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Break Your Bank .. To Get This One

Epic Story Ut I ragedy At Sea Which Led Mark McKay To Devote His Life To God

The natives of the North Pacific coast were just exhausted to reply. They did all emerging from the days of darkness and superstition and possible to render relief and eventthe light of the Gospel was at the time dispelling the gloom where the story of the tragedy was that hovered over the native people when in February told and great lamentations made. 1888 a lad of fourteen named Mark McKay was requested Call To Service to accompany a clergyman of the Anglican Church from Six months later Mark McKay Port Essington to Metlakatla, Mark went to New Westminster on an had a good voice and, with another a crevice in the bottom of the old trading vessel as a deckhand. young man, George Prevost, of canoe. They were making satis- There for the first time he met the Metlakatla, was to assist the min- factory progress when, to their Salvation Army and one night, as

and knees. It seemed almost an eternity to Mark but later on a cance manned by two natives hove into sight. Being astonished to see the struggling figure of the poor lad, the two men were soon questioning him but he was too

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tried with what little strength

remained to drag his benumbed,

bruised body along with his hands

ister in his evangelicial campaign horror, a terrific squall struck he listened to the pleadings of the Two adults also accompanied the them with such force that the officers, he visualized once more man of God. They were a woman, pole split open the crevice and, the tragic event which had cost Mrs. Robert Cunningham, who was through the open crack, the waters the lives of his four companions. to act as interpreter, and the other surged with startling rapidity. The Predominant in his mind's eye was a native captain to assist in man- frail craft was partly submerged the picture of the beloved missionaging the native canoe which when a heavy sea swept over them, ary praying "O God Save the carft at that time were very dif- throwing the travelers into the icy Boys!" He felt that, while the misficult and dangerous to handle, waters. The struggling victime gionary's prayer as far as his own There were no gasboats in those grasped the upturned canoe, sev- life was concerned, had been andays but the conveyances used eral of them thrusting their hands swered, the most important thing were the native dug-out canoes with into the open crack, but it was was that his soul should be saved interesting totemic paintings on soon quite evident that they could and his friend's prayer be answernot survive for long. The woman ed in the fuller sense. He theretheir bows.

Epic Voyage

interpreter was the first to go, be- upon confessed his sins to God at The inhabitants of the historic ing swept from the canoe by rag- the penitent form and that night, village of Port Es ington gave the ing seas. The native who had been as a lad of fourteen, was enrolled little party an enthusiastic send- brought to help navigate the canoe in the Salvation Army. off with prayers for safe passage was the next to follow to a watery Knowing that young Mark was and successful carrying of the grave. The minister and the two boys soon to return to his own people,

message which had become so dear to them. The party left but had now remained tightly clutching the officer told him: "If you

the appearance of a Grecian God- tered a storm. In the hope of mak- up and sat astride the upturned shocked the lad who was unversed dess. And this is the time to wor- ing better progress against buffetship Grecian Goddesses. Deep Night ing wave, they put up a temporary sail fastened to a pole wedged into blue is the color.



not proceeded far when, rounding that open crack with grim tenacity go home to your own people, my Look at that front drapery and a point which sheltered the village although blood oozed from their boy, I want you to take the fire to your village." This somewhat canoe. Seeing that the mission- in the Army's terms. However, ary's hands were numbed by the Mark soon came to know what icy waters and that his friend was this meant. He did not fail in the, about to lose his hold the boy task which had been given to him

made frantic efforts to support by the captain and God.



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