

Hole-in-the-Day was regarded by them as a *parvenu*—a kind of usurper—but his pretensions have always been supported with so much boldness, and he has won such pre-eminence as a warrior, that they have not heretofore dared openly to contest his position. No doubt this old jealousy has been fanned by recent circumstances. Hole-in-the-Day has been accustomed to play a conspicuous part in all treaty negotiations with the Mississippi Chippewas, and from long practice had become a cunning and unscrupulous intriguer, skilled in all the mysteries of Indian diplomacy. He was the leading spirit in the recent treaties for new reservations made with that tribe, and probably some discontent of the Pillagers, on this account, may have instigated the assault—though, for that matter, Hole-in-the-Day has had private quarrels enough on his hands any day for many years to have killed a hundred other men. Hole-in-the-Day was in some respects one of the most extraordinary characters in Indian history.

There was something almost romantic in his reckless daring on the war path. He was the Chippewa Cid, or *Cœur de Lion*, from the gleam of whose battle-axe whole armies of Saracen Sioux fled as before an irresistible fate. His exploits would fill a book. His father, of the same name, was a great warrior, who has conquered the chiefship of his tribe by his bravery in combat, and his wisdom in council. The old chief, Hole-in-the-Day, was killed in 1847, while crossing Flat river in a Red river cart.

The first appearance of the younger Hole-in-the-Day in public council was at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, July, 1847. At that time the Upper Country of the Mississippi, extending to Lake Superior, was owned by the Chippewas of Lake Superior and the Chippewas of the Mississippi. The Chippewas of Lake Superior were represented in force. The Chippewas of the Mississippi, headed by Hole-in-the-Day, owing to the great distance they had to travel, had but a small delegation in attendance. Hole-in-the-Day was late in reaching the council ground.

Prior to his coming, several talks were held with the In-