

GLORY OF A USURPER

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Imports and exports, the staple of the Venezuelan trade with the United States warranted the establishment of a special line of large and fast ocean steamers, the



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funds for the purchase of arms abroad must be drawn from private sources. That it can be done, no one who knows the country or the people for an instant doubts, but time is the essential point. And it may be months before the revolutionists can be considered as ready to meet the Government forces face to face in the field.

Our Trade Will Be Abolished. If the present turbulent state of affairs prevails, however, for any length of time, it is likely to prove disastrous to the trade with the United States which has just commenced to assume large proportions.

The present disturbances there, however, will serve to bring the country and its possibilities more prominently before the minds of the enterprising spirits of this country. As yet it is comparatively an unknown field, and is generally classed with other little South American or Central American nations as of little account.

Yet the Venezuelan Republic embraces about 970,463 square miles of territory, of which one-half is uncultivated, one-fourth grazing land and the other one-fourth farming land.

Besides the main land there are 71 islands of an area of about 25,000 square miles, and within its boundaries 1,047 rivers have their headwaters. Among these are the Orinoco, one of the largest rivers of the Southern Continent. It has two important lakes, Maracaibo, with an area of about 12,000 square miles, and Valencia, with an area of 300 square miles.

In 1800 the population was estimated at 3,000,000, having grown to that figure from 802,100 in 1810, but included in the latest figures are 326,000 native Indians. The regular army consists of 5,385 men, with their corresponding commissaries and assistants of five steamers and five schooners, and these are near the coast, and there are five forts one of which could withstand an hour's bombardment.

The Constitution provides for a militia of 250,000 men, from whose ranks 100,000 men may be drawn for active service. The success of the revolutionists depends upon their ability to secure arms before they are crushed by the regular soldiers, but if Guzman-Blanco is at the back of the movement, represented by General Cressa in the active management of the discontented, President

There is some confusion in the gospel story of the early Easter morning. The gray dusk which hung about the city and the tomb still lingers in the pages of the Scripture. It is not easy to set ourselves in sure touch with the events of these old hours of wonder. Through the darkness, figures are seen moving; there are voices and visions of angels, but all is dim and confused. We catch the sound of hurrying feet. Here is Mary Magdalene, hurrying from the tomb into the city; and there are the apostles, John and Peter, with troubled faces, hurrying from the tomb into the city. On the way were women, perplexed between fear and joy; in the air are strange rumors, which, when the apostles hear on horseback and this as well as that of the heads. Everybody is excited—soldiers, telling of the marvelous apparition of an angel which has scared them from their beds; and the women, who have seen with their own eyes, walking, speaking, alive, One who yesterday lay motionless in the tomb.

All this hurry and excitement, this rushing to and fro and telling of strange sights, is reflected in the pages of the gospel. It is a picture of a world in a state of confusion. We catch the sound of hurrying feet. Here is Mary Magdalene, hurrying from the tomb into the city; and there are the apostles, John and Peter, with troubled faces, hurrying from the tomb into the city. On the way were women, perplexed between fear and joy; in the air are strange rumors, which, when the apostles hear on horseback and this as well as that of the heads. Everybody is excited—soldiers, telling of the marvelous apparition of an angel which has scared them from their beds; and the women, who have seen with their own eyes, walking, speaking, alive, One who yesterday lay motionless in the tomb.

While it was still dark, and the soldiers were keeping their watch, peeping up and down before the tomb, at an hour when no man knew, and as yet the sun was not risen, the great event had already taken place. That supreme act, beside which all other victories, all sublime discoveries, all heroic achievements, are as the dust of the earth, had been accomplished. Jesus Christ gained His triumph over the power of death. The guarded tomb lay suddenly empty.

Then, swift coming down from heaven, appeared the angel of the resurrection, his face like lightning and his feet like snow. He came down from the tomb, and he called to the women, and they trembled, and their hearts failed them, and they fell like men dead. The great sealed stone was rolled away. The empty tomb was open to the world.

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ON EASTER MORNING.

Stirring Events Which Are Commemorated in the Day's Services.

GREAT TRUTH WHICH THEY TEACH

The Grave is Only the Portal of the Gate of Everlasting Joy.

TIDINGS THAT FILLED THE WORLD

Let us get the story clear in our minds. The long centuries roll back, above our heads, the street pavement of Jerusalem. It is the morning of the third day after the great Tragedy, and we are going out with black despair in our hearts to visit the tomb of the dead Teacher. We loved Him, we trusted in Him, we looked to Him to be the promised deliverer of Israel. We had expected Him to gather us about Him one day in a great, enthusiastic army and sweep the hated Romans out of our country, and set up a throne here on Mt. Zion which would overtop all other thrones, and away a scepter which should strike down all other scepters in the East of all. We had seen His council of state in that great kingdom, ruling the 12 divisions of the earth.

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