

told the story of the killing of the aged chief here this afternoon. He read the affidavit of Sitting Bull's wives, charging that Bull was murdered, and said it was substantially correct. Disstler was an eye witness of the killing. He said:

"Red Tomahawk never liked Bull, and he was glad of an opportunity to go into his camp under Government orders. Troops F and G, Eighth Cavalry, under Captain Fechét, arrived at Grand River at six o'clock on the morning of December 7. The Indian police were ahead of us, and Red Tomahawk, their leader, found and entered the tepee of Sitting Bull. When he told the chief that he was to come with him, Bull made no resistance, but came out. He was surrounded by women, and they, alarmed, made an outcry. Tomahawk suddenly drew his pistol, and shot the aged chief. Bull fell to the ground wounded, but not fatally, while Tomahawk and his party made for a log cabin, where they were quickly besieged by the hostiles.

"Captain Fechét brought the two field-guns into play at once. He and Troop G protected them, while we of F were dismounted and sent down the hill on a charge into the camp. As we started the Hotchkiss and Gatling guns began their fire, and the hostiles fled with but a poor offer of resistance.

"Sitting Bull, after receiving his wound, had crawled into a bush, and ⁴¹⁴ there with his rifle was making a fight. He was dragged forth, and an Indian policeman sprang forward with a broken pole, used on the sides of wagons, and beat in his head, while others broke his rifle over his head, and still others slashed his face horribly with their knives. In this manner he died.