

Chapter Thirteen.

Sitting Bull's Death Aftermath.

How he was martyred By The Sensational
Press and His Taking Off Made The
Subject of Official Correspondance.

The death of Sitting Bull and its circumstances made that worthy a martyr at the hands of the sensational press -- which had been demanding his suppression for months -- but elicited from the authorities undertaking the situation instant sympathetic appreciation of the merits of the policemen who had died in doing a duty for which they should have been thanked by the whole country. The arrest of Sitting Bull was demanded -- made necessary -- as a peace measure. If he had been allowed to continue stirring up the Indian people, if he had not been summarily prevented from leaving the reservation as he intended, there is no possible doubt that he would have led an outbreak that might have cost hundreds of lives and the outlay of much treasure in its suppression. His death was an incident of the arrest of a desperate man surrounded by even more desperate followers. As an act of blood-letting it was to be deplored, but it was not to be thought of in the face of the fact that several brave and determined men had no other object than the carrying out of orders given them officially, had lost their lives through his demand that his people shoot down his captors. I regretted the death of Sitting Bull not only because the act that precipitated it brought about the killing of six Indian policemen, together with himself and seven of his staunchest supporters, and although the elimination of the old medicine man was necessary for the welfare of the community I was exceedingly sorry over his demise at the time and the