

if he showed himself at the Fort, which was within the territory of the Sioux, he would be shot down on sight, and all hands set in to advise him not to go, but let the Agent take the prisoner home to Fort Snelling. To this he finally consented, and the Agent took the prisoner and delivered her to her friends.

Finding the Indians in too much excitement to talk of a mission, further than to express a desire to have one when the war was over, and designating a point at which to have it located, I returned to the mission below the Fort, and from thence up the St. Croix.

It was not many days, however, before this daring chief determined to visit the Fort. Four or five of his dare-devil braves getting wind of it, determined to accompany him, and if he died to die with him. So stealing away in the night, that the whole band should not go, they descended the river, and stopped at Quinn's, their interpreter, near Baker's Trading House, about a mile from the Fort. It was soon known among the Sioux that he was there, and two men lurked in the bush to get a shot at him. The chief, and his few braves, were in the house, and were advised to keep close. But a half-breed from Red River, who was also there, stepped out of the door; the Sioux, who were on the watch, thought he was their great enemy, and fired upon him wounding him in the leg. Hearing the report of the guns, and the groans of the wounded man, the men in the house rushed out, gun in hand, and seeing the two Sioux running, fired upon them, both falling, one dead, the other mortally wounded.

An officer who happened to be on the brow of the hill upon which the Fort stands, hearing the guns, and seeing the two Indians fall, ran to the Fort, gave the alarm, and soon returned with a force sufficient to guard the bloody chief and his men to the Fort, where they were kept close for several days.

In the meantime, runners were going in every direction to inform the Sioux, and hundreds of them were soon under arms, and demanded their enemy to be dealt with according to