

Min. Min. no 12 - 1890 -
Scarheads -
SB in Bad humor -

The brutal taking off of SB has provoked W. H. H. ("Adirondack") Murray to a very eloquent defense of the old rogue in a long letter to the N.Y. World. He predicts a generation coming that will reverse our judgement about this mighty redskin & prays that the place of SB's death be accurately marked,

"God did not make me an agency Indian said to Gen. Miles -

"The bravest Ind. that ever lived"

Dispatch fr. St. P. Agency - Dec 16 - 1890

"That the govt authorities, civil as well as military, from Pres. Harrison & General Miles down, preferred the death of the famous old Savage to capture whole-skinned few persons here, Indian or white, have a doubt." It was felt that SB's presence anywhere behind iron bars would be the cause of endless troubles, while, should he fall a victim to the ready Winchester, the thousands of messiah-crazed ghost dancers would readily realize that his "medicine" which was to make them bullet proof & yet could not save so great an arable

must be worthless after all & shd be forsaken for the path of peace -

Reminiscence W. J. Swan - 1890

"The saturnine captive in the east pocketed the card with avidity"
"corpulent Dakota Sioux, who looked like a backwoods Methodist bishop, sat at tail of a farmer's wagon on a windy eminence near Bis mark peddling his autographs for \$1.50 apiece -" seen by US Grant, Carl Schurz, Wm Maxwell Swarts, senators, congressmen, nobleman, ^{human prof.} He was brought there fr. St P Agency to decorate the progress of Mr. Henry Villard across the continent over the completed No. Pac. R.R. -
? That morning SB had taken his first ride on train?
- This was in 1883 -

Swan

"Wily as a diplomat, fierce as a berserker, patient & implacable as Hannibal, a born leader of men, he was the last great champion -

"The hero who is publicly seen peddling his own former greatness to anybody with a dollar & a half to invest in that commodity - is no longer much of a mystery or a terror"

But since then he has given the U.S. no end of trouble -