

and come back in order to avoid the consequences of going with them, report the Cheyennes and the other Comanches to be on the war-path, and determined on the shedding of blood. It appears that, after getting all the Comanches out to the medicine council, the hostile portion of the tribe undertook to hold those who were disposed to be friendly, and force them into their hostile measures. Many of these are breaking away and returning to the Agency, thus weakening the hands of the hostile element of the tribe, which may become so weakened as to cause them to give up their intentions altogether.

They state that it was Lone Wolf and his party who, on their return from Mexico, captured the cavalry horses at Fort Concho, in Texas.

Putting all facts and reliable information together, it appears evident that hostile demonstrations are intended by those tribes. These are hanging around the place where the Kiowa medicine dance will occur, in order to draw some of their young men into the measure, and so involve the Kiowas equally with themselves in the trouble consequent thereon.

CHAPTER XXI.

LEAVE THE WORK ON ACCOUNT OF POOR HEALTH. — CAPTURE OF THE SUPPLY TRAIN, AND MURDER OF THE MEN. — ADOBE WALLS. — KIWAS NOT ENGAGED IN THESE DEPREDACTIONS. — THEY REGISTER THEIR NAMES. — MEETING WITH THE CADDOES. — ATTEMPT OF CHEYENNES ON THE WICHITA HERDS. — MURDER OF THE WOOD-CUTTER AT FORT SILL. — LONE WOLF AND HIS BAND BECOME HOSTILE. — CONCLUSION.

MY health continuing very poor, I have been obliged to leave the work in which I have been for so long a time engaged, although there has never been a time, since my being among the Kiowas, when there was more need for a restraining influence being exercised among them than at the present. Many of their old associates among the Cheyennes and Comanches are becoming hostile, yet, as I am not able for the task, I am compelled to leave the field for others. Accordingly, on the 2d day of the 7th month, I proceeded to the Wichita Agency, with the expectation of going from thence to Wichita, in Kansas, on a train that was expected there about that time, loaded with supplies for these agencies.