

which are not far from here." The Kikapous stopped first at the dwelling of Pémoussa¹ who had married a Kikapou woman. His cabin was about a quarter of a league from the 30 others and there were about 25 persons in it, namely: eight men and several women and children. In order to kill them all, our warriors placed themselves at night one on each side of every Renard capable of defending himself; and their design would infallibly have succeeded if, unfortunately, some other Renards had not come in during the night, which upset all their plans.

The chiefs of the 30 cabins assembled on the following day and said to the Kikapous: "What do your countrymen think of the murder of your people?" "They think," replied our warriors, "that it was a misunderstanding or, at the most, the crime of some individuals; they are careful not to hold the entire Renard nation responsible for that accident." "You are right," answered the Renards, "for the murderer, the son of Renard noir (Black Fox) has fled to escape death with which he was threatened. We are going to die in our village; we have not found an asylum anywhere; the *Ayous* and the *Scioux* have refused to give us a refuge. We have three bands of warriors in the field: one amongst the *Saulteux*, the two others amongst the *Folle-avoines*, while a fourth will soon go amongst the *Illinois*. What has become of your Frenchmen?" "They went away on the ice," replied our people, "to go amongst the *Illinois*." "So much the better," said the chiefs; "nothing remains to be done except to cover your dead. We will send two chiefs to you." Pémoussa and Chichippa, the great war-chief, offered to go and they were entrusted with a *calumet* and some other presents.

During the second day's march, our two chiefs said to one another: "What! we came to avenge our dead and these Renards who follow us are coming to speak of peace! We must give them food at our first stopping place and fire two gun-

¹ Pémoussa was the Fox chief who led his tribe in the battle at Detroit, in 1712. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, index.—Ed.