

to a rising ground where their lodges were erected, and immediately hoisted in front of their camp, a large British flag. This act was reported to Gov. Cass, who, upon the instant, commanding none to accompany him save the interpreter, walked rapidly into the camp of these excited and now deadly savage Red Men, seized the British flag, threw it upon the ground, broke the staff, and ordering the interpreter to roll up the flag and carry it to the Governor's camp, and told the Indians that if they dared to repeat the insult, he would fire upon them. The Indians stood amazed at the daring of the Governor, thus alone to enter their camp, and thus to threaten them, as the entire force of his expedition consisted of eleven soldiers, twelve Canadian *voyageurs*, nine friendly Indians, a *suite* of eight, and a small escort to that point of twenty-five soldiers, under Lieut. John Pierce.

In ten minutes from the time Governor Cass with such fearlessness carried from the camp of these warriors the flag, every woman and child, and their tent equipage, were on their way in bark canoes from the Indian camp towards the British fort across the river, and Geo. Johnston informed the Governor that an attack on the coming night was planned by the furious warriors. Of the nine friendly Indians—all save one noble fellow—surrendered their arms, and resolved to remain neutral. The *suite* buckled on their belts, and armed to the teeth, were out with their small band of soldiers, as dark a night as ever dragged its weary hours, in momentary expectation of the scalping knife and tomahawk of a numerically superior force of deadly savages, fired by hatred, and by the certainty of crushing their mortal foe at a blow. Day dawned after a sleepless night, and this band of brave men were spared a scene which would inevitably have cost many lives.

It was subsequently ascertained that a deliberate plan had been formed for the massacre of every one of Gov. Cass' party upon its entrance into the country, and that several hundred warriors were within call near the Sault at the time of the council, for that purpose. This plan was thwarted, in part, by the daring bravery of Gov. Cass, on the occasion of his peril-