

shall say, Why is this? It is because *Mone-kome-haint* * made a road the Indians could not travel.

"If Washington would put his soldiers all along on the frontiers, and kill every young man who goes across the line, we would cry for them; but it would be right. When they cross the line they take the chances of war.

"I do not want to see trouble in this land of peace; but I fear blood must flow, and my heart is sad.

"The white man is strong, but he cannot destroy us all in one year; it will take him two or three, may be four years; and then the world will turn to water, or burn up. It is our mother, and cannot live when the Indians are all dead."

I replied, "Do you think that the Comanches did right to go raiding into Texas, after promising the agent that they would do just as he wanted them to do, if he would only give them back their women and children? They often told him, in my presence, — I heard it myself, and you heard it, — 'There is but one thing we want: give us our women and children, and we will settle down, make corn, and do just what Washington wants us to do.' The agent worked hard, got their women and children; and then they went right into Texas, stealing horses and killing people.

"Washington has two kinds of children. He loves them both, and does not want them to quarrel and kill each other: that is the road they used to travel.

* *Mone-kome-haint*, the Kiowa name for the commissioner, meaning "without a pointing finger;" he having lost the forefinger of his right hand.



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