

upon which they might come in. At first, not knowing that it was the military arm with which they must deal, they treated his proposition with contempt, but when better informed, agreed to the terms, and proceeded to surrender their arms. They gave up their guns and pistols, but a question arising about the bows and arrows, which had not been required of any band who had heretofore come in, it was referred to the general for decision, and a messenger despatched to him by the officer in charge.

The chief, desirous of a little council with another chief, mounted his pony, giving a loud whoop, to call the attention of the chief with whom he wished to speak. This was misunderstood by the soldiers to be the war-whoop, and he was fired at by the guard. Lone Wolf, with his party, being near, returned the fire; thus a battle was commenced, which resulted in the death of several citizens, the burning of several Caddo and Delaware houses, also the Wichita school-house, the sacking of Shirley's trading-house, with other outrages. The Comanches deny any hostile intention, and the fact of their surrendering arms before its commencement argues strongly in their favor, as it does not look reasonable that they would surrender arms on the eve of an intended battle.

The Kiowas, Apaches, and those Comanches who came in and registered their names as friendly to the government, though placed some two miles from the fort, where they were peculiarly exposed to Texas



KIOWA WOMAN, BIG TREE'S SISTER.