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will be war at once.

I have used every form of persuasion and command during the past summer to secure their return, but up to a very recent date have been unable to get more than two small bands to return to the westward of the Snow mountains.

The promises made them last year at the Middle Park treaty also have had their influence in that direction. "Is the treaty to be fulfilled?" has become a stereotyped inquiry with these men. I cannot but wonder that for \$11,000 the Indian bureau would run the risk of a collision with this the most formidable tribe now known, and about the only one of any magnitude strictly at peace with the whites. It would certainly seem as if the authorities, to save this small sum, were inclined to risk a campaign that would cost millions to avenge depredations.