

conclusion that Geronimo's days of outlawry were numbered. No other thought entered my Apaches' heads. I am willing to admit that I began the trip with some doubts, some very grave doubts. But after eight or ten days' association with these optimistic red men, their spirit completely overwhelmed me, and I became just as positive as they. So, after all, we did not have such a tough time on this chase after Geronimo. As I look back over eighty years of life, I cannot recall an outing that I enjoyed more.'

Just before leaving San Carlos, Clum had sent to General Hatch at Santa Fe a dispatch advising him of the impending campaign, and requesting the General to assign sufficient troops at convenient stations in the field to co-operate in the protection of the citizens of southwestern New Mexico, should serious trouble occur.

At Fort Bayard, New Mexico, Clum received a reply from General Hatch that he had ordered troops of the Ninth Cavalry into the field at once; also that Major Wade, with three troops of cavalrymen, would meet Clum's Apache police at Ojo Caliente at dawn April 21, 'to assist in the apprehension of the renegades.'

Knowing well the attitude of his Apaches toward the military, and to a considerable extent sympathizing with this attitude, Clum did not immediately tell his police of the arrangement to have white soldiers participate in the effort to capture Geronimo. He knew their reaction would be unfavorable, but felt sure it would not be sufficiently serious to start a mutiny. He always had been successful when he reasoned with his Apaches, and was confident he would be able to win them over in this emergency. But if he had told them before the march started at San Carlos, he would not have obtained more than half a dozen volunteers.

On the second night out from Fort Bayard, with his leaders squatted lazily about the campfire, Clum finally broke the news. The reaction was essentially Apache. No one said a word; not a face changed its stolid expression. Exkinzin, Nachee, Goodah, Sneezzer, Taulcllyee, looked around