

# A GREAT INDIAN OUTBREAK

## RAPINE AND MURDER IN KANSAS.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT AT DODGE CITY AND IN THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY—SEVERAL MEN MURDERED, CATTLE CAMPS PLUNDERED, AND HOUSES BURNED BY THE CHEYENNES—ENGAGEMENTS IN WHICH THE INDIANS WERE VICTORIOUS—THE BORDER IN AN UPROAR.

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DODGE CITY, Kan., Sept. 19.—The most intense excitement prevails here over the attack of 300 Indians upon the cattle camp of Champan & Tuttle, 20 miles from here, and in which George Simmonds and a man whose name is not known were killed. Simmonds was in a wagon, and was literally riddled with arrows and bullets. The remainder of the men fled in the direction of Dodge City and were hotly pursued by the Indians. A few of them only reached here. The horses of some of them were killed and they were left on foot. Their fate is not known. The horses of those who came in are nearly all wounded. A party of citizens are now preparing to leave for the scene of the fight. The Bluff Creek Ranch, 26 miles away, is said to be in a state of siege.

Roving bands of Cheyennes have been seen within a few miles of town, and messengers are hourly arriving with startling news of depredations. The Indians are bold and fearless, and kill men, cattle, and horses indiscriminately. A cattle man named Bates, who left here yesterday for his camp, 40 miles south, returned at 12 o'clock last night, and corroborates the reports of the killing of the cow-boy at Kollar's Camp, on Bluff Creek. He reports the country much excited, and says that the Indians have killed two farmers and severely wounded another, and that they have surrounded Driskall Brothers' cow camp, were killing cattle by hundreds, and have stolen many herds of horses. The news created much excitement, and a party of citizens and stock men, well armed and mounted, and all Indian fighters of experience, left at once to aid them.

Messengers from other points bring information that creates much alarm among cattle-owners. One says that while he and others were busy yesterday afternoon burying the cow-boy mentioned before, they were set upon by a band of Indians and driven away from the grave, and that they could see another party some distance away firing at a horseman who, while fleeing, was seen to throw up his hands and fall from his horse. It is impossible to ascertain who the dead men are or just how many have been killed, but that some have been killed is definitely known, and that several cattle camps, from 30 to 60 miles south of Dodge City, are in need of assistance.

Rumors of almost every description are current, and it is almost impossible to ascertain to what extent the damage has been carried. A detachment of the Nineteenth Infantry, from Fort Dodge, have gone to scout south from the small station west, and to endeavor to prevent the Indians from journeying north. The number of Indians in the vicinity where the depredations have been committed is estimated at from 300 to 800.

Lieut. C. Gardner, of the Nineteenth Infantry, reports that official information by courier has just arrived stating that Capt. Rendelbrock, with two companies of the Fourth Cavalry, had an engagement with the Indians on the Cimarron, south about 40 miles, in which three men were killed and three wounded. The soldiers were surrounded and lost many horses. The fight was sharp, but the Indian loss is unknown. The same courier says that two men and a child were killed near Sun City yesterday.

This afternoon at 1 o'clock, the Cheyennes burned a farm-house within two miles of this city. The farmer and his family saw them coming and fled. The burning building could be seen distinctly, and the Indians were plainly visible with the aid of a glass. The greatest excitement prevailed, and women and children left their homes to gather in the streets for protection. Guns and horses were hurriedly gathered together and pursuit given, but the Indians soon disappeared over the hills. Engines were at once started east and west to warn settlers of the danger, and many have come in for protection.

The Driskall party, which left on Monday, have just returned. They, with a company of the Fourth Cavalry, under Capt. Hemphill, together 77 strong, engaged with 300 Indians 30 miles from here, at 12 to-day. The Indians showed a degree of bravery never before displayed, and after a sharp fight of two hours the Indians drove the whites from the field. One soldier was mortally wounded. The Indian loss is unknown, but the scalp of one was brought in. The Indians are well armed and mounted, and it is said by experienced fighters that their bravery was remarkable. They report all the cattle camps abandoned and several men missing, who it is feared have been killed. Troops are on the way from Forts Elliott, Riley, and Lyon to Camp Supply. The running of night trains has been discontinued until the danger is over.

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