

## Death of Hole-in-the-Day

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We received yesterday a telegram from St. Cloud announcing the fact that Hole-in-the-Day, the famous head chief of the Mississippi Chippewas, as he assumed to be, and the bravest warrior, had been assassinated by three of the Pillager Band of Chippewas. We have since received the following particulars of the manner of his death:

On Saturday last, between two and three o'clock in the afternoon, three Chippewas, of the Leech Lake or Pillager Indians, called at his house, and asked where he was. His woman replied that he had gone to Crow Wing. The Indians appropriated three of his guns and went to Gull River, a short distance above Crow Wing. They saw him and another Indian coming, riding in a buggy, and hid in the bushes on a knoll by the road-side.

As the buggy passed them and went down the slope, they fired at the back of the foe they feared to face, all their charges taking effect in their victim. The other Indian sprang out of the buggy and fled, when these Indians dragged Hole-in-the-Day to the ground, and, to make sure work, stabbed him in several places. They then took the horse and buggy, and made their escape.

The dead body of the chief was first discovered by Mr. Charles A. Ruffee, who is now at the Chippewa Agency.

We are not apprised of the motives which induced this assassination of Hole-in-the-Day; but it may perhaps be attributed to an old jealousy of Hole-in-the-Day, which the Pillagers have especially entertained toward him on account of his assumption of being the head chief of the Mississippi bands of Chippewas—pretension which they by no means tolerated, for the reason that they regarded the honors of that mythical royalty as belonging more legitimately to their own chief.