

## AN INDIAN WAR STORY.

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py and pools of water were lying at intervals along a borbering water course. Early the next morning parties of Indians began to appear at the camp and were allowed to pass freely among the soldiers. Steptoe decided not to proceed further that day. Indians continued to arrive in increasing numbers and grew correspondingly insolent. As the day wore on many engaged in taunting soldiers, a few going so far as to fire their guns in the air; some saying: "This is Sunday; to-morrow we fight."

Lieutenant Gaston, a southern gentleman, had with him a young negro slave, who excited the curiosity of the Indians immensely. Evidently they had never before seen a specimen of his race, and persisted in lavishing upon him such personal attentions as was finally annoying. They would examine the skin on his face and hands with discomfiting minuteness and would grab into his kinky locks and endeavor to straighten them out. Every one was directed to avoid making any move that would precipitate a clash with these visitors, and the darsy was, therefore, compelled to endure his popularity uncomplainingly, expressing his disgust in no stronger terms than: "If you all git dat 'ar wool you all'll have to fight for it."

The situation became alarming to a high degree. This was not the kind of a council Steptoe came to attend, nor was he prepared to meet the Indians in the manner toward which indications now clearly pointed. Late in the afternoon a priest entered the camp and informed the colonel that he had found it impossible to dissuade the Indians from their purpose to attack his force the next day, and advised him to select his ground upon which to fight. The visible redmen now far outnumbered his own command, and Steptoe concluded that, with his inadequate equipment for standing a prolonged engagement, his battle ground was far toward Walla Walla. As night came on the Indians left the camp and disappeared.

### THE COMMAND ATTACKED.

Before sunrise the next morning, Monday, May 17, Colonel Steptoe's command was marching southward, headed directly toward that famous landmark which now bears his name. Hardly had the column covered a mile when Indians were seen, in the morning gloom, riding on distant hillsides.

Steptoe desired, by all means, to avoid the appearance of having provoked a warfare by this expedition into the Indian country, and wished, if possible, to make his return without having to fight, and as an attack seemed now inevitable, he gave strict orders that the Indians' fire should not be returned until some one of the company was wounded or a mounted horse disabled.

The attack was not long in coming. A squad of Indians, decked in their war regalia, dashed across the trail to the rear of the moving column and fired as they ran, but their distance was too great. They circled and recrossed the trail, firing as before, though this time at a little closer range. These tactics were continued until Lieutenant Gaston, who was covering the rear, sent a man forward to inform Steptoe that he was closely pressed. The man returned reporting no change of orders. Gaston's horse fell under him and he mounted another, and still the column forged ahead in stubborn silence. The second horse was shot under him and a ball tore across the back of his hand. Then the first vol-

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### EXIT TELLS MERIT OF PLAY

Manager of Theater Can Judge Feeling of Crowd Upon Its Leaving the House.

"Do you know I can stand outside the front of the theater, and by watching the crowd as it comes in, can tell whether the show has pleased the audience or not?" said the manager of one of the theaters, to the New Orleans Times-Democrat, "and I have come to look upon this method as superior to almost any other, when it comes to judge the reception of a play. Appearance is often deceptive, and it is always uncertain."

But after the curtain has rolled down on the last scene, and the crowd begins to file out; after the audience have broken the spell cast over them by the plot, and the performers, after they begin to get away from the glare and tinted of the thing, and come to realize that it was just a play, just a bit of fiction utilized for the moment by substituting real men and women for the mental images conjured up from the pages of a book, it is then that the mind lapses into a more critical mood, and we can read in the faces of the men and women who have witnessed the performance what the final word is with respect to the show. That's why you will always find me in front of the theater just about the time the curtain rolls down."

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