

between Bemidji and the Cass Lake reservation, and seized two guns and a trapping outfit which belonged to Kah Kah Quesh and Mahcheannequah, two Indians on the Cass Lake reservation. He also made an attempt to seize some furs which they had, but they resisted, whereupon the warden clubbed the older Indian with a gun until he became unconscious, and then shot him. He next shot the other Indian and his wife, mortally wounding both. The older Indian, having recovered consciousness, shot and killed the warden.

Dr. E. S. Hart, overseer in charge of the sub-agency, sent Martin Branch and a detail of Indian police to the scene. No detailed account of the fight can be had. The only information received comes by an Indian boy 12 or 14 years of age, who witnessed the shooting. Considerable excitement exists here among the Indians, and Dr. Hart is unwilling to express any opinion regarding the effect it may have upon them.

The Indians naturally consider interference in their hunting privileges by game wardens as a violation of their treaty rights.

Fresno, Cal., Oct. 27.—The weather has now cleared sufficiently to enable a close estimate to be made of the raisin crop in Fresno, Tulare and Kings county. One-third of the entire crop has been damaged and it will be six weeks before what is saved can be shipped.

The fruit already packed will be needed to meet the thanksgiving trade in the East. Whereas last year 1,500 carloads of raisins had been shipped up to Oct. 25th the shipment for the present year is only 900 car loads. In Kings county the yield is 450 car loads.

Seventy-five per cent of the crop is saved of which forty per cent has been shipped. In Tulare county fully one-half of the crop has been spoiled by the rain. The storm has caused a loss of about 1,000 car loads. Growers are holding out for 3½ cents a pound in the sweat box.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 27.—Gen Otis has received a telegram from the vicinity of the trouble between the Indians and game wardens in which it was stated that white men as well as Indians were killed in the fight. No other facts in addition to what has already been published was given.

A telegram from Fort Duchesne says: Over 300 Indian men, women and children are off two reservations. Caloomp and other head men of the White River tribe, known to have been mixed up in the Meeker massacre, and to this day opposed to whites and their laws, are with them. The Shoshones are from Fort Hall, Wyo.

Meeker, Colo., Oct. 15, via Rifle, Oct. 23.—Boyd Vaughan arrived from Snake river with a dispatch for the governor and the following letter to Game Warden Little:

"Boyd Vaughan's Ranch,
October 24, 1897.

"James Little, Game Warden, Meeker, Colorado:

"Today with a party of twelve men I tried to arrest a camp of Ute Indians. We used all patience and they fired upon us, and then we had to fight. On Snake river, five miles above Lily Park, several Indians were killed and wounded.

"I have sent riders to warn settlers in Lily Park and elsewhere. The settlers are gathering at Vaughan's ranch, very much alarmed, and think you should turn out with what men you can and try to pacify the Utes.

"I believe that there were about 60 Utes in this camp, but late information shows about 100 men, and some say 200. I have seen about 40, but they were at many places and may retaliate, but if these Indians wish to, the settle-

ers are entirely at their mercy, so you and the sheriff of Rio Blanco county had better do what you can to protect the settlers.

"Yours respectfully,
"W. R. WILCOX."

Mr. Vaughan reports seven Utes killed. The first shot was fired by an old squaw. The bucks then began firing and the wardens returned the fire, killing and wounding quite a number. Warden Little is in Cayote basin, and Warden McLean and Sheriff Wilber, near Rangeley, where they went to arrest violators of the game laws.

One of the soldiers at Fort Duchesne who was in Meeker a week ago, reported that 367 passes had been issued to Indians to come into Colorado to hunt. One of the wardens reported 100 Utes on Yellow creek in Rio Blanco county last week.

St. Louis, Oct. 28.—A special to the Globe-Democrat says floods have washed away every building in the village of Apumada, state of Chihuahua, Mexico. The town had a population of 1,200 persons and they are all homeless and suffering. Eduardo Lintz, a wealthy grain buyer of the place, lost \$40,000 worth of property including 50,000 bushels of wheat.

Denver, Oct. 28.—News has just reached here that on Tuesday afternoon a stage having eighteen passengers and drawn by six galloping horses, was upset in rounding a curve, three miles from the new mining town of Grand Encampment, Wyo., and as a result three men are lying at the Wolf hotel, at Saratoga, at the point of death, and a dozen more have had to summon medical aid for the injuries received. The following is a list of the injured:

Thomas Saunders, foreman in the city engineering department of the Grand Encampment Town company, head crushed and arm and leg broken; not expected to recover.

Charles Cumming, driver, head and shoulders crushed and mangled under the stage; injuries thought to be fatal.

Captain Charles O'Connell, of the Grand Encampment Town company, severe spinal injuries; permanent recovery doubtful.

Fred L. Ballard, of the firm of Tucker Ballard & Co., stock brokers, Colorado Springs, internal injuries, not considered fatal.

Judge David N. Heiser, Colorado Springs, shoulder dislocated.

Major O. S. Alers, capitalist, Providence, R. I., foot crushed.

W. W. Kirby, miner and stock broker, Cripple Creek, leg sprained.

W. F. Rock, capitalist, Cripple Creek, head and neck slightly bruised.

J. P. Murray, of Midland sampling works, Cripple Creek, severely bruised on neck and shoulders.

J. S. Luckraft, mining engineer, Cripple Creek, shoulder blade fractured.

W. W. McGill, Cleveland, Ohio, representing syndicate Cleveland capitalists, trampled by one of the wheel horses, badly bruised but not seriously injured.

J. R. Pearce, mining expert, Cripple Creek, hand bruised.

W. C. Henrick, mining broker, Cripple Creek, ankle sprained and foot crushed.

George Kuntzman, real estate agent, Dubuque, Iowa, hand broken.

Joseph Rankin, Rawlins, Wyo., slight internal injuries.

The accident was due to reckless driving.

San Francisco, Oct. 28.—Dr. J. C. Spencer, bacteriologist of the board of health, reports that he has discovered the bacilli of tuberculosis in a Chinese made cigar which he examined.

Denver, Oct. 23.—The annual report of Brigadier General Elwell S. Otis, commanding the department of the Colorado, has just been submitted to

the secretary of war. The report includes the reports of officers in charge of the various staff departments. Gen. Otis reports having visited Forts Douglas, Duchesne, Grant, Huachuca and Logan. At all these posts he found the organization well instructed and efficient and observed in a number of instances a marked proficiency in a knowledge of drill regulations. He also noted expertness in athletic exercises.

The general health of the troops has been good. Their conduct measured by the trials, punishments and desertions has been measurably satisfactory. The percentage of desertions to mean enlisted strength which for 1896 was 3.93, was for the year ending in June, 3.58.

The general's observations lead him to believe there is need for an efficient garrison at some railroad point in New Mexico which will admit of speedy communication with all important places along and contiguous to the railway lines of travel, and that the posts of Fort Wingate and Whipple Barracks should have increased garrisons or be abandoned. The numerical strength of the command is 3,396.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 29.—The governor received the following report today from Game Commissioner Swan:

Meeker, Colo., Oct. 28, via Rifle, Oct. 29.—J. W. Lowell Jr., just in from Lily park on his way to Denver, left there yesterday noon, claims six Indians were killed and no whites. Indians had retired down the river. All quiet. Troops from Duchesne should be there today and at Rangeley. I will start toward the latter point today for news of situation. No trouble anticipated by any one. The trouble is over.

J. W. SWAN.

The man Gabel, supposed to have been killed by Indians, has arrived at Rifle, Colo. He had his horse shot from under him.

Washington, Oct. 29.—President McKinley today issued his first Thanksgiving day proclamation as follows:

In remembrance of God's goodness to us in the past year, which has been so abundant, let us offer up to Him our thanksgiving and pay our vows unto the Most High. Under the watchful providence industry has prospered, the conditions of labor have been improved, the rewards of the husbandman have been increased and the comforts of our homes multiplied. His mighty hand has preserved peace and protected the nation. Respect for law and order has been strengthened, love of free institutions cherished and all sections of our beloved country brought into closer bonds of fraternal regard and generous co-operation.

For these great benefits it is our duty to praise the Lord in a spirit of humility and gratitude and to offer up to Him our most earnest supplications. That we may acknowledge our obligation as a people to Him who has so graciously granted us the blessings of free government and material prosperity, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 25th day of November, for national thanksgiving and prayer, which all of the people are invited to observe with appropriate religious services in their respective places of worship.

On this day of rejoicing and domestic reunion let our prayers ascend to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for the continuance of His love and favor to us, that our hearts may be filled with charity and good will, and that we may be ever worthy of His beneficent concern. In witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be acquired.

Done at the city of Washington, this 25th day of October in the year of our