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BULLETS FLY

The Villager Backs Over Stubborn Resistance.

REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING.

Not So Bad as First Rumored But Still Bad Enough.

TEN MEN KILLED AND THIRTY INDIANS.

Sorting Deputies Has Been Heard from Several Times—The Newspaper Men are Reported Killed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 6.—The Times this morning prints the following summary of the situation at Leech Lake as near as it can be learned:

At 4:30 this morning the only definite news from Leech Lake, a member of the Third infantry under Gen. Bacon, had an engagement with the Villagers on the mainland with casualties of five killed and nine wounded.

The troops landed at 2 a. m. yesterday and scouted through the woods without result. Soon after 3 a. m. while the men were getting coffee the Indians opened fire with the result above stated.

The news, reached by General Bacon and Major Wilkinson, rushed forward to cover and returned the Indian fire with quick effect, the loss to the red men not being known. Definite details of the nature of the ground and of the battle lacking.

The war of the debate now received up to the hour given above.

Early in the evening rumors began to come in from Brainerd and Duluth to the effect that a Chase the Sioux party had been added to our long list of fights with Indians.

Mr. Poyler of the Minneapolis Journal, telegraphed that Boston of the Minneapolis Tribune was in a critical condition.

Following this came a statement from the operator at Walker that Bacon and Bell, the latter the Pioneer Press correspondent, landed from a boat before the troops were engaged and had been killed.

A later story was to the effect that two correspondents had been cut off by the Indians while trying to escape and Kelly, the Pioneer Press man, was mentioned but was supposed to be with Bellon and Bell.

Still later came a report from Brainerd that Bacon and his entire command—and two correspondents had been killed.

Detroit, Minn., Oct. 6.—Arthur L. Porter, staff correspondent of the Minneapolis Journal, has just arrived here from Walker, Minn. Force of circumstances prevented his being with the Bacon party when the Bacon force was ambushed. I do not know whether Bacon has more information than I have, but I do know that he was not in the fight. I was told by the Bacon men that they had heard that the Third infantry detachment had been wiped out. It was said that the Indians had taken to the big woods. We started out to cover engage and return to the troops. There were about 1 rods and 30 Indians. We opened fire on them. Corporal Schlecker and one man at Bandage. Either troops have lost a few men, but I do not know a line of it left. No answering of shots. We then retired, although no one fell and in the meantime we had left.

I was not an impossibility in the dark. The Bellefontaine from Brainerd here and Bacon and there was only one old Winchester rifle on the place.

Bobby Lenard, captain of the Pinos, is a good game man and he would have gone with us. There is no possible doubt but the attack force of the Indians would have been annihilated if the Bacon force had been reinforced. I do not know whether Bacon has more information than I have, but I do know that he was not in the fight. I was told by the Bacon men that they had heard that the Third infantry detachment had been wiped out. It was said that the Indians had taken to the big woods. We started out to cover engage and return to the troops. There were about 1 rods and 30 Indians. We opened fire on them. Corporal Schlecker and one man at Bandage. Either troops have lost a few men, but I do not know a line of it left. No answering of shots. We then retired, although no one fell and in the meantime we had left.

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