

thirty persons in all, including several youths not over fourteen years of age, they found Champignier's body untouched by the wolves, though the tracks of these animals were plenty *outside* of the powder line, but none *within*.

Two Sioux chiefs were apprehended, and confined in the fort as hostages until the culprit should be found; he was soon brought in, when the chiefs were released. The condemned Sioux was shot by six men, selected for the purpose, all firing a platoon together, just a little south of Dousman's mound, at the street where Mr. Dousman commenced a pond. Mr. Brisbois witnessed this execution, as did indeed the whole garrison, the inhabitants of the village, and such Indians as were present. The doomed Sioux had no sympathizers.¹ The wounded man, Dubois, lived some three days. Rolette's first wife was a sister to this unfortunate man; and, it may be added, Dubois' wife was a sister of the famous Sioux chief, Waupasha. La Pointe, as already stated, had also married a sister of this noted warrior.

When it was known that peace had been made between the United States and Great Britain, the British evacuated Prairie du Chien. In the succeeding night there was a meteoric shower, and the same night the fort burned down, causing its total destruction. It was quite generally supposed that it was set on fire by some of the British party, though some pretended it was caused by some stray meteor from the heavens.

Capt. Francis Dease, an old trader, is remembered by Mr. Brisbois. He figured at the capture of Prairie du Chien. He was rather a young appearing man in 1814, apparently some twenty-five years of age. No knowledge of his nationality. He was rather above the common size, with dark hair, and was fond of children. He may have commanded at Prairie du Chien, under orders of Col. Dickson in April, 1814, before the arrival of Americans there, as related by Dr. Neill; but Mr. Brisbois has no par-

¹ Capt. Anderson's narrative in this volume, and Grignon's "Recollections," Vol. iii, p. 279, *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, give some further account of this affair.

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