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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Kamloops. B.C.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 153-14.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

November 9th. 1914/01

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Sir,—

I beg to report that on the morning of the 22nd of October last a murder was committed at Hat Creek near the Cariboo wagon road, by an Indian who shot and killed a young Indian woman while she was at sleep in her tent.

It has been revealed that this Indian was named Charlie Pierro was engaged to be married to this girl, named Adelenia August. They had a fallen out, and she refused to marry him. And that previous to, and up to the day of the murder, this young woman and several others were engaged digging potatoes on the Hat Creek ranch for Mr C. Doring. On the night of the Murder, he went to the tent in which she and another Indian girl were sleeping. The two young women were sleeping under one blanket. He entered the tent drew a match and located her exact position and shot her in the neck, killing her dead. He then took to the Timbers, and is still at large. armed with a 30-30 Winchester Rifle.

I visited the scene in response to a letter from the Chief a few days later, that is on the 30th Ultimo, and held a conference with the Chief and the Principal men of the Band. As the Indian Outlaw is well armed, and understanding was entered into with the Provincial Authorities to leave his capture in the hands of the Chief and his men for the next 30 days, as it is thought he may be induced to surrender to his Tribesmen without further blood shed in that time. Failing however, the Chief and his men will withdraw in favour of the Provincial Authorities.

Your Obedient Servant.

John F. Smith
Indian Agent.

The Asst. Deputy and Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa. Ont.