

them in the museum now.

(Was there any objection about selling any of those things to him?)  
Some didn't want to sell them. But they gave him a lot of things.  
Now the Kiowas keeps their shields, but the Arapahoes don't. No.  
Kiowas preserve their shields, but the Arapahoes, when the man  
that owned that--his weapon and his shield.

(What do you mean by that?)

Well, they didn't want to keep anything that he had when he was  
alive after he was dead. That's the belief of the Arapahoes.  
You don't keep anything--any possessions of a deceased person of  
your family, to keep reminding you of that sorrow. That's the  
Cheyenne-Arapaho (belief).

(This is sort of off the subject, but in the old days would an  
Arapaho warrior keep any kind of record of his war experience on  
his shield?)

No. There were symbolisms--like the buffalo head, and the bear  
head, and the lightning--thunderbird, turtle. Those were symbolisms  
that were on the shields. And there was always--would never be  
more than seven eagle feathers on the shield.

"YELLOW MEDICINE" GATHERED BY COMANCHES AND KIOWA-APACHES AND  
TRADED TO ARAPAHOES

(Going back to Mooney--you said something about him studying a  
Comanche root? What was that?)

Well, you know the Comanches have a pretty strong medicine. It  
grows about that tall. It grows along the Deep Red River (Deep  
Fork of the Red River?). The Comanches go over there with red  
cloth and a bunch of blue beads. And they sit down and when they  
find that little bush they sit down. They sit around and they