

On July 7th, 1876, the Chicago TRIBUNE printed a column-length editorial on the Little Big Horn battle, in which it attributed the disaster to Custer himself, saying among other things:

"Custer was a brave, brilliant soldier, handsome and dashing, but he was reckless, hasty and impulsive, preferring to make a dare-devil rush and take risks rather than to move slower and with more certainty, and it was his own mad-cap haste, rashness and love of fame that cost him his own life, and cost the service the loss of many brave officers and gallant men. No account seems to have been taken of the numbers or leadership of the Sioux,.... no account was even taken of the fact that General Gibbon was coming to the Little Big Horn with reinforcements, only a day's march behind, although General Custer was aware of it. He preferred to make a reckless dash and take the consequences, in the hope of making a personal victory and adding to the glory of another charge, rather than wait for a sufficiently-powerful force to make the fight successful and share the glory with others. He took the risk, and he lost."

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And on June 5, 1932, the same Chicago TRIBUNE said:

"Printed at a time when it could not be popular, the TRIBUNE utterance was a masterpiece of editorial judgment and courage."

ADDENDA

WHY CROOK DID NOT MEET TERRY, GIBBON AND CUSTER. Interesting Comments on the Rosebud Fight of June 17, 1876. by Robert E. Strahorn.

The compiler has, since commencing the publication of this booklet, had a most interesting and valuable letter from Mr. Robert E. Strahorn, of San Francisco, now