

expedition moved on to Tongue River, where he again centered his forces and held the company in siege for three days and then withdrew. He had failed in his purpose to stop the road building without resorting to bloodshed. He allowed Sawyer to go on and his escort was allowed to return through the Oglala country without molestation, but Red Cloud resolved that the road should be abandoned at every cost.

About that time all of the Indians were summoned to send their delegates to Fort Sully to meet the Edmunds' commission in October, 1865. Neither Red Cloud nor Spotted Tail could be induced to attend this council or permit their bands to be represented, but sent word that any attempt to build roads through their country, or locate forts therein, would be resisted with the whole strength of the tribe. Failing to bring the hostile Brules and Oglalas into council with the Edmunds' commission, the government resolved to make a new attempt in that direction and immediately sent out new runners, inviting them to a council to be held at Fort Laramie the next summer. These runners did not get into communication with the hostiles for some months, but finally located them and secured promises from them to come in. The council was called for the 30th of June.

Spotted Tail, who prior to 1863 had been on very friendly terms with the whites, familiarly intimate with the officers at Fort Laramie, in March sent in a runner asking permission to bring in the remains of his daughter and bury her at the fort / ³⁵⁴ according to the custom of the whites. This request was granted and as he approached the fort Colonel Maynadier, in command of Fort Laramie, went out with his staff to meet him, and brought him in, showing him every courtesy and honor, and the girl was given an impressive funeral and burial. In his funeral address Spotted Tail, though saying that his heart was bursting with grief and that he could not talk of business at that time, took occasion to say that it was his desire to live in peace with the whites, but, "We think we have been much wronged