

(3) Sitting Bull evidently feared that his life would be attempted, and on one occasion went to the Agency, offering his enemies a chance to kill him. I would like to know what was behind this, and why Sitting Bull suspected the Agent of murderous intent.

(4) In fact, the whole story of McLaughlin and Sitting Bull after 1883 would be the very backing we need to show how the land lay. Nothing is in print on this, so far as I can find. But there must have been a great deal going on under cover, which only the old Indians can tell us. They would tell it to you.

(5) McLaughlin makes many uncomplimentary remarks about Sitting Bull in his book and in his official reports, calling him hard names of all sorts. But he gives no facts in support of his opinions. It will be easy to dispose of those opinions- IF we can get the Indian side of this story(1883-1890). In my opinion, it was simply a case of "give a dog a bad name and then hang him."

(6) Standing Bear's book, MY PEOPLE THE SIOUX, tells how he found Sitting Bull on exhibition in Philadelphia, winter 1884, and that Sitting Bull supposed he was on his way to see the President. This business of sending Sitting Bull off on a wild goose chase was McLaughlin's doings for I have a copy of the contract(signed by McL) which gave one Allen the right to take him and eight other Indians on the trip. One of them died on the way, and was never heard of again- his old wife never knew what became of him(Standing Elk). You will find this in MY PEOPLE THE SIOUX, pages 184-189. And Standing Bear told me he refused to shake McLaughlin's hand, because he murdered Sitting Bull. Who were those Indians with Sitting Bull on this trip? They could tell.

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(7) In the summer of 1885, Sitting Bull went with Buffalo Bill(Col. Cody) and his Wild West Show. I have a pretty full record of his stay with Buffalo Bill, and have talked with Johnny Baker, who was with the Show and knew Sitting Bull. Baker has a high regard for Sitting Bull, of course, and has given me much information about that summer of 1885.

(8) But after that(1885-1890) is the time I am eager to know more about. What were the relations of the Agent and Sitting Bull. McLaughlin pretends that Sitting Bull had no influence, yet he brags that he was brave enough to arrest Sitting Bull for the assault on Shell. His story does not hang together. That is why it is so important for me to get the facts. And by facts, I mean incidents, things that were said and done.

You see, so much that is false has been printed about the Indians and about Sitting Bull, that- however much I believe in Sitting Bull-- I cannot make the reader believe it unless I have sure-fire proof. Stories-- true stories of what actually happened-- are the only answer to these old lies. My opinion is only another opinion: but facts are facts.

There is where you can help me.