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 commenced again afterward and kept up a rain of bullets after General Crook got into camp.

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* I kept on the watchout, and was expecting the Indians to charge in on us most any time, being afraid they would renew the attack before Crook joined us, and I knew we would not have much of a chance with them in such an emergency, as the main village was not far from us. I kept a watchout for them, and also for Crook's appearance. It was 11 o'clock, I should thin, before I saw General Crook coming over the hill with some of the cavalry—those who could keep up with him. I got on a horse and went out to meet the General and told him what had taken place. I informed him that I was expecting the Indians, reinforced, to charge on us every minute. I also told him of the Indians who were secreted in the cave in the gulch. It was after 1 o'clock when the last of the command came over the hill. They had just got into the village when the Indians (reinforced) made their charge on us.

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 The Indians had made their charge with the expectation of finding only a small body of soldiers, as had been reported to them by the Indians who had escaped from the village. I could tell pretty well from the way they charged down from all directions at once that they never expected to find such a large body of troops, and it gave them quite a surprise to find that we were ready for them. It was not more than ten minutes before the fight became general all around the camp. After the General had given orders for the disposition of the troops, he took what stragglers he could find and tried to get the Indians out of the cave. We had commenced shooting into them, and he asked me if I would not go and talk to them and try and persuade them to come out without any more fighting. On the south side of the village I could walk right over the place where the Indians were hiding. It was a very steep bank, probably eight to ten feet high. I could go right up to them without them seeing me or there being any danger of getting shot. Going up to that point and talking to them, I told them if they would come out they would not be molested and said everything I could to induce them to come out. Not getting any answer from them, the soldiers surrounded the place and commenced firing into the cave, but the Indians would not fire back. They would not shoot unless they had a chance to kill somebody, either. Most every shot they did fire was sure to kill or wound somebody.

While the firing was going on Big Bat and Buffalo Chips (Charlie White) came up alongside where I was standing over the Indians. After the firing into the hold had been going on for about half an hour, the General gave orders to cease firing. He asked me to talk to the Indians again, which I did, asking them to come out. I talked to them some time, but I could get no answer from them, so I thought by that they would rather die than come out. Now Buffalo Chips was standing opposite me. He was one of those long-haired scouts, and claimed to be a partner of Buffalo Bill's. He thought it was a good place to make a name for himself, I suppose, for he told Big Bat that he was going to have one of the Indians' scalps. He had no more than got the words out of his mouth before he yelled, "My God, I am shot."

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* There was such confusion then that I was looking out for myself as best I could, but just as I heard this cry and looked around, Buffalo Chips was falling over into the hole where the Indians were hiding. Bat was looking into the cave where White fell, and must have seen something I could not see from where I was. Before I could say anything Bat had jumped into the cave where the Indians were, and about five seconds later jumped out with an Indian's scalp in his hand, telling me he had scalped one of the redskins alive, which I found out to be true. He had seen the Indian that had killed Buffalo Chips, and he jumped down onto him as the Indian was reaching to get White's six-shooter. Bat had jumped right down on top of him and scalped him and got out of the cave before anybody knew what he was doing. When matters had quieted down I asked the Indians