

1862

*Monday* The Riggs Missionary Party.  
On ~~Tuesday~~ *Monday* evening August 15th, Michael and Gabriel Renville, two half-breeds, and two Indians, Maza-kute-mani "Shoots iron as he walks", and Ana-wang-mani "Walks alongside" called Paul and Simon, came to Missionary Riggs at Hazelwood, and warned them of the impending danger. They gathered the people together and took them to an island in the Minnesota River about three miles from the Mission. Tuesday afternoon Andrew Hunter a son-in-law of Dr. Williamson informed them that Williamson and his party were secreted some distance below, so they formed a junction with them in the evening and in a heavy thunderstorm started on their way down the north side of the river, going at first, far out on the prairie till they struck the Lac qui Parle road to the fort. On Wednesday they were joined by three Germans who had been at Yellow Medicine. During this day and Thursday the party seems to have wandered from their course, but on ~~Thursday~~ *Friday* night they came up within a mile and a half of the fort, and Andrew Hunter crawled into the fort, but was told that they had better keep on to the towns and not try to enter through the supposed Indian lines. As a matter of fact the Indians had been whipped out and had gone to New Ulm, which they attacked the next morning. Early Saturday morning when some eight miles from the fort toward Henderson, a man named Gilligan and the three Germans determined to go to New Ulm. In spite of protestation they left and had hardly gone a mile when overtaken and all were killed. On Sunday they met some settlers returning to their homes and stopped and rested with them over night. On Monday the party separated ~~part~~ going to Henderson, the rest to St. Peter.

In the party were Rev. Stephen Return Riggs and family, Dr. John P. Williamson and family including his sister Jane, H. D. Cunningham and family, Andrew Hunter and wife, D. W. Moore and wife, Jonas Pettijohn and family, \_\_\_\_\_ Gilligan, \_\_\_\_\_ Orr, who was wounded, a daughter of Andrew Robertson, a mixed-blood, and Adrian J. Ebell, of Yale College, who took a picture of the escaping party, on Thursday at dinner. Beside these the three Germans, not identified, who joined them on Wednesday.

Riggs Missionary Party--2.

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