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Then Buffalo Bill came out after Sitting Bull, sent by the government. Of course others who had not seen all the circumstances did not realize the situation. Buffalo Bill was so drunk that he could not even express what he wanted to do. Col. McLaughlin and Col. Drum gave him a squad of soldiers and he started out to find Sitting Bull. Col. McLaughlin, knowing the Indians and their ideas, sent a messenger to warn Buffalo Bill that Sitting Bull was coming to Ft. Yates by another road. Buffalo Bill immediately turned back. This was only a ruse to dissuade Buffalo Bill from capturing Sitting Bull but he was ignorant of the fact and returned. That gave Col. Drum time to get Buffalo Bill sent away. When the battle took place the Indians said that Sitting Bull had found that the policemen were coming for him and that he had ordered his horses to go with them that he might talk with them. As he mounted his horses one of his enemies cried out, "He is running away." Then they killed him. They stoned him and pounded him until he was horribly mangled into a jelly.

After this I told the Indians that if any of them wished to go to the Fort that they must carry a white flag. This would be the sign of truce and the soldiers would not harm them. Col. McLaughlin told me afterward that when the Indians went to the garrison that they each carried a white flag and whenever they met a soldier they raised and muttered, 'Wenonah', 'Wenonah'. He said he never saw so many Indians belonging to one woman before.

If Sitting Bull had not been defeated in his attempt to make the Indians believe all that he did he probably would have ended as many other noted Indians have ended. In the first place his chieftancy was not inherited and that alone made the people look down upon him. Gaul inherited his position and that made him respected. Sitting Bull had been raised to the position of chief because of bravery and good deeds. It would seem that this would cause the Indians to love and respect him but, while they obeyed him because he was their chief thru bravery, they did not at any time consider that he was anything but a common Indian. Gaul was a very different man. He was haughty and held himself aloof from the people. His character was stronger than