

glance. He forthwith hoisted his flag, an article of cosmopolitan type, all the colors of the rainbow finding place within its folds. It was hoisted only on state occasions, and when it appeared, every member of the tribe felt himself in duty bound to go straightway to his ruler's residence. All were obedient to its call on this day, for they expected to hear important official communications. When his house was filled to the uttermost limit and crowds were noisily clamoring outside, chief William appeared on an upper verandah, and in less than a minute silence reigned supreme. He addressed the multitude in a high domineering tone of voice. He first spoke in general terms of man's folly. He then particularized and waxed warm in denouncing the recent uprising. He said that, whilst he had been doing all in his power to develop the tribe's agricultural and mercantile resources jealous ones had betrayed his confidence in them and, by intrigues and misrepresentations, had turned the young and inexperienced against him. The orator continued, and declared that whilst all were turned against him, he had remained true to himself and to his subjects, he had been laboring for the tribe's best interests. He then made known the nature of the message he had received, saying at the same time that this invasion was the result of the internal dissensions which had already become known abroad. In conclusion amidst thundering applause William vowed that he himself, though already an old man, would fight without eating, smoking or sleeping.—would fight even unto death—in preference to giving up a single inch of his rightful possessions.

The oration had the desired effect, the orator had regained all his former prestige and had even added a little thereto. The question with him now was what to do about the intruders. Needless to say, he did not for a moment seriously think of opening war. In dealing with the case he wished to follow as closely as possible the parliamentary mode of procedure, of which he had often heard White men speak. He first appointed a commission, composed of several of his tribesmen, to take the bearings of the river, the number of intruders encamped on its banks, their daily occupation, etc.,

etc. As a matter of fact William the individual knew all about the river, but of course, as chief, all his knowledge had to be obtained in an official manner. The river, be it remembered, was only about twenty miles from his house. After his emissaries had returned with their reports he wished to have a diagram, representing the river, the invaders' camp, etc. The use of pencils and paper not being in vogue among the Indians, William decided to have the diagram plotted out on the ground. To make the representation more graphic, he had a number of Indian boys brought to the field and placed here and there at corners of the geographical figure. But as often as the figure neared its completion and just when William, as chief, was beginning to understand the case, some one, or perhaps all, of the boys would run off to chase a squirrel or chipmunk. As a consequence, the representation in William's imagination would suffer a miscarriage on its way to his intellect, and it would become necessary to reconstruct the whole figure. After two or three weeks thus spent out in the fields, the chief concluded that he understood the case, at least fairly well. He entered upon communications with Apple Throat, who was chief of the tribe to which the intruders belonged. After having exchanged a number of blood-curdling threats and solemn promises, the two chiefs agreed to meet at an intermediate point for the purpose of settling the question at issue. The next difficulty was where to locate this intermediate point. Apple Throat suggested one place, William another, and neither would concede an inch to his opponent. As it took three or four days for a communication to travel from one royal house to the other two months had elapsed since the difficulty first arose, and a settlement seemed now farther off than ever. In the mean time, the hunting season being over, the intruders returned home un molested. William hearing this at once called his tribe together by having the royal flag hoisted. He announced victory won by his masterly tactics of diplomacy. He declared the whole question satisfactorily settled, without a drop of blood being shed. He regarded this the event, *par excellence* of his reign, and in honor of it he proclaimed that a "big pollatch," would be inaugu-