

the opinion that the government ought to pay from thirty to forty millions for them. The Indians themselves were divided into two parties, the larger party being willing to dispose of the Hills if a large price could be secured; the other smaller, but more resolute party, composed chiefly of the young men, were opposed to parting with the Hills at any price. By the 23rd they were in a fearful turmoil and a serious outbreak was only prevented by the wisdom of Young Man Afraid of His Horses and his soldier band. They met on the 23d, but the Indians were not ready to talk, and hourly it became more and more apparent that an agreement could not be reached. On the 26th the commission sent for twenty of the head men and endeavored to impress upon them the importance of their coming to an agreement among themselves, and a general council was fixed for the next day, the 27th. But when they came together it was discovered that more than one-half of the Indians had slipped away to their homes, abandoning all hope of making a treaty. They had talks, however, on the 27th, 28th and 29th. Red Dog said he was willing to part with the right to mine if the government/would undertake to take care of seven generations yet unborn. That seemed to be the opinion of most of the leading chiefs. Little Bear said: "Our Great Father has a house full of money. Suppose a man walks right into that house and takes the money. Do you suppose that would suit everybody? The Black Hills are the house of gold for our Indians. We watch it to get rich. I want our Great Father to remember that and not to forget it." Old Spotted Tail said: "As long as we live on this earth we will expect pay. We want to leave the amount with the president at interest forever. I want to live on the interest of my money. The amount must be so large that the interest will support us." Spotted Bear said: "Our Great Father has a big safe and so have we. This hill is our safe. We want \$70,000,000 for the Black Hills." Red Cloud said: "* * * We have much small game yet that we can depend on for the future. I want the great father to buy guns and