

Having by the discovery of the express got hold of something tangible with regard to the whereabouts of the enemy, the pursuit commenced early next morning. It was rapid and persevering until we reached the Third Lake, early in the afternoon of the second day. Here Gen. Henry refused to advance, until a neck of land, formed by the junction of a creek with the lake, over which the trail of the Indians led, and which was covered with a heavy growth of underbrush, had been examined by our spies, under Capt. Jo. Dickson. After this was effected, it was deemed too late for a further advance that evening, and we encamped for the night on the bank of the lake.

Early the next morning the pursuit was renewed. An Indian who was sick and unable to travel, was shot the moment the eye of Capt. Fred. Dickson, of Capt. Jo. Dickson's company of spies, fell on him, he not being aware that the Indian was sick. This Indian was killed on the bank of Third Lake, within less than one half mile of where the Capitol now stands. Another sick or disabled Indian who begged for quarter was shot by Dr. Philleo during the pursuit. In falling, the Indian discharged his gun, and wounded a young man of Clark's company, of Dodge's command.

The advance, from the time we left Rock River, preceded by Capt. Jo. Dickson's spies, was led by Col. W. L. D. Ewing's battalion of Henry's brigade, the order of march being in two columns. Dodge's command becoming dissatisfied with the slow gait at which Ewing's battalion led the pursuit, reasoned among themselves that it was safer to dash ahead, overtake the enemy, and fight them on *terra firma*, than to suffer them to reach the islands of the Wisconsin, where if we advanced on them, we would be without cover and liable to be shot in the water. They therefore insisted on Gen. Dodge's taking the lead and engaging the enemy with his command. For this purpose the heads of our columns, striking off at a brisk trot, were inclined to the right and left of Ewing's battalion. On seeing this movement, that officer urged his men forward with blows and curses, and succeeded in keeping up with us, and held a position in our centre.