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men of Major Reno's battalion some distance from Custer's battalion, in the fight on the Little Big Horn river, June 25th.

"When Custer ran across a few Indians, he took half of his regiment down on one side of the river and directed Major Reno to take the balance down the other bank. Capt. Benteen had the pack train and he was ordered to join the regiment by a forced march. He joined Reno who had crossed the river and encountered so many Indians that Reno took to a hill because he felt sure that to go on down the river meant certain death to his little command. Custer had no show, neither would he have had a show if Reno had gone down the river, six or seven hundred against ten or fifteen thousand meant certain death to the few.

"Crazy Horse and American Horse were then two of the head Sioux chiefs. Sitting Bull, although only a medicine man, exercised much influence, and many of the Indians followed him into Canada, where he and his band remained for more than a year. In time all of the Sioux returned to their reservations.

"Some years after the so-called Custer fight, Wm. F. Cody, got Sitting Bull and a gray horse, the only survivor of Custer's force, to join his Wild West show and in this show in Chicago I saw Sitting Bull and the gray horse. Sitting Bull was a medium sized, broad shouldered man then weighing one hundred and sixty pounds. He traveled some months with Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill) and appeared at every performance."

This has been mislaid and I am sorry to be so long. Hoping this information may be of some use to you, I am

Very truly,

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