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TO SAVE THOSE OF HIS COMRADES.

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COAL CREEK RIOTS

Being Resumed with Renewed Vigor.

A special from Coal Creek, Tenn., dated the 17th inst., says: Company G, of the Twenty-second Regiment, Tennessee Guards, a Gatling gun, and six-pound howitzer, commanded by Capt. William Anderson, is in a strong position commanding the town and railway approaches.

A number of shots are exchanged almost every evening between the miners and troops. Several miners are reported wounded and serious trouble is expected to occur at any moment. Both sides are confident of victory. A shot was fired over the town last night and the excitement among the citizens is intense. The troops are acting very insolently toward the citizens and an outbreak is looked for.

The postmaster was fired upon the other night and driven into his home. Only one mine out of ten is working. One hundred and twenty-three convicts strongly guarded by troops, are stationed at Oliver Springs, but everything is quiet there. The troops raided the quarry on Walden's Ridge, and captured all the dynamite stores there.

A BRAVE SAILOR

Saves the Lives of His Comrades at the Risk of His Own.

A thrilling story comes from St. Johns, N. F., of the rescue of the crew of the Prince Edward Island schooner Avenger. She was driven on the rocks two miles from St. Johns in a blinding snow storm. While she was pounding to pieces, the boat was launched and immediately swamped. Murdoch Willis volunteered to swim ashore with a life-line. He was carried ashore on a big wave but could not land, the coast being so precipitous. He was drawn back on board the vessel, where he rested an hour and then tried it again, and successfully. He drew himself up from one point of rock to another until he reached a place where he could fasten a line. Then he drew ashore a large line, by means of which the captain and crew all got safely to the shore.

Thinks He is Christ.

Chihuahua (Mexico) special: The recent trial of Carmen Maria Lopez, the self-proclaimed Messiah, took place before the Federal Judge at Guerrero, and resulted in the accused being acquitted of the charge of being an impostor. He was brought back to this city, where he was received with great enthusiasm by his Indian followers. The rough journey over the mountains, however, proved too much for the so-called Christ, and he was attacked with a severe sickness. He is now in the City Hospital, and there is no prospect for his recovery. He is announced to be an Indian, that he will die and rise from his grave in three days.

O'Brien's Shortage.

A committee of the various branches of the Catholic Knights of America, appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer, O'Brien, who was recently indicted for the embezzlement, has made a report through Chairman Dolle, of branch No. 60, Covington, Ky., recommending that Grand Secretary George W. Barr send in his resignation, for the reason that they are satisfied he withheld the knowledge of O'Brien's embezzlement, and therefore was subject to censure. Mr. Barr is of Lebanon, Ky.

Morton Will Not Run.

Information has been received from Washington that Vice President Morton has not been a candidate for the Vice Presidential nomination. Mr. Morton said a man from New York should be the ticket, and he suggested Secretary Tracy as the one most acceptable to the politicians of the State. It is said that this met with a favorable response from the President.

A General Strike.

Superintendent Darlington formally discharged the striking machinists in the Pan Handle shops at Indianapolis, and announced his intention of hiring new men. The workmen in the other departments at once gave notice that the employment of new men in the shops would be the signal for a general strike. Both sides are determined, and it is believed a general strike cannot be avoided.

Cincinnati Gets Religion.

It is estimated that more than 5,000 people in Cincinnati have been converted to Christianity by the efforts of Mr. Mills, the great revivalist, who is now holding meetings in that city. Great interest is still manifested and hundreds flock to the meetings each night.

The Emperor Coming to the Fair.

Berlin special: At the dinner given by Herr Boetticher, Minister of State, Emperor William said that he was greatly interested in the progress of the Chicago Exposition and would visit it himself if his engagements did not interfere.

Senator Fair Changes His Will.

Since the death of James G. Fair, Jr., Ex-Senator Fair has changed his will, and gives \$500,000 to three local orphan asylums.

Children Drowned While Skating.

Otto and Edith Synock, aged 12 and 14 years respectively, broke through the ice at Sunbury, Pa., while skating and were drowned.

McCauley Free.

Dublin special: The land league leader, McCauley, who was convicted in 1881 of complicity in the Fross Mollem murder conspiracy, has been released. He was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment with Thomas Daly and four others.

A Japanese Exhibit Assured.

A dispatch from Tokyo announces that the Japanese Parliament has voted \$500,000 for the proper representation of the Empire at the Chicago World's Fair.

A Missionary Murdered.

Advices from Alaska are to the effect that Prof. Charles Edwards, a citizen of Dallas County, Iowa, but for the past four years in the employ of the Government in Alaska as teacher and missionary to the Indians, had been brutally murdered by a desperado named Campbell. The particulars, though meager, are thought to be as follows: Campbell had been selling liquor to the Indians and Prof. Edwards ordered him arrested. The Indians promptly followed the orders and kept Campbell a prisoner by tying him up in a hut until he could be tried and sent to prison. He got loose, however, and for revenge deliberately

shot and killed the Professor. The remains will be brought to his home at Earlham, Ia., for interment.

A HERO IN BLACK.

He Rescues an Invalid Lady from Her Burning House.

Louisville (Ky.) special: Mrs. Edward Weinstein, the wife of a wealthy farmer, had a narrow escape from death. In the morning her husband came to this city with some stock, bringing all the farm hands but one, a colored boy, with him. Mrs. Weinstein has been invalid for years, and cannot leave her bed. In the afternoon the house caught fire, and the whole upper part of the building was quickly a mass of flames.

Mrs. Weinstein was unable to move. Her death seemed certain, and the few neighbors who quickly reached the scene were powerless to do anything to furnish help. Just when she had been abandoned to her fate, a negro boy, who occupies a cabin on the farm, ran into the house, made his way through the smoke and fire up the stairs, and in a few moments later emerged with the unconscious form of Mrs. Weinstein in his arms.

He was severely scorched, but the lady was unharmed, the boy having, with rare presence of mind, wrapped his overcoat about her head. He carried Mrs. Weinstein down to his own cabin, and placed her upon a bed. The neighbors congratulated the boy on his bravery, but he modestly mounting a horse he rode after a physician.

The house was completely destroyed, at a loss of \$5,000.

DYING BY THOUSANDS.

Typhus Fever Sweeps Relentlessly Through the Famined Districts of Russia.

A dispatch from Pensa, the capital of the Russian Government of that name, gives additional details regarding the horrible sufferings among peasants in that famine-stricken district. Birds, it appears, drop dead from the cold and are found frozen to death along the roads. The typhus and other fevers and diseases are mowing down the inhabitants. There are 300 dead around Pensa, and 15,000 people are sinking by the wayside. A quantity of grain has arrived at the city of Pensa, but owing to the fact that nearly all the horses in the neighborhood have been killed for food, there are no means of distributing it in the country districts. The dispatch says that matters are even worse in other districts, and in Samara, Saratov, Charkov, Kazan, and Nijni-Novgorod the inhabitants are said to be dying by the thousands.

Bloodshed on the Border.

A runner arrived at Coolidge, Col., and reported that an engagement was in progress at Goodnight's ranch between the Indians and cowboys there, and that if the latter were not soon reinforced the Indians would annihilate them. Those in Coolidge led to join their associates, but the actual result of the fight has not yet been received. There is a rumor in circulation that the fight at Goodnight's is still going on each side is in the timber, both shooting from behind trees. The Indians were noticed carrying off their dead. During the present winter the cattle men whose ranges border the Navajo Reservation have lost a number of cattle, stolen and killed. The Indians have traced the depredations to the Navajo Indians. The owners of the stock have called on the chiefs for some kind of settlement, but their demands were met with refusals. Both sides since then have been bawling each other for a fight and the cowboys finally destroyed one of the Indian houses. The Indians retaliated by burning the out-houses on a ranch a few miles from Coolidge, and the present affair is the outcome of the bad feeling which has existed all winter.

Anarchists in Barcelona.

Barcelona special: The troubles in Barcelona between the anarchists and the authorities show no sign of abatement at present, but the two or three disturbances that have occurred this week have not been serious enough to render necessary the calling out of the military to aid the gendarmes in preserving order. Though revolver shots have been exchanged by the police and members of the mob, nobody has been hurt except a woman, who, it is believed, had nothing whatever to do with the affair in which she was wounded. The execution of the four anarchists at Xeres is believed to have precipitated the disturbances, their friends here desiring to show their sympathy for them.

Over a Bridge.

The regular freight train from West Boston on the Fitchburg road, was wrecked on the Nashua River bridge at Ayer, Mass. The engine and four passenger cars passed safely, but the twenty-four following cars were thrown from the bridge into the river. Three-fourths of the bridge was badly wrecked. It is thought that the wreck was caused by the breaking of the trucks of the fifth car. The wrecked cars were loaded with mail, and conductor R. G. Connors was last seen upon the top of the cars near the middle of the train. As he has not been reported there is little doubt that he is in the river under the cars.

Saugatuck in Trouble.

Kalamazoo (Mich.) special: Officials from Saugatuck are here looking for the original plot of that village, which was recorded in this county in 1824. To their dismay it was found that the plot had been torn from the book and immediately the question arose by whom? It was learned that Jennie Sweetland, formerly an actress, had been offered to sell a plot of Saugatuck, and as she had been convicted of crooked work in the abstract office, some of the officers propose to question her on the subject. It is of great importance to the village now, as some suits depend on it.

Frenchmen Inspecting Our Sigs.

Chicago special: A party consisting of Maurice Duclos, the accredited delegate of the Agricultural Department of France. E. Roume of the Foreign Department of the Ministry of Commerce, and A. Zieho, member of the Academy of Medicine and professor of chemistry, accompanied by M. Bruvart, French Consul in Chicago, and others, visited the stock yards and witnessed the preparation of live hogs into sugar-cured hams, etc. They were particularly interested in the microscopic inspection department, where, after a long conference of about one hundred feet and mangled almost beyond recognition. He was 60 years of age, and leaves a wife and family in indigent circumstances.

Whisky and Indians Will Not Mix.

White Oaks (N. M.) special: The Mesquero Indians on the reservation near here obtained whisky and indulged to such an extent that they got to fighting among themselves. Revolvers and

knives were brought into play, and the result of the battle was the killing of four bucks and one squaw. The Indians, the only participants in the fight who were not killed, have been arrested and placed in the guard house on the reservation. This killing was entirely among the Indians themselves and does not involve the white settlers.

A Second Messiah.

News comes from Iron Hill, Iowa, or as it is called, New Jerusalem in Jackson County, that the Free Methodistists of that section have gone wild over a religious craze. Revival meetings are being held, and the entire community has become greatly agitated over religious matters. People come for miles around to attend the meetings. A climax of excitement was reached when the announcement was made in New Jerusalem that a lady had given birth to a child, which the promoters of the meetings declared was none other than a second Messiah. The entire community is perfectly wild with joy, and the statement is almost universally believed.

Cash Registers Smashed.

Secret Service Officer John Webb, acting for the U. S. Government, seized twenty-five automatic cash registers at Dayton, Ohio, among the business men because he found on the front of the registers fac-simile representations of twenty-five cent pieces in silver. Three of these pieces were grouped together on each register to represent a trademark of cash. All the registers were destroyed and the manufacturers at Dayton, N. Y., were notified to stop making the fac-simile of the Government's money, and to call in all machines bearing such fac-simile trademarks.

Sherman Status.

The Committee of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee which has in charge the collection of a fund for the erection in Washington of a statue to the memory of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, has issued an appeal to old soldiers. The appeal is promulgated in the Grand Army of the Republic by Commander-in-Chief Palmer as General Order No. 7. It solicits the aid of all old soldiers, and asks that the collections be given to the Quartermasters of the various Posts, who will forward to the Quartermaster General. Col. J. F. How of St. Louis, is Treasurer of the Statue Committee.

Robbed the Paymaster.

Paymaster Robert D. Jennings of the St. Louis and Southern railway, was knocked down and robbed of a valise containing \$4,000, at the corner of Broadway and Levee street, St. Louis. Mr. Jennings had just drawn the money from the bank and had evidently been followed from there by the highwaymen. The robbery was witnessed by Street Car Conductor Mafer, who gave chase to the thief, caught him and after a short struggle secured the valise and money. The robber, who is unknown, made his escape.

No Piece Work.

About fifty machinists at the Pennsylvania railroad shops in Indianapolis struck the other day when piece work was introduced. The men had been paid by the day, they claim that they will be upheld by the labor union. The officials of the road state that piece work is in operation in all their shops in the country except this one and will not record the strike. It is feared that the strike will spread through all the shops of the company and may not be confined to this city.

Pension Safe Robbed.

A robbery of \$300 has been perpetrated at the United States pension office, Indianapolis. The money was extracted from the safe in a mysterious manner. Pension Agent Ensley was asked about it, but declined to give any information, except that the funds were not public moneys—that no Government cash is kept in the United States pension office.

Gov. Pattison's Famine Relief.

Gov. Pattison of Pennsylvania has issued a proclamation in which he requests persons who may be willing to contribute to the suffering millions of Russia, to send contributions in money to Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, and contributions in grain and other supplies to the American Orphan Asylum, which will sail from Philadelphia on February 20, to carry provisions to the sufferers. All articles contributed for this purpose should be marked "for Russia famine relief."

Scared to Death.

Caroline Gardner, the 13-year-old daughter of a coal miner living at Federal Station, a few miles south of Pittsburgh, Pa., was frightened to death by two men chasing her. The young girl went to the coal sheds shortly after dark and two men who were coming up the road started after her. She ran into the house and fell on the floor in convulsions, from which she never recovered. The men were recognized as Thomas and James Skidmore, two miners. The Coroner held them for manslaughter.

A Bad Wreck.

Through the recklessness of an employee in attempting to do some switching on another train's track at Chicago, a train of empty coaches collided with a passenger train, and the result was a bad wreck. The train was carrying a suburban train in the yards of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad and a dozen passengers were more or less injured. Four persons had to be given surgical aid before they could leave the depot. The company carried home on a special train those of the injured who did not feel able to go to their places of business.

An Aggressive Policy.

London special: The Parnellites are preparing to pursue an aggressive and positive policy against the Government. This was determined upon in a recent meeting for the election of a chairman. There will be no opposition to the local government, but so far as it concerns rights similar to those enjoyed in Great Britain, the Tories are to be given to understand that they are running the wrong way, and demands while the pardon of dynamites and other concessions are to be vigorously urged.

Engineer Killed.

Tilbury Center (Ont.) special: While an east-bound freight train on the Michigan Central railroad was standing on the main line at this station it was run into by a west-bound train which should have taken a side track. Both of the engines and a couple of cars were badly wrecked. Engineer Deyell, aged 28, of St. Thomas, was instantly killed. The rest of the trainmen escaped by jumping.

To Better Entombs McKinley Law.

Acting Secretary Spaulding has issued a circular to customs officers calling for a more stringent enforcement of the requirements of the McKinley bill tariff requirements in the marking of imported merchandise. The law requires that the articles shall be plainly and conspicuously marked with the name of the country of origin in legible English words, and also requires that the stamping shall be of a permanent character.

Down an Elevator.

Mark Lee, aged 23, a tailor employed by E. A. Armstrong & Co., 241 Woodward avenue, Detroit, was killed by falling from the fourth story through an elevator shaft to the basement. He struck the side of the shaft with his head, and landed in the basement on the floor of the basement. He lived but a few moments.

Shot by a Discarded Lover.

Miss Julia Long, a teacher in the Marshalltown (Iowa) schools, was shot twice in the head and dangerously wounded by Sam Kelly, an Iowa Central railroad engineer, who then turned the revolver upon himself and blew his brains out. The tragedy was the culmination of a love affair, the lady having tried to get rid of Kelly owing to his bad habits.

Silver Ore in Great Quantities.

A great strike has just been made in the Midnight Mine on Red Mountain, Col. The vein is extensive and is between the walls and there is a solid body of ore from eighteen to twenty-eight inches in thickness, running 40 to 50 per cent lead and 200 ounces in silver to the ton. The ore appears to be continuous and extensive.

A Murderer Paroled.

Gov. Chase has granted to Buell C. Webster, a thirty days' parole, in order that he may go home to Fort Wayne and see his mother, a woman over ninety years and in declining health. Webster was sent up for murder, and has been confined twenty-seven years in the Northern Prison, at Michigan City, Ind., without a parole. He may be pardoned.

Charged with a Heinous Offense.

At New Lisbon, Ohio, Charles Ketcham, a well-known young farmer was committed to jail upon the charge of assault with intent to rape two little girls, Mary and Minnie Mercer, aged 11 and 13 years, whom he followed into a farm building and threatened with a loaded gun. Their screams brought assistance and they were rescued.

Grain Transportation in Russia.

St. Petersburg special: The orders recently issued prohibiting the transportation of grain from one district to another have caused the grain merchants to fear that their stocks are to be confiscated in the near future, and that, in return, they are to receive no other script, which may not pay them for the loss incurred.

Probable Cable to Japan.

Ottawa (Ont.) special: The Imperial Government has assumed the charge of a submarine cable between Vancouver and Japan by way of Unimak Island and the Aleutians. Efforts are being made in England to raise capital to construct the line.

Big Damaged Suit.

Josie Kane of Goshen, Ind., filed suit against Sylvester W. Shumard for \$10,000 damages on the ground that the defendant unlawfully sold liquor to her husband, thereby alienating his affections and that their home had been broken up.

Opera House Fire.

The Capital City Opera house, the principal theater of East St. Louis, was destroyed by fire. A horrible catastrophe was averted, a large audience having just left the building. The total loss is about \$50,000. Insurance, about \$35,000.

Parnellites Leave the Chair Vacant.

Members of the Parnellite party met in London and appointed their parliamentary whips and secretaries. It was resolved to leave the chair vacant as a mark of respect to the memory of their late leader, Charles Stewart Parnell.

Mrs. Blaine Will Get a Divorce.

The famous divorce case of Blaine vs. Blaine at Sioux Falls, S. D., is practically settled. The defense will not put in an appearance, and the decree will be granted to Mrs. Blaine by default and probably the custody of the child.

Thrown from a Horse and Killed.

One of the most prominent young men of Gilmer County, W. Va., named E. Snider, was killed by being thrown from a horse. He had been struck by a fence post, smashing him from his horse almost instantly. He had been married but a short time.

Claims He Was Hypnotized.

A stranger representing himself as a long-lost cousin of farmer John Hendricks, living near Lima, Ohio, swindled the confiding farmer out of \$5,000 cash by selling him a gold brick he claimed was worth \$50,000. Hendricks claims he was hypnotized.

Sullivan and Maher to Fight.

John L. Sullivan, champion of the world, and Peter Maher, champion of Ireland, will fight at New Orleans at a Irish in August next. The prospective battle is agreed to in writing by the principals. The purse aggregates \$25,000.

Bank Wrecker Harper's Wife Detained.

From developments in court at Cincinnati, it appears that Mrs. Harper, wife of the Fidelity Bank wrecker is in destitute circumstances and living literally from hand to mouth.

The Bee-keepers.

The Ohio State Bee-keepers' Association have selected Washington, D. C., for their next meeting.

A \$500,000 Dollar Fire.

Erekiel & Bernheim's auction house, at Cincinnati, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$500,000.

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TO IMPROVE THE MISSISSIPPI.

A Bill Appropriating \$15,000,000 Approved by a Senate Committee.

After hearing from engineers, officers of the government, and delegations appointed to lay the matter before Congress, the committee on Commerce has decided to recommend the adoption of a most liberal policy for the improvement of the great internal waterway furnished by the Mississippi River. It was decided that the bill recently introduced by Senator Gibson, of Louisiana, which is a provision that no factory results than any other. As it will be reported to the Senate, the bill makes an appropriation of \$15,000,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi River, whereof \$10,000,000 shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, and the balance of \$5,000,000 as may be approved by the chief of engineers, to build, repair and extend the levees, dykes, and other works on the river from the passes to the mouth of the Ohio and for the payment of the salaries and expenses of the commission to be provided for that not more than \$2,000,000 of this appropriation shall be expended in any one year; that it shall not be expended longer than the State and local authorities continue their present contributions for levee improvements; and that none of the money shall be used for the purchase of sites for levees or damages for their construction. The second section of the bill provides that \$5,000,000 of the appropriation shall be expended by the Secretary of War on the same section of the river, in accordance with the plans of the chief of engineers, and that no appropriations to exceed \$1,000,000. The bill commits Congress to the levee system of river improvements. It was reported to the Senate by Senator Gibson, its author.

Masculinities.

The wrath of brothers is the wrath of devils.

The recording angel never strikes a balance on his books by what is said of a man on his gravestone.

ALIBUS, the Roman, at one breakfast ate 500 figs, 100 peaches, 10 melons, 100 small birds, and 400 oysters.

NO MATTER what his profession may be, the love that halts and turns back when it sees danger coming is a sham.

THE man who begins by walking arm-in-arm with the devil will soon have to carry the old fellow on his back.

A FRENCH officer has invented a hippopotamus which registers the paces and ground covered by a horse.

If some men could only be convinced that it pays to be good, they couldn't be kept out of the church with a gun.

EVERY man who does not labor and lay up a fortune may cause absolute suffering to his daughter's future husband.

NAPOLEON, like everybody else, had his likes and dislikes. He was fond of sensational novels and abhorred cats.

THE Shah of Persia has more than \$55,000,000 worth of ornaments, gems and precious stones in one strong room, 20x14.

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