

probably would not have done anything.

Whether there is any present or not given to the Indians it didn't make any difference nor whether a man gave him a present before or after making a request, if they knew a man would be friendly. Giving a man a present doesn't bind him.

There would have been trouble if the army had gone down to SB's camp with the Indian police.

Buffalo Bill, in the estimation of the old timers, was nothing but just an ordinary frontiersman like the fur traders and the squaw men only he knew better than some other men to use his knowledge to make money. The only ones who had much connection with him were SB and those that went with him in the show. The others make very little mention of him. His dealings were mostly with the Oglalas.

SB personally was willing to go with the Indian police but his followers and his own son opposed. A good many of these policemen were friendly with him. Lone Man, Running Hawk, Brown Man, Armstrong, Little Eagle. They say when Crow Foot was taunting his father they begged and begged Crow Foot to keep still and other followers like Circling Bear, Catch the Bear, etc. came around and they begged and begged and said, "This is a time to be cool, etc. SB's son was about fifteen or sixteen years of age. He would not have been counted a man until he was eighteen unless he had done some noble act to win him recognition as a young man. That was the only son SB had living at that time. For this reason SB listened to what he said and the taunting of the boy influenced him. I think SB when he was willing to go did it reluctantly. All he needed was just a little encouragement to resist. It is natural for an old timer to listen to a remark like that by his relatives. Especially by a son.