

also speak a personal word to him about it. He and I are good friends. General Miles, in his book, I think it is, speaks of a note Sitting Bull left in a stick in the middle of the trail telling the white troops to go back or the Indians would fight, written by Sitting Bull. That he was educated enough to write is well known and accepted in Western history. Also Cody's accounts bear this out, especially as he--S.B.-- charged \$1 each for them in England. Next to Cody himself Sitting Bull was the center of eyes in Europe in Cody's show. His Custer fame insured that. On the whole, tho, S.B. remained silent, for he neither trusted nor respected the whites--except a few individuals like Cody-- and had good reason for his attitude toward them. "He was never a "friendly".

Going back to S.B. and the Point. He had no ambition as a warrior, all his efforts and talents were toward medicine man position, the much abused Indian term for our white statesman. And in that he surely succeeded, even far more than most of the whites of his time.

▶ I have a huge respect for Sitting Bull. 'Tis of course too early yet to predict, for history is as fickle as the public who make it, but it looks as if in time Sitting Bull will become known as the leading man of his race. Much as Cody's world fame is putting him the central figure of the Plains frontier. Today, even, Sitting Bull is the only Indian whose name is known as an Indian by the general press and public, like Cody, Jesse James, Barnum. No definition need follow these names, as is necessary with most of the others. Boone and Carson probably come next. The best known Indian tribe of course is the Apache. This has also become a world around term. See Paris, for example. Tecumsh and Sitting Bull easily are the two most famous Indians, Cody and Boone the two most famous frontiersmen, just as Jesse James is the most famous outlaw of America.

But we will have a smoke talk till sunrise when you trail thro here next summer, I hope. My historical grub box is always open to you, so help yourself. Best kind of a Christmas, too.

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