

A SPIRITED FIGHT WITH INDIANS.

GEN. CROOK'S COMMAND ENGAGED WITH SIOUX WARRIORS — SEVERAL KILLED AND A NUMBER WOUNDED ON BOTH SIDES—MARKED GALLANTRY OF THE TROOPS.

CHEYENNE, June 23.—As intimated in the last dispatch, Gen. Crook's command left camp on the morning of the 16th inst. with four days' rations and struck across to the Rosebud, a branch of the Yellowstone, in Montana. Following down this creek next morning about five miles, the Snake and Crow scouts brought word from the front that the Sioux were in force at the Hills, and by 8:30 o'clock the command was in position and an extensive fire was inaugurated along the bluffs to the north of the creek. The enemy, who had begun the attack, and showing thereby their confidence in their ability to whip the command, retired. As the soldiers and allies advanced, the Sioux, all well mounted and well armed, charged in numbers at times, and were prodigal in the use of ammunition. The fight lasted four hours, when the enemy retired out of sight at every point. The casualties are as follows:

Third Cavalry.—Company F—Sergt. Marshall and Private Roe killed; Privates Broderson and Feathersby wounded. Company I—Privates Allen and Flynn killed; Sergt. Enoch, Corp. Carts, Privates Smith, Stewart, O'Brien, and Lossey-Boskey wounded. Company L—Sergt. Newkirker, Privates Bennett, Potts, Connors, and Mitchell killed; Sergts. Cook, Edwards, Snow, and Cramer wounded.

Second Cavalry.—Capt. Henry, Company D., and Sergt. O'Donnell, both wounded. Company B—Private Steiner wounded. The latter are all likely to recover. One Snake scout was killed and three wounded, and four Crows were wounded.

The dead bodies of thirteen Sioux were found on the field, and it is certain a number more were killed, with the usual proportion of wounded. Several of the Sioux's ponies were killed, and Gen. Crook's horse was shot under him. The fight occurred fifty miles from the wagon and pack train, and owing to the want of rations, and that the wounded might be cared for, it was necessary to return thither. The officers and soldiers all displayed marked gallantry, the nature of the ground making the infantry advantageous. Gen. Crook has ordered five companies to join him at once, the cavalry meantime continuing operations on the plains and hills, should no definite information of villages be obtained. There is one month's supply of rations in the camp. The Crows have returned to their homes; the Snakes will remain. The rich game country of the Big Horn affords an ample commissary department for the stock.

OMAHA, June 23.—The following has just been received at Department Head-quarters from Capt. Nickerson and Gen. Crook, dated "Camp, South Fork, Tongue River, June 9, via Fetterman 23d.—We had a sharp fight on Rosebud Creek on the morning of the 17th inst., lasting several hours. Our loss was nine men killed and twenty-one wounded. Capt. Henry, of the Third Cavalry, was the only officer hurt; he is severely wounded in the face. We won the fight and camped on the field. The Indians made the attack, and had a force they no doubt believed sufficient to whip this command." A private dispatch states Gen. Crook had a horse shot from under him during the engagement.

CHICAGO, June 23.—A dispatch was received by Gen. Sheridan to-day, from Gen. Crook, dated, Camp on the south of Tongue River, Wyoming, June 19, officially confirming the press dispatch concerning the fight with Indians. Gen. Crook reports nine white men killed and fifteen wounded in the Third Cavalry, two wounded in the Second Cavalry, three wounded in the Fourth Infantry, and Capt. Henry, of the Third Cavalry, severely wounded in the face. The loss of the Indians cannot be estimated, but thirteen dead bodies were left on the field, and many had been removed.