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from them, so that he can give them no information whatever except his own conjectures,

The Indians are getting restive & uneasy about it. & getting no tidings of course they lose confidence & their patience & it would ^{not} be surprising if with their vague notions of right & wrong if they should get assume the attitude of hostility, & involve themselves in still greater difficulties to the satisfaction of the military & the great discomfiture of those who are endeavoring to uphold the peace policy.

The positive promise on the part of the department to release Satanta & Big Tree, so as to deliver them at the Agency about the first of this month, & then not accomplishing it nor giving the Kiowas any satisfactory explanation of the matter. but serves to weaken their confidence in the government & the white race generally, - not too strong before & consequently their friendly feeling is damped & the influence of those who are their real friends & laborers for their good, ^{is so far diminished that} can accomplish almost nothing.

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Indeed I greatly fear the consequences of these delays & procrastinations inasmuch as there is a limit to the patience of the Indian & when that is exhausted & his confidence betrayed, there is little left to work upon for his good.

8th 1st day of week Clear most of the day but Showery towards night. Attended both ^{the bible class} meetings & the school for the scholars in the latter ventured to talk to the children in my small way but still, could feel but little in the meetings except that of loneliness & desertion, like the sparrow upon the house-top or the pelican in the wilderness. A general feeling of gloominess prevails among the better class of the employees, knowing that the government has come short in the fulfillment of its promises, which the Indian viewing from his stand-point may resent, & with some little show of having grounds for assuming an attitude of hostility. yet I am not prepared to believe that they will at once assume that position.

9th 2nd day Clear most of the day Heavy rain last night, & this evening it appears like there being a heavy rain among the mountains. Streams high Remained at the Agency.

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