

advertisement. He had had Sitting Bull with his Wild West Show some years previous and, no doubt, thought he could safely visit the old Indian in his home, and, I suspect, proposed trying to persuade or bribe him to return to the show.

But Colonel Cody stated that he was going to arrest Sitting Bull, and that is what General Miles' note ordered our post-commander to aid him in doing. All Colonel Cody asked of Colonel Drum was a team to take him down to Sitting Bull's camp. He did not want any soldiers; he was going to make the arrest singlehanded.

Well, Major McLaughlin and Colonel Drum and all of us know that if Colonel Cody made any such attempt, he would be killed and it would be the beginning of war with Sitting Bull's band. So Buffalo Bill must be stopped if possible. He must be kept at Fort Yates until telegrams could be got through to Washington and replies received back. Meantime Buffalo Bill and his companions must be "entertained" at the officers' club to detain him, - and it took the Indian agent and the post-trader and all the convivial officers of the garrison serving in relays to "entertain" them. But the scheme worked in so far as to hold Colonel Cody at the fort the remainder of that day and night. Early next morning, however, he demanded his team and set out for Sitting Bull's camp on Grand River. No message had arrived from Washington calling him back, but two Indian couriers were stationed on the dorr step of the adjutant's office with the reins of their ponies in hand, ready to mount and fly after Colonel Cody the instant such a message should come.