

THE MURDER OF THE INDIAN FEW TAILS BY WHITES, AND OF LIEUTENANT CASEY
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Two murders occurred, as an outgrowth of the Sioux troubles of last winter, which attracted public attention, and in regard to which the Indian Rights Association took action. Both were typical incidents. They deserve mention because of inherent interest, and the circumstances attending them to be reported as part of the work of the Association.

The murder of Few Tails, which was peculiarly brutal and atrocious, was committed with deliberation by white men, more than one of whom had served, as we are credibly informed, a term in the penitentiary for crime. Few Tails was a peaceable and inoffensive man, and as such was well known in the community. He was returning from a hunting expedition under a pass from General Miles, in company with his wife, his children, and other Indians, at the time the murder was committed. The party had camped for the night near a little creek about 140 miles from Rapid City. A party of white men visited their camp and laughed and talked with them during the evening. On the following morning as the Indians were breaking camp, they were fired upon by their visitors of the night before, just as they were fording the stream. The assassins lay concealed in the bushes which lined its banks. Few Tails fell dead at the first fire, but his wife, although wounded, succeeded in making her escape on horseback with a nursing child in her arms. The Indians were pursued by the white men and repeatedly fired at by them while endeavoring to effect their escape. We cannot do better than to quote the graphic words of the Pioneer Press, of Deadwood, South Dakota, in narrating this story: -

"Few Tails, a kindly-hearted and peaceable old man, while traveling peaceably along a public highway, whose only offense was that his skin was copper-hued instead of white, was shot to death, riddled, in fact, by bullets by a band of concealed assassins, scarcely less bloodthirsty and merciless than the Italian banditti; his poor