

living, still influential. Would he seize upon the present opportunity to rally his braves under the old standard, and lead them back along those familiar trails of plunder and bloodshed? The Chiricahuas were tough customers, and Clum determined not to go upon their reservation until he was prepared to dictate terms to them, not they to him, to have ranchers and their families protected in case of open hostilities, and to be able to quell an outbreak without a protracted Indian war. That General Kautz and his staff also were apprehensive of danger was evidenced by the general's action in tendering to Clum a company of cavalry to serve as his personal escort from Tucson to the Chiricahua agency, which was located in the heart of Apache Pass. As he felt more secure with his own body-guard of Apaches, Clum thanked the general, and declined the cavalry escort.

'With my fifty-six Indian police,' writes Mr. Clum, 'I arrived at Sulphur Springs, the scene of Pionsenay's recent murders, on the afternoon of June 4, 1876. Several companies of cavalry were moving down the San Simon and Sulphur Springs valleys to convenient positions where they might be ready for prompt action in case the renegades attempted further depredations. These two valleys were broad and open, so that the approach of the invading forces, each separate column trailed by a dense cloud of alkali dust, could be readily observed by the Chiricahuas, who, from adjacent peaks, had been watching our movements. The crisis for the Chiricahuas had arrived. Next morning my Indian police would be at their agency, in the very heart of the pass, with all the supporting troops in position for effective action.

'The fighting spirit of Skinyea was thoroughly aroused, we learned later, and he exerted himself to the utmost in an effort to induce the entire tribe to take the warpath. In this course he was ably supported