

hostility against the United States." Governor Harrison now sent messages to the different tribes earnestly warning them of sequences of a hostile outbreak, but about the same prophet himself announced that he had now taken up ahawk against the United States, and would only lay with his life, unless the wrongs of the Indians dressed. It was known also that he was arousing lowers to a feverish pitch of excitement by the daily mystic rites.

Harrison now determined to break up the pro Accordingly, at the head of about 900 men, in 250 regulars, he marched from Vincennes, and vember, 1811, encamped within a few miles town. The Indians had fortified the place and labor. It was sacred to them as the spot the new religion had been so long enacted, they believed it had been rendered impregna the white man. The next day he approached met by messengers from the town, who stated anxious to avoid hostilities and had already by several chiefs, who had unfortunately side of the river and thus had

eral. A truce was accord the next day, when terms ranged between the gov The army encamped on a Indians, an elevated piece a marshy prairie, within a though Harrison did not would make a night attack, yet the troops sleep on their arms

At 4 o'clock in the morning of the cording to his practice, had risen pre the troops, and on his boots by with Gen and Majors derly drum purpose of troops to of the In upon the The whole feet, the camp governor mounted the point of attack. had taken their forty seconds from whole of the troops were

the con- time the the tom- it down were re- his fol- practice of

phet's camp. cluding about on the 5th of No- of the prophet's with great care where the rites of and by these rites ble to the attacks of still nearer, and was that the prophet was sent a pacific message gone down on the other failed to find the gen- ingly agreed on until of peace were to be ar- ernor and the chiefs. spot pointed out by the of ground rising out of mile of the town. Al- believe that the Indians as a precaution he had in order of battle.

7th, Governor Harrison, ac- paratory to the calling up was engaged, while drawing the fire, in conversation eral Wells, Colonel Owen, Taylor and Hurst. The or- had been roused for the giving the signal for the turn out, when the attack dians suddenly commenced, left flank of the camp. army was instantly on its fires were extinguished, the his horse and proceeded to Several of the companies places in the line within the report of the first gun, and the prepared for action in the course

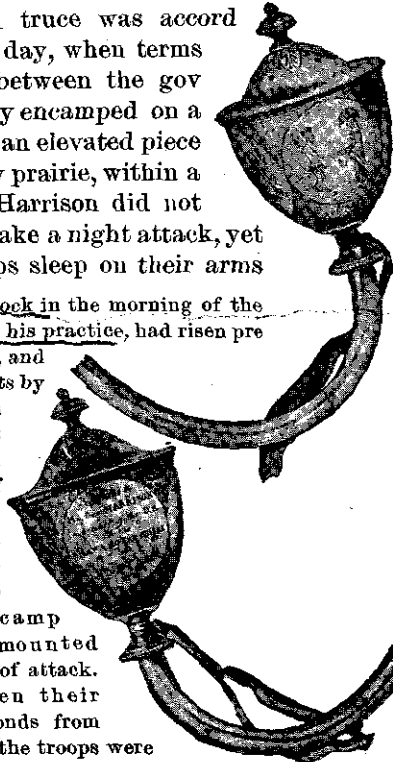


FIG. 59.—Harrison treaty pipe.

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