

men, and you would not let me do it; your soldiers drove me to these rocks. I am here now. If you want my men come on - we are no cowards. You deny me what you grant other men. I was born free as the birds; I will never be a slave. I am not afraid to die. I expect to die. I know you are my friend. You need not feel bad about me. I shall not fall upon the rocks; my enemies will be under me, when you find me dead. Tell your soldier chief he can find me there (pointing toward his camp). He need not look elsewhere; I am there. I am a Modoc. I will show him how a Modoc can die, fighting for the home God gave him".

The conference closed with words of personal friendship.

General Canby and Dr. Thomas were much impressed with the report of this conference, and Wi-ne-ma was dispatched with a proposition to Capt. Jack and such of his people as were so disposed, to come out of the Rocks under pledge of protection and amnesty; but the Chief well knowing the men under indictment would be turned over to the law, scorned to entertain any proposition not made to the whole band.

The men under indictment with some others of the most desperate character, held secret councils; and laid plans to trap the Commission including General Canby by treachery. General Canby sent a telegram to the authorities at Washington, informing that "no peace can be made in harmony with justice, and I have the army in position to compel surrender."

Notwithstanding the faithful warning of Wi-ne-ma, who at the peril of her life, disclosed the treacherous plot, General Canby and Doctor Thomas who did not believe they would dare to execute it, in a temporary absence of the Chairman of the Commission, and entirely without his knowledge, agreed to meet the Indians at the Council Tent according to their proposition.