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had failed to attend, inviting them to be present. Two weeks later, additional delegations arrived. A band numbering perhaps three hundred warriors, headed by Red Cloud, a prominent chief of the Ogalallahs, refused to come in. They are known as Bad Faces, and are composed of the most refractory and desperate characters of the tribe, who, having committed some serious infraction of the internal police of the tribe, have congregated themselves together, and refuse to be governed by the will or action of the majority. As at least seven-eighths of the two bands (the Brules and Ogalallahs) were present, the commissioners determined to proceed with the negotiations. Frequent councils were held, and the wishes and demands of the government were fully made known to the Indians. Finally a treaty was prepared and submitted to them. Its provisions were carefully explained, and I have no doubt was thoroughly understood by every Indian who signed it. Of course it would be improper to allude to its provisions here. They are believed to be satisfactory to the government, and I feel the utmost confidence that those whose assent they received (and they represent not less than seven-eighths of the two powerful bands named) will faithfully observe them.

The Bad Faces, to whom allusion has been made above, have committed several outrages on the newly opened Powder River route to Montana, since the signing of the treaty; but the Indians who participated in the negotiations at Fort Hiramie have, with scarcely an exception, faithfully kept their pledges. They will continue to do so, unless, from an inability to procure subsistence elsewhere, they are compelled to remove into the region of Powder river, where buffalo are most numerous, and thus become from necessity complicated with the Bad Faces, who, up to the present time, are alone responsible for