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The Indian difficulties in the north promise to be of a serious character. The Yreka correspondent of the *News* writes as follows:

“By the last express from this place, you received intelligence of a conflict between a company from Cottonwood Creek and a party of Indians, at a point on Klamath river, about twelve miles above the Ferry on that stream, on the route between this and Jacksonville. The ferry is about eighteen miles from this place, and Cottonwood creek empties into the Klamath at that point.

Capt. Juda, upon receiving information of the difficulties, hastened with some twenty-five soldiers from Fort Jones, to the battle ground, and burying the four men who had been killed and left by their comrades, proceeded up the Klamath, (on the opposite side from here,) to the cave where the Indians were said to be strongly fortified, for the purpose of reconnoitering. When Capt. Juda passed through this place, there was a good deal of excitement and desire to raise troops to aid him. He very judiciously told them he had enough men, with such aid as he could get at Cottonwood, to reconnoitre the position of the Indians, and find out their strength and in case he needed their services, he would avail himself of them.

Capt. Juda found the Indians strongly posted in a large cave, the mouth of which is very difficult of access on account of its elevation and narrow canyon among the rocks. He called out the Indians and asked of them their disposition. To which they replied they were for fight and would not listen to any other terms. The Captain continued his reconnoissance until he had fully examined their position, exchanged a few shots with them and returned to camp, a short distance from the cave, and despatched an express to Fort Lane, near Jacksonville, for a mountain howitzer, which is expected to reach the scene of action to-day. Capt. J. also sent to Fort Jones for provisions,

which passed through this place in time to reach him to-day.

After examining the position of the enemy, he notified those of this place who had tendered him their services, that he would not need them for the present. Rumor says there are about 150 Indian warriors in the cave, but from all the authentic information I can gather, I think the number is greatly exaggerated.

This is a novel mode of Indian warfare, to take refuge in a place from which they can not easily escape if conquered. You will hear the result of the bombardment by the next express. Captain Juda has inspired his whole command with confidence in his coolness and judgment. He has about thirty volunteers from Cottonwood.

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