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redskins fell upon the whites with tomahawk and scalping knife. The desperate struggle that ensued ended in the butchery of all the crew on deck, only four sailors, with young Lewis, who was dangerously wounded, finding a refuge in the cabin, where they barricaded themselves against their pursuers, and succeeded in clearing the ship with musketry fire. On the following morning, when day broke, the *Tonquin* was still at anchor with sails idly flapping, and no one apparently on board. The savages, at this sight, swarmed back with yells of triumph upon their prey, and the ship was soon covered with them, when suddenly the powder magazine exploded, and Lewis, by his own suicide and the destruction of the vessel, wreaked a sanguinary vengeance upon his foes.

The news of the loss of the *Tonquin* was brought months later to Astoria by that ill-fated vessel's Indian interpreter who, having been on shore at the time of the conflict, was spared by his captors. It struck consternation into the hearts of the little garrison, and while their apprehensions were soon relieved by the arrival of a second vessel, the narrative of McDougall and his men, and of those who made their way overland during the year 1812, is one of continual hardship and danger. A climax was reached in June of that year, at the outbreak of war between Great Britain and the United States. The colony was by that time fairly well established, and Mr. Astor at once applied to the Federal Government for



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(From a water-colour drawing.)