

an Indian Agent

p. (3) "I believe that the Indian was a man before outrage & oppression made him a savage. I'd have known him as a savage, ~~as a~~ fighting man, in the pride & insolence of his strength; I have known him as a sage in council, than as a beggar into the pride stamped out of him x - -

(in the letter 608)

p. (4) "Coercion & cajolery had been pretty well worn out on the Indian, & he had come to some sort of knowledge of the fact that he must make a stand. - - - There had been a good deal of chicanery in the administration of Indian affairs - He had been stamp'd into rebellion & beaten - sometimes - into submission x

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The entire regular army - or practically all of it - was afield in pursuit of the Indians x General Sheridan, whose opinion of the people he was engaged in check'g or fight'g was summed up in the phrase "they are no good Indians but dead Indians" was in command in the field on the frontier. General Sherman, whose notion of dealing with the Indian was expressed in the statement that they must be suppressed "by merciless & vindictive warfare," was at the head of the army x ~~the~~ ~~same~~ - - - ~~fair~~ ~~and~~ ~~like~~ ~~tubes~~ - whose business was the chase primarily, but plunder & war when ill-treatment gave excuse for reprisals. In view of the expressed sentiments of the great military leaders of the time, the attitude of the Indian is not calculated to cause great surprise - - - at the time of General Grant's accession of General Grant to the presidency every man's hand was raised against the Indian - - -

Civil War after that

And they were a very different body of men, physically, from the Indians of today

p. 6 They were an air of sturdy independence & they were equipped according to the natural requirements & their minds generally were attuned to magnificent ideas of time & distance - - -

1871 Indian 'halla'-book but not better"

p. 7 "in the process of eliminating the big men of the race some stirring events took place"

p. 20 The Treaty of 1868, ~~at~~ Red Cloud, was rejected by his people for signing & this gave S. Bull his chance. P.C. ~~was~~ of Ogle. The signing of it had cost P.C. the loss of much of the

influence he had wielded over the Sioux of his own & other bands. He had been the ideal chief, wadika & of abundant spirit, & lack'g altogether in the qualities that made Spotted Tail a diplomat & agency Indian x

p. 21 S. Bull preferred to be, & was, a thorough hater of the whites. His medicine was Indian medicine, what the young man wanted, & he got a following altogether out of proportion to his merits, as a leader, because he was essentially an un-reconstructed Indian - which he remained to the day of his death x

1871 "in those days there was not a ranchman between the Mo. River & the Rockies, & practically no settlement west of the Minn. line, except in the SE corner of part of the territory of Dakota"