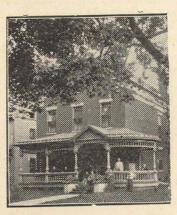
Previous to the war of 1812 the indians, instigated by British emissaries frequently attacked the frontier settlements of the northwest, under the leadership of Tecumseh. These attacks caused General Harrison to organize a force of militia to defend the frontier. A battle occurred between General Harrison's army and the Indians, on the 7th of November, 1811, and resulted in great loss to the Indians. It occurred on the banks of the Wabash river, and was called the battle of Tippecanoe. Though the Indians were defeated in this battle, Tecumseh was not conquered, but continued hostilities against the settlers. Tecumseh's brother, called the "Prophet,"



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was an orator who could sway the feelings of the Indians, it has been stated, "as the gale tossed the tree-tops beneath which they dwelt."

On the 18th of June, 1812, war was declared against Great Briton by the United States. During that year General Harrison successfully met the British and the Indians in a number of battles. On the 5th of October, 1813, General Harrison attacked the British under Proctor and the Indians under Tecumseh and defeated them in the battle of the Thames. Tecumseh was killed and Proctor saved himself only by the speed of his horse.

The triumph of American arms over those of Great Briton and her savage allies has been of far-reaching results. Had victory been on the other side, the destiny of the great west would have been marred forever.

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