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of the chiefs and this the treaty on notes make very coand definite.

And though the Julium Country 4tho yr instead of the instead of finding themselves protected from

incursions of settlers and gold hunters, the Yakima country was overrun and celtlement of the bunch grass with miners while settlers and cettlemen were inching northward as the country was encouraged.

Helpds are away the baddeneds bunchgrass. The surely the ferima felt that their land and their homes were to be wrested from them as it had been down south of the Columbia.

The inevitable took place as J. Ross Browne quete in his official report:

"A war took place -- an expensive and disastrous war from the effects of which the territories will suffer for many years

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It was a war of destiny--bound to take place whenever the causes

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Before this, Kamiakin, by the written record, was a friend of the standard of

He became a war chief and emerged a martyr of his race and his

people, misunderstood by many but eternally revered by his people K

etan though he was defeated in a contest that could have but one ending.

It is not logical to believe that framiakin believed that the Yakima in a bull that by downwood on ortotal 3,1655 victory over a United State Army force on Fop-nish creek, southeast of (2 curpones of Cregulars Fort Simece State Park, would be repeated in all encounters that were sure

to come k nor that he did not believe that the defeat of the blue coated

Ded de Dadte in which ded dand Ord south ded the Office and Office his warriors stood side by side to with the Coeur d'Alenes, Spokanes and

rectory. Because could none of his enemies

rectory. Because could Palouse, be a long-lasting victory. Because coold none of his enemies Dadoe did Aver daid that wamiakin lacked in wisdom. at the realize shy he acted as he did, one must think back to

Owning speech about the Earth.

The reddidd faith of the Yakima leaders was assertd in the earth, and when the inevitable confronted them, they had no fear of dying

and becoming, as they told Governor Stevens act the Treaty council,

thelath Ramaking a part of it. The spoke prophetically in capacity the resty Council & We spoke plainty and everyone understood. The where the Earth heard and it was recorded for all time , /k fold Stephens &

"Your chiefs are good, perhaps you have spoken straight, that your children will do right. Let them do as they have promised. This is all I have to

say. " Recall what Owhi Said &

God looks down upon his children today as if we were all it in one body. He is going to make one body of us.

At the outset of the war Major Granville O. Haller marched tout of the

bravely out from The Dalles with 100 troops, most of Diedomodococco

munes those who were mounted, riding mules.

They headed straight north of across the Simcoe Mountains into the and were continued by Yakima country, ran head on 1 to Samiakin's warriors on the Top-nish Creek. 

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Haller hauled which he believed would

Ho had towed along a mountain howitzer to strike fear and terror into

Indian hearts. But their love for their homes has sturger than

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The victory was decisive and overwhelming for the tribesmen, a remain

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power fout, and with considerable loss for Haller wise mountains

howitzer behind with the retreated.

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became a legend among the Yakimas that the witzer was left there a hos even to even though

and the legend persisted to leterode so modern days and it as and does

not dotract from the OD victory over Haller that Colonel Wright recovered

it im later years and took it back to The Dalles. He blancook

Haller, had he stopped to think, would have known he was leading his troops into a hornets nest, warriors who relied to protect their homes against what they believed was seizure and a propriation as had taken place south of the Big River.

Haller's defeats histories and south of the Columbia and into the "alla Walla Valley.

It brought come entrations of United States troops and Volunteers

who, employing superior fire power with more modern weapons terminated the

September 17, 1858

hostilities with Col. Wright's campaign from Walla Walla into the Palouse

last of the Columbia

country and to Spokane.

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But before this there was a campaign into the Jakima Valley, an elusive battle at fwin Buttes of Union Gap, whose old wante was find pah Ifu Ta Pout [where mountains time make a gap), of It was during this period that Fort Simcoe Was built for the multiple-purpose of protecting the Indians from the oversalous settlers and as a military depot to overawe the tribesmen.

Before the campaigns were every there were several there written that reflect the feeling of the times.

R.R. Thompson, Indian agent writing from The Palles to Palmer and Walla Valley because January 20,1856, said of the situation in the Walla Walla Valley because of the presence of the Countered Counter Volunteers there; Said!

"News from the "alla "alla gives an account of the most shameful treatment of the settlers and friendly Indians...if their lives were in danger when surrounded by hostile Indians, they are doubly so now."

The death of the "alla Walla chief, Respondence, a truty signer of the treaty with the brown layer of the delimatella at for his people at "alla Walla dadd at the time the Yakima Freaty has

draws, came in for singular documentation. He was killed by the who were holding him under as Volunteers wood to who had taken him under a flag of truce.

Writing from Colville to Gov. Stevens on Jan. 27,1856, A. McDonald said:

"The most unrelenting barbarities are told here of your volunteers \*is said they murdered Seprent Jaune (Peopeomoxmox) or Yellow Bird) scalped and skinned him, turned his skin into razor straps, disinterred him after burying him, then cut off his ears -preserved in liquor of which an American officer drank afterwards by accident. If this is true, if so as an historical fact tis worth salting to show our progress."

The Treaty with the Yakima was not ratified until March 8,000d 1859 and it was proclaimed April 19 that same year by The President The outhwall quar Paused forbidding forbidding settlement of the military issued orders in 1855 permitting settlement of the military to the military to the military to the military to the settlement of the military to the

/ et of the Cascades and it was reiterated in 1857 before it was revoked matters which provoked widespread controversy as

the true soudcood condition of affairs. for the position of That and A.H. Morse of Salem applied as special Indian agent at Fort Simcoe, June 1,1858,0 decay and decay and indication that the More however fakima Reservation was being prepared for the tribes. We was informed by J.W. Nesmith, then superintendent of Indian affairs for the two territories that W instructions from the Department & dering a retrenchment because of the service together with the exhausted state of the appropriation for the present fiscal year utterly precludes my making any such appointment for the present.

O.H. Mason, governor of Washington Ferritory in his annual message

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delivered December 7,1858 announced "... Sheer justice to the Indian and

the better security of lives and property of the citizens demand the speedy

confirmation of the treaties." And Medrecommended the appointment of a

superintendary

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General Harney ordered Capt, James J. Archer of the 9th Infantry,
in command at Fort Simcoe, to the date turn over the post to Ar.

R.H. Lansdale, Indian Agent. tansdale hadomediatained was notified

of the order by Nesmith on May 16,1859 and prepared to transfer the

agency from White Salmon. Archer turned over the property to the Indian

Department on April 18 under whose control indianation of the following as and

agency and boarding school days and days condenses the survey of the salmon of the following as a survey. The property to the Indian and the salmon of the following as a survey of the salmon of th

superintendent, acting for the Department of the Interior, turned its control over to the State Parks and Recreation Commissionx for development however only as a historic site and state park. This was possible through goddatoston on the Jakema Water to the state a an agreement to lease the property to the and many others. nd Kamiakin remains revered by his people, a name that will live and he (the most historic beguns of the old days, will andere , forever, like the treaty among the Vakimas He and his junger brother, Sklown; Howas one of three brothers, the others being Shawawai Only Skloom, the younger, signed the treaty like Kamiakin. "nd he was the beaty chief related by marriage td0000 to ( and unevitiolable ) Owhin was the dest and the father of the marian reckless warrior, Qualchan who distinguished himself in the battle of op-nish creek against Haller's record troops supposed from the figure before the white men or suyapos came, there was a chief, whose name was dad We Wo Chit. He was the father of the Book Owhi, Teias and Shawawei, all men who will be long remembered or Owhi, wo salled surrent ered to General write Wight on the Tucannon exect Rises was killed by the seldiers while attempting to escape s wright was headed back toward Fort Walla Walla after the war had been terminated. Qualchan the not long his son had come into camp, having been sent for, and was hung peremptorily

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trial by "right's orders 15 minutes later.

Owhi was seen described as he was seen in 1853. ... a man of bulk and stature, a chieftainly personage of fine old Roman accest in bronze and modernized with a fresh glazing of vermilion over his antiquated duskiness of hue.

He wore a trimbed with heavy epaulets and trimbed with

fringe, the wore considered and additional and the ancient Tribal chaptainship, offer bur, moccasins and objected the old emblem of royalty, offer for fur, which handed his head a like the hair. And as a true old skima, before the beads were used to be bed beeds, his buckskins were daubed with red clay.

(Skloom, lived and died along Toppenish Creek in the Simcoe Valley, as he maintained friendly relations with the rate ining his contact with the Agency, until his death the boddeson boddeson and added and along the contact with the Agency, until his death the boddeson boddeson and added and a second a secon

But it was thus, even before the pard Treaty days, when it was written that Kamiakin could leave the Yakima Valley for Denoted even a long trip " Denoted a which would "Yeave the field to kloom the ambitious nor to Owni the crafty."

Kamiakin has been described by many writers who saw him.

Three years before the treaty he was "a tall, large man, very dark with a massive square face and grave, & reflecting look.

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striking/g distinguished, quiet and dignified."

And enother historian who saw and talked withhim even earlier described him as " a large, gloomy looking tooking a very long and strongly marked face; slovenly in dress but said to be generous and honest."

Catholic

One person who saw him at the old Mission on the Ahtanum, near which lodge was located and others he planted his

his thome and gardens were located wrote that although his long tunic of lung hebre the treating Statched

fine green cloth was made up a patches of all shapes and sizes,

not a scarecrow. Within this garment of disjunctive conjunction he

stood & chieftainly man

He was the son of poted a Palouse who came from Rah-mash Ni

close to the Nez Perce country and his mother was a Yakima. He had five

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being related to Teias through one of them, All of his sons Respectate wnot - Bind tulking

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but not Kamarkas although reace returned to the yak Calley, flam to near diet born in 1870 in the Palouse p

Kamfakin never returned to the reservation onee peacecame to the Death to well also have been his fate at the heds of widies or Cauthona dad ound ocultry He was always as suspicious that death,

overgedows whites Seller would also have been his fitter bate too, would be his fate at the hands of the soldiers or water as in

the case of Qualchan and Owhijand leaders on the Coast.

Cas codes, who The surrendered in good faithe and & met when deaths o For a time after the war, it larked appeared that Kamiakin might come onto the Takima heservation, as chief according to the Treaty of 1955 and receive his pay as chief, \$500 a year. haddend But thereovered the companion of the control of the con

The agent, Lansdale, writing to Superintendent Geary from Simcoe, in July, 1859 stated:

"It is evident kamiskin has his misgivings, fearing the whites may apprehend and punish him for the past but influenced by my assurance of protection and safety he has sent a message that he will return about the middle of August so soon as his people have fineshed providing camash and by that time his horses are in traveling condition.

Kamiakin did not come, and Lansdale himself went to Kamiakin horseback.

in April 1860, a 12-day trip. Total de la land d

The chief told the agent that he was not afraid of the agency,

but of the whites generally and, he explained, should he return and there

be any difficulty between the Indians and white & the blame would be

blame held accountable &

placed on him

Py the Test of May Lansdale had recommended the appointment of Spencer;

accommended of the Klickitats as chief and this was done on July 5, Spencer

being named "temporary head chief of the Yakima nation to serve until a

permanent head chief could be applicated regularly chosen, according to treaty stipulations.

The same agent, in and letter on Oct, 10,1860 reported "the buildings at this post turned over by the War to the Indian Department when abandoned by the U.S. troops are sufficient in number for the purpose of an Indian Agency, are sufficient in number for the purpose of an Indian Agency, are sufficient in number for the purpose of an Indian Agency and can be made suitable by alterations and repairs and by completing two partly built by the military. All the buildings need appropriately purpose of schools and shops.

"The buildings returned to me are twenty one in number and were valued at \$31,250."

W.B. Gosnell, sub tran agent who was in charge at the Yakima agency in February, 1861, discharged Spencer.

The was confident that Kamiakin would come onto the reservation

wife, San chlour been and consulted the chief's condition of the agent she had and by orders of Kamiakin to ascertain and report to him the condition of affairs " on thereservation. The was the daughter of Teias and her uncle was the chief, Owhi, and It was her first visit to the agency.

"The character of Kamiakin is , I am afraid, not generally understood,"

spirit of the late conflict, yet his whole course was marked by a nobleness of mind that would have graved the general of a civilized nation.

He never harmed the women and children of the settlers, or waylaid the lone traveler, but has been in many instances their protector."

William Kapus, acting Indian agent, wrote to Kamiakin indomed on Farch
21,1861, stating:

I have kept your garden for you...you ought to come the your people have no chief now and you know that a people without a chief the live long. Nearly all the Indians here are farming now and by next winter they will have planty. These planty at they will have planty. The planty a

But Kamiakin Never came to the reservation and the Yakimas had no head chief. It was not until the time of the agent, the Rev. Gadard James H. Wilbur that one was elected. Milbur himself supported the election of a chief to help him with his increasing duties and White Swan was selected by the head men who gathered and cast

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Skloom died at this time godded his death occurring February 1, 186/ IN his home not far from Fort Simcoe Agency.

Gosnel wrote to E.R. Geary, superintendent at Portland, Ore., that

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"Indian 50 Scloom, brother of Kamaikin... died on the 1st inst. after an

illness of four days.... he expressed his anxious wish and full determination

to use every effort to have Kamakin come upon the reserve to live, assuring

me that as soon should open he himselt would come, and while upon his

deathbed made known his determination to have Kamiakin come upon the

reserve...his own heart wa warm towards the whites and begged that

they discard turmoil appeared, that strife should be no longer known

be between their nation and our own but that they should live in

harmony with our nation and die friendly and happy as members of one great

human family..."

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a log cabin isolated from the rest of his camp-bescuse he wanted to be alone -- and died at a sanctuary at hock Creek southwest of Spokane in the homeonetic homeland of his father.

When Wright set out on his campaign that ended in the close of the war. Fandedid Wamlakin remained securely distant to the north. Then he went to Rock Lake to live out his days.

He was visited there in 1870 the fall of 1870 by W.P. Winans, who rode down from Colville Reservation at the instructions of Colonel Samuel Ross, Significant and the deliver 20 bales of the Samuel Ross, 600 blankets "his due under the treaty."

Dunans was invited into his lodge, related the occasion for his visit and explained that the government wanted to make good its promise and to do so, was seed to sending the blankets.

"He listened silently, "ANTION SOCION ON to all I had to say," said winans," and when he saw I had completed my statement, he arose, standing erect with his left arm extended, pointing with his right hand to the ragged sleeve of his gray woolen shirt.

from the UnitedStates, ' he said.

deceived and wronged by the United States and deserted by his people wand wished no favors from either.

So heccompethed Winans took the blankets back to Colville and distributed them during the winter to the needy.

Kamiakin scamp) and batch though he had lived there for years, he was finally emblered his compined and broken hearted as a rocky ledge \_ IN famiakin died in 1878 and was buried in tradadamentation and a secret place, in the Remarks and place.

A few years after that the relatives went to the state dominations of the boday burial place to lay on new clothes, as was the custom.

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A.H. Robie, special Ind. A gent from Palles, March 2,1857 to Stevens:

I had a conversation wit Mr. White who was captured at Simcoe by Sklo m. He was released at the Palouse river and arrived at the Dalles on the 1st inst. He informed me that Kamiakin, Skloom and Showawai are encamped on the Paouse with a part of their people, 200. "e was treated kindly by all the chiefs. Kamiakin said Tooking Glas is theman that first proposed war upon the whites. Peu Peu Mox Mox and he said let us wo wait three years and then if the whites prove false and treat us bad ig will be time to go to war, but Looking Glas said that it wuld bo then be too late and proposed that he should go to the Blackfoot country and kill ov. Stevens and during his absence the rest should unite in a general war. Not long after that sent a messenger back to report that he had accomplished his object. When we heard this, said Kamiakin, we were all of

one-hundred years ago when the treaty makers assembled in a cottonwood grove on the present site of Walla Walla. Is a precious posicssion of the Yakimax

Before then they had a heritage so old that no one knew just when it It was born to be was a heritage of the race and of a deep-rooted religion that recognized the existence of a Creator who gave the people the Sacred Earth. It was a civilization and a noble culture.

The Treaty of 1855 tame to be, like the others, a heritage for those still living and those yet unborn.

but that the wise old chiefs, with a power born only to gifted leaders, realized that the future life must change for the r people.

The treaty was a forced necessity of though unwanted, it was thrust upon the old chiefs with it was accepted. It was ratified by the Senate of the United States and the President proclaimed its existence and validity.

Since then it has become the law of the people, a document held in solemn and with respect by the grandfathers, who still clung to the old ways, and the young people, who were still struggling to learn of the new.

The written history of all Month American tribes commenced with the continual of the Europeans. Of the earlier, the pre-Columbian era, only legends and fragmentary tales survive the dim mists of junrecoverable years.

The Indian history is the very essence of the history of America to the continuant after the greety to the very essence of the history of America to the continuant of the foundation, became though its documents and old records first the boundation, became though its continual and old records for the boundation, became though its continual and old records the very history of americant when the Europeans came they found that the original in habitants of this

Many forms of a conception of a Creator flowed from their worships.

They had a faith that death is not the end. It was not unsimilar to the belief in human hearts today wherever there are men free to worship.

If was a faith, intermed to steeply with value that et has were heen uprosted a

continent possessed tribal governments and were self sustaining.,

Treaties are deeply interwoven with this country's earliest history.

When this began the first occupants were peaceful until the westwardly migration changed the tribes into fierce aggressors fighting to preserve their homes while they resisted the influence of Anglo-Saxon civilization. It was significant for the Yakima. They did not take up arms until they were compelled to, do so.

Before the Mirth of the United States the European mations overawed and managed the tribes in individual ways to suit their sishes. Their objective was to acquire as much of the new continent and its wealth aspossible.

Although the original rights were not totally disregarded, the title to the soil, the Earth, did not concern the sovereigns.

As early as the Revolutionary War, provincial assemblies considered Indian affairs and transmitted them to the Continental Congress which on June 16, 1775, appointed a committee of five to "secure and preserve the friendship of the Indian Mations."

That same month three departments of Indian affairs were created by the Congress of the Confederation and with men of no less leadership than Benjamin Franklin and Patrick Henry as members. Carrier Franklin had told the Albany Congress: "Many quarrels and wars have arisen between the colonies and the Indian nations through the bad conduct of the traders who sheat the Indians after making them drunk."

In 1606 the London Virginia Company instructed its colonists: "In all your passage you must have great care not to offend the naturals vif you can eschewit; and employ some few of your company to trade with them for corn and all other lasting victuals if they have any; and this you must do before they perceive you near to plant among them."

A proclamation issued by thefirst governor of the Virginia Colony warned that colonization was "not to supplant them (the Indians) and root them out." Even when Harvard College was charted in 1650 it was provided that it was for "education of ye English and Indian youth of this country in knowledge and Codlyness."

The west India Company Colonists purchased "the island Manhattan from the Indians for the value of 60 guilders; 'tis 11,000 morgens in size..."

This was a little more than a dollar for a thousand acres.

Although the Treaty with the Confederated Yakima Nation is just 100 years old, the first formal treaty in this country with a tribe was with the Delawares, 177 years ago.

Commissioners were appointed in 1783 to treat with Indian nations and the system persisted until 1869 with the result that 360 treaties were made before Congress terminated treaty making power in 1871. Then a "wardship" policy supplanted the recognition of a "nation."