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WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Captain Johnson, the Army officer sent to Thunder Butte, S. D., to pacify the rebellious Ute Indians, has come into conflict not only with Major Downs, the Indian Agent, but with Commissioner Leupp of the Indian Bureau, and the entire policy of the Government regarding treatment of the Indians. Captain Johnson's policy is to humor the Indians and pacify them with liberal rations. Major Downs insists on strict obedience to the regulations and Mr. Leupp adheres to the scriptural injunction: "He that will not work, neither let him eat."

Work or Go Hungry, Says Leupp.

Mr. Leupp accepts Captain Johnson's report as a reflection on his bureau. Citing the fact that the disaffected Utes have refused to work for rations, he contemplates paying them \$2 per day for labor only 15 miles from their present home, he said.

"Johnson proceeds on the theory that the way to handle troublesome Indians is to set them off and feed them. That is not the Indian bureau theory. This office believes in applying the same rule to the Indians that is applied to poor and ignorant men of any race. We believe in finding work for them, and then in permitting them to go hungry if they will not accept the opportunity to make a living."

"These Utes contemptuously decline to work, saying that the Government would take care of them. I am perfectly willing to stand responsible for all the advice I have given in the matter, which has been that we should treat the Indians kindly, but insist that they shall cease to be paupers when there is work at hand which can earn good wages practically at their doors."

Captain Johnson reports that the Indian agent and himself are at cross-purposes, and his report stated yesterday, appeals to the authorities here to support him and cause Major Downs to abate harsh treatment of the Indians.

Cause of All the Trouble.

The report says that the Indians objected to sending their children to a distant boarding school; also that the agent put the rations in half; that the Indians wish to live in peace, but that Downs refused to consider their promise to comply with his orders. Captain Johnson says the Utes are hungry and suffering and believe they have been unjustly treated. He says they asked him to act as an arbitrator and they would accept the result.

"The agent," Captain Johnson says, "put a vote to the head men to this effect: 'Would they obey him in the school matter and in all the regulations?'"

They replied they wished to see Captain Johnson. This appears to have incensed the agent, who sent them to the Ute camp to compel them to comply with the agent's wishes.

"I told the Utes that I should expect them to retract their vote this morning. They informed me that they would gladly obey the agent in all matters of regulations. I presented this decision to Major Downs, who refused to consider their promise. Harsh and severe remedies are to be applied. One hundred pounds of flour and a little patience is a more potent factor in the solution of this problem than 100 soldiers."

Navajo Prisoners Brought In.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—A dispatch was received today from Major Hirt, chief of staff of the Department of Colorado at Denver, indicating that Navajo troubles in Southern Utah and Northern New Mexico are near an end. The message reports the return of Captain Willard's command with ten Indian prisoners. Captain Willard says the captures were made near Aneth and adds:

"Billie and followers opened fire on Indian police and my men and skirmish continued for 20 minutes during which three Indians were killed and one seriously wounded. No other casualties. No further trouble is apprehended."

Finds Utes Peaceable.

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WHOLE COUNTRY GOES DRY

Finlanders Pass Alcohol Bill, Prohibiting Manufacture and Import.

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Nov. 1.—The diet today adopted unanimously, without a roll call, the alcohol bill, prohibiting absolutely the manufacture of alcohol in Finland or its importation into Finland. As the measure affects Russia's tariff relations with foreign countries, it is not certain that the Emperor will sanction the measure.

In view of the passage of the bill, temperance celebrations are being held in every part of the country.

PRINCESS' HUSBAND IN RECITAL

Toselli, Who Marries Saxony Crown Princess, to Give Concerts.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Nov. 1.—According to a statement made here today, Signor Toselli, the Italian pianist who married Countess Montignoso, formerly the Crown Princess of Saxony, has been engaged to appear before the Philharmonic Society of this city in a series of concerts. It is further stated that he will be accompanied by Signora Toselli.

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