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country between Bad and White Rivers. A little while before sundown three Indians, belonging to Cheyenne Agency, came into camp. These Indians had also been to Rapid City as witnesses before the same court, and while there, had been sent out by Col. Tilford with dispatches. One of them, "Crow Feather", chief of the Sans Arcs band of Sioux, stated to me that he had just ~~been~~ to Spotted Tail agency to carry a letter from the commander of the troops; that while there he saw Spotted Tail himself, who told him that he and his people would fight the Cheyennes should they make their appearance at his agency, and that he had heard from some of his young men that the Cheyennes had crossed Hat Creek and were making their way to the Big Horn Country to the west of the Black Hills. When asked about the prairie fires, which we had seen to the south for several days, he replied that he had set them on fire, but for what purpose I could not make out. "Bull Eagle", one of the other two, stated that they had been sent by the same officer with a letter to the New Red Cloud Agency, on Wounded Knee Creek; that they could not find the agency and upon returning met the troops at the mouth of that Creek, that one of the officers wrote something on the envelope of the letter and started them out again with it; that they, a second time, tried to find the agency, but were unsuccessful and upon returning to the mouth of Wounded Knee Creek found the troops had gone; that being without food and with broken down horses they concluded to return to Cheyenne Agency; that on their way in they saw a man in the distance whom they supposed to be a "Road Agent" and whom they charged, with the intention of capturing him, but whom they found on approaching to be Crow Feather, who was also making his way home without food and with his broken down horse. He also stated that there was no truth in the rumor brought to us on the 12th by the mail carrier, of a recent fight between the troops and hostiles, as he had left the former late on the evening of that day at the mouth of Wounded Knee Creek. The letter which Bull Eagle had in his possession, and which he gave to me was from Colonel Tilford stated, Headquarters 7th U.S. Cavalry, Sage Creek, Oct. 10th 1873, and was addressed To the Commanding Officer, Government Agent, or agent of the Indian Department New Red Cloud Agency. On the envelope above addressed had been added "Scout left White River (mouth of Wounded Knee) 8 P.M. 12 Oct. , and was signed by the Adjutant 7th Cavalry, and below had been added in the same hand writing "On