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rence crossing it by night & avoid being seen from
the posts. They got over the river where it was
thirty miles wide before morning and hid their
canoes, concealing themselves so as to be out
of sight of the telescopes at the posts, but before
night they were surprized by a large number of
the Hudson Bay Co. employees who had been
watching them for some time. They were taken
prisoners, all their guns taken from them
and were tied up and terribly whipped. Their
guns, knives, hatchets and a very little food
were then returned to them and they were
told to go home, instead of doing which they
returned and made quite a successful
spring hunt. On their return to the south
side they were again overtaken, and our road
is, but the Governor ordered them to fight.
The attacking party seemed to think that they
did not have enough guns to fight for and