath.

A courier just in says that the Indians have just surrounded the handsome Catholic mission property six miles west; have set fire to the small buildings, hay stacks, etc., and were just firing the magnificent great main structure. In response to this intelligence the Ninth cavalry, not a man of whom has had rest for four days, have rushed to the mission, where hundreds of children, many priests and sisters are quartered.

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