

the evening read the agent's message to Lone Wolf and three other chiefs, with several of the principal men of the encampment. Lone Wolf said, "The agent speaks of trouble between the soldiers and the Comanches, and wants us to come in close; there is a reason for all this which I do not understand. What trouble is it?"

The following is my answer:—

"Lone Wolf may remember that, last fall, when he was in Washington, he was told that the Quahada Comanches, by constantly raiding in Texas, had made the Great Father's heart hard, and that he had sent his soldiers after them; that they would hear of it in a few days after getting home. This they did hear before getting home, and also that the soldiers had captured many of their women and children.

"Then, as you know, the Comanches came in, gave up all their captives, stolen horses and mules, and promised that they would be true friends of the white people if they would but give them back their women and children. They gave them back; but the Comanches went into Texas right away after their women and children were restored to them, broke their promise made to the agent, and returned to the old bad road of raiding, and killing people in Texas. This was very bad. Washington's heart had again become hard towards the Comanches, and he had given them ten days to bring in five of the raiders. There now remain but six days in which to do it. If they do not comply, they may have

trouble with the soldiers. But Washington's heart is soft and warm towards the Kiowas and Apaches. He wants you to keep on the good road, and he will take care of you, and not let his soldiers trouble you. He has now told the agent to give you your annuities, and they are now ready for you. The agent wants you to come in, near by and all near together, so that he can keep the soldiers from disturbing you."

They listened attentively to what I said; then Lone Wolf replied that this was a subject of great importance, and would require much thought; he would give me his talk in the morning, and I must write it down and take it to the agent.

He then introduced conversation on different subjects; among other things told of the Osages having been among them, who called a "big council" of the Comanches, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Kiowas, and Apaches.

He did not attend it, but learned that the Osages wanted, since they all had one mother (all the Indians regard the earth as their mother), that they should have but one fire (council), and all be one people. Afterwards some of the Osage chiefs visited him at his camp, and wanted to know what those white men (the surveyors) were doing in his country,—what he let them mark it all up for,—why he did not kill them. To which Lone Wolf replied, "They are my friends. I do not know what they are doing this for,—I do not understand it; but they are my friends, and I will not hurt them." The Osages replied, "They are our enemies;