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of a measure of the greatest importance to the Sioux which must be condemned.

The commissioners were satisfied with the result. They had secured from the Sioux several million acres of land. In their anxiety to attain this end, they did not pause in their work to make inquiries as to the right of any man to sign the bill. Let it be remembered, to their shame, that they received the signature of the squaw-man notorious upon the reservation as a political trickster, who had resided but a few years at Pine Ridge, had left his former Indian wife because she no longer pleased him, and was living with another; and this man they listed as a "full-blooded Ogalalla"! An honest and faithful German employee, filled with righteous indignation on seeing the name of the imposter on the bill (a copy of which is in the possession of Chief Red Cloud), denounced the "Ogalalla" in the most bitter terms. Strange as it may appear to lovers of justice and honor, this scoundrel/p.554/ was recently appointed to a government position, while the manly German who had the courage to denounce him was conditioned to "keep a civil tongue in his head, or he would lose his situation."

Can we wonder that a proud people, compelled to render obedience to such men, should cry out, with all the fervor of a race in bondage, to the great Messiah to come to their aid? They had tried the Government at Washington, and found it a broken reed; to whom could they turn next save to Him who said, "I will repay"?

The Sioux waited patiently for thirty-four weeks in the vain hope of receiving more rations and fulfillment of the commission's promises. A great council was held. Agent Galagher was appealed to. The agent went to Washington and consulted with such of the officials as he could find at their post of duty. He insisted that the million pounds of beef withdrawn from the yearly annuities should be returned or he would not be responsible for the action of the Indians under his charge. He claimed that the Indians were suffering from a lack of sufficient food, and knew