

in a serious tone, "I never saw Long Hair" -- Long Hair being Custer's Indian name. After looking at the photo in silence for some time he remarked, "So this is what Long Hair looked like." He then passed the photograph to his wife saying, "This is Long Hair." She looked at it thoughtfully, quietly uttering short exclamations and sighs; she finally said, "So this is the man. No matter whether he was in the right or not, he was bound to have his way.")

When Custer went into the Black Hills in 1874 we were living on the river around Mormaria; we found gold while there. But the U. S. soldiers were all over; so we went to Canada for a rest and to feed our children. The Canadian Government treated us very well. The Major General up there was my friend and we got along very well; really our people were well treated there.

Shortly after we left Canada -- I was about twenty-five years old by now -- I took part in a battle fought on Rosebud Creek. Several tribes of Indians as well as some United States soldiers fought on the side of the Sioux and we beat the Whites. (19) Five nights after that we fought Custer's battle, (June 25-26, 1876.)

Custer was a very heartless man! He killed the mother of a man who now lives in Rapid City (South Dakota). They say that the mother was shot while nursing him; he was just a baby at that time. Custer was very heartless! His last battle started like this. A little boy was sitting on top of a hill where his father had left him making a little mound of dirt; his father had gone to look for a lost colt. Some of Reno's men came across the hill, Custer among them. It is said that Custer fired a gun and killed the boy. Then soldiers

- (19) General Crook was defeated on the Rosebud River by the Sioux under Crazy Horse on June 17, 1876. Crook was forced to return to his supply camp on the south part of the Tongue River as well as to await reinforcement. This eliminated his command in the Battle of the Little Big Horn which occurred on June 25, 1876. (McLaughlin, James, My Friend the Indian, Boston, 1910, p. 125, and Byrne, loc. cit., pp 35-37.)