

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

Some General

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

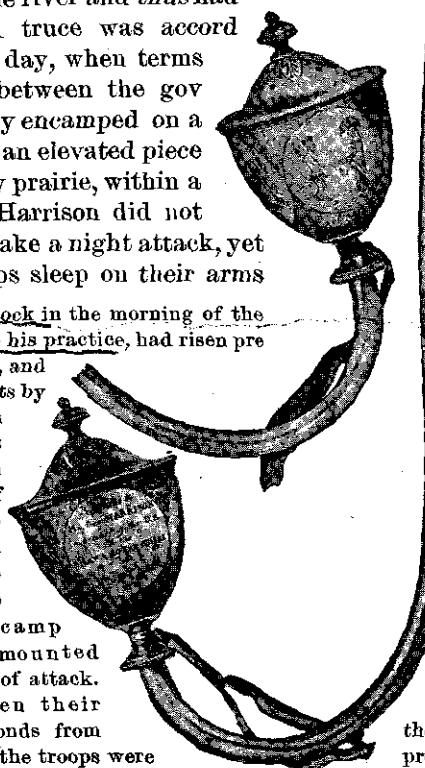


FIG. 59—Harrison treaty pipe.

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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-
enor 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 conversa-
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