

August 11th ten troops of the Seventh, under General Custer, were again attacked on the Yellowstone; four Indians were reported killed and twelve wounded. On September 18th two troops of the Seventh cavalry, under Captain Egan, attacked a war party of the Sioux Indians, on the North Laramie, capturing eighteen horses and mules. On the first of August Red Cloud and his people reluctantly gave up the temporary agency on the Platte and located on White River, about eighty miles northeast of Fort Laramie, and two or three miles from the present location of Fort Robinson. It was a very good location, in a pretty valley, with good water, farming land and building material near by. Dr. Daniels, the agent, reports: "They show more feeling of independence and more anxiety to be at peace. When they first came into the agency they sent their soldiers to get rations that they might taste the white man's food without his knowing it, but after a few issues they came to acknowledge their dependence." Dr. Daniels says that the Indians who committed the depredations during the year were composed of Bad Faced Sioux, of the Oglala band, numbering about forty lodges, under Crazy Horse. Red Cloud is called the chief of all the Bad Faces by the Indians, and most of his relatives belong to the outlaws. His son-in-law was one of the principals in killing two women on Sweetwater in July. It is manifest that Dr. Daniels did not at that time have definite knowledge about the extent of the hostile party. He evidently did not comprehend that Crazy Horse was in company with most of the Uncpapas and many of the Sans Arcs and Minneconjous, as well as the stragglers and hostile/ ⁴⁰⁶ element of all of the hostile bands, which it is now known were with him. So far as the agency Indians are concerned, it may be said that while they were indignant at the trespass of the Northern Pacific under the protection of the military upon their lands, they were not sufficiently interested in the matter to be thoroughly aroused over it, and it is most likely that they would soon have come to acquiesce in it had not other and more palpable violations of their treaty rights followed.