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## HE RISKS HIS OWN LIFE

TO SAVE THOSE OF HIS COMRADES.

**Morton Not a Candidate for the Vice Presidency—A Japanese Exhibit Assured—A General Strike Threatened at Indianapolis—Thinks He is Christ.**

### 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 Galling gun, and a six-pound howitzer, commanded by Capt. Kellar 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 house. 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 Waldon's Ridge, and captured all the dynamite stored there.

### A BRAVE SAILOR

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

A thrilling story comes from St. Johns, N. E., 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 pointing to pieces, the boat was launched and immediately swamped. Murdoch Wills volunteered to swim ashore with a life-line. He was carried ashore on a big wave but could not land, the current 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 rocks 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.

Chihuhua (Mexico) special: The recent trial of Carmen Maria Lopez, the self-proclaimed Messiah, took place before the Federal Judge at Guerero, 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 has announced to the Indians 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 Dole, of branch No. 66, Covington, Ky., recommending that Grand Secretary George W. Barr send in his resignation, for the reason that they are satisfied he upheld the knowledge that O'Brien was in default, 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 told President Harrison that he would not be a candidate for the Vice Presidential nomination. Mr. Morton said a man from New York should be on 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 mechanists in the Pan Handie 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 no less 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.

### 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 Syncox, 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 1884 of complicity in the Fross Mollen 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 Tokio 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 of 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 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 Earhart, Ia., for interment.

### A HERO IN BLACK.

He Rescues an Invalid Lady from Burning House.

Louisville (Ky.) special: Mrs. Edward Wetsel, 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. Wetsel has been an 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. Wetsel was unable to move.

Her death seemed certain, and the few neighbors who quickly reached the scene were too panic-stricken 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. Wetsel 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. Wetsel down to his own cabin, and placed her upon a bed. The neighbors congratulated the boy on his bravery, but coolly mounting a horse he rode off to a physician.

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

### DYING BY THOUSANDS.

Typhus Fever Sweeps Relentlessly Through the Famine Districts of Russia.

A dispatch from Pensa, the capital of the Russian Government of that name, gives additional details regarding the horrible scourge among the peasants in that famine-stricken district. Birds, it appears, drop dead from the cold and men are found frozen to death along the roads. The typhus and other fevers and diseases are moving down the habitants. There are 200 dead around Pensa, and 18,000 people are being fed by charity.

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