

the military should take hold.

Meantime an incident had occurred which caused Colonel Drum and McLaughlin intense anxiety for about twenty-four hours. Just in the midst of our suspense, while we were waiting and watching to see what Sitting Bull and his people were going to do, Buffalo Bill (William Cody) arrived on the scene. He was accompanied by a member of the staff of the St. Paul Pioneer Press and one other man. He announced to Colonel Drum that he had come to arrest Sitting Bull and he backed up his announcement by presenting General Miles' visiting card on which that officer, who was at the time the Division Commander with headquarters at Chicago, had written an order directing the commanding officer of Fort Yates to let Colonel Cody have such assistance as he demanded to enable him to make the arrest of Sitting Bull.

It was certainly a very extraordinary order for a division commander to send to one of his post commanders, and it was written and transmitted in a very extraordinary manner; nevertheless it was an order and must be obeyed, unless countermanded by Miles or higher authority.

Personally I do not now believe, and I did not then believe, that Colonel Cody had any intention of attempting to arrest Sitting Bull. I believed then, and still believe, he was merely making advertisement. He had had Sitting Bull with his Wild West Show some years previous and, no doubt, thought he could safely visit the old Indian in his home, and, I suspect, purposed trying to persuade or bribe him to return to the show.

But Colonel Cody stated that he was going to arrest Sitting Bull, and that is what General Miles' note ordered our postcommander to aid him in doing. All Colonel Cody asked of Colonel Drum was a team to take him down to Sitting Bull's camp. He did not want any soldiers; he was going to make the arrest singlehanded.