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## CUSTER'S LAST FIGHT

TOLD BY "WHITE MAN RUNS HIM"



**W**HITE Man Runs Him, one of the Indian chiefs who visited Washington for the inauguration of President Wilson, was one of the three Crow scouts with General Custer at the beginning of the fatal engagement by the banks of the Little Big Horn. Both of the other survivors of the opening engagement are dead and every man who remained on the little hillside until the fight was in full swing perished with Custer.

White Man Runs Him is now nearly 59 years old. He is tall, as straight as an arrow and bears himself with dignity and the sure-footed grace of the plainsman. He speaks not a word of English, but in his native tongue, the Crow, he is eloquent. Affixed to his waistcoat is a little shield of metal. This is the badge issued to him by the United States Government. It marks him as one of Uncle Sam's veteran scouts. Of this token White Man Runs Him is very proud.

Frank Shively, a fellow tribesman and a graduate of the Carlisle Indian School, is a master translator of the Crow language and it was through him that the chief related the stirring story of Custer's last fight and the six days' march through the hostile country that preceded the battle.

"The Crows," said White Man Runs Him, "were the friends of the Government. The Sioux and the northern Cheyennes were its enemies. The Crows were to furnish scouts for the soldiers, and messages came to the chief with instructions for them to join General Crook near the mountains. Curly, White Swan, Medicine Crow and myself all joined General Crook. So also did Plenty Coups, who is now chief of the Crows. It was this force that met and was nearly defeated by the Sioux under the leadership of Crazy Horse, who came up Rosebud Creek and attacked Crook.

"After this I was sent as a scout to join the Custer forces. There were 30 others. This was on June 20, 1876. We joined Custer on the