THE RISEN LORD.

Matt. XXVIII, 8-20.

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UNCLE SAMUEL HAS A DREAM OF EMPIRE

Vision Which Is Presented in Consequence of the War.

FOUR HOURS AT MANILA SUFFICED TO MAKE AN ERA IN THE HISTORY SOME OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE FUTURE.

Harry L. West, in Washington Post. For eight years Caesar struggled to cubdue Gaul. Long and sanguinary. campaigns were fought and won ere Napoleon changed the map of Europe

Four hours at Manila sufficed to mark an era in the history of the world. This change, too, has been wrought in most curious fashion. Ever since Napoleon III surrendered at Sedan the nations of Europe, armed to the teeth, have stood ready to grasp each other' throats, Immense standing armies have been maintained, while navies have been increased at an enormous cost. Time and time again have the cables of diplomacy been perilously strained, threatening to plunge all Eu-rope into the abyes of war. During all this period envious eyes have rested upon the rich but helpless empire of the east, and rapacious hands have sought to despoil the tottering dynasty before it shall have given up the ghost. The dismemberment of China has, in fact, already began, The French are in Tonquin, the Japanese in Korea, the Russlans in Port Avthur, the British in Hong Kong, while Germany, somewhat laggard, is just

securing its foothold. Realizing that

future, the European powers, by con-quest and diplomacy, have sought that

partial dominion which is but the be-

ginning of greater acquisitions. Thus it has been in Europe, Sudden a new comer has appeared in the east. The greatest republic in the world, a peace-loving, unaugressive nation, with a standing army no larger than a constabulary force, and with scarcely ships enough to be counted a navy, has, in a few hours, secured more territory in the Orient than that possessed by any other foreign power, he French alone excepted. Without desiring conquest, the fortunes of war have placed in the possession of the United States a vast archipelago, numbering 1,200 islands, and greater in its area than the whole of Spain. England, with all her planning; German; with all ber rapacity; Russia, with all her necessities spurring on to conquest-not one of these has been able territory. What other untions have failed to accomplish through years of preparation and scheming the United States has achieved in a few brief momentous hours.

With the Stars and Stripes floating over Cavite arsenal, the sun never

Empire is not a dream to them.

but a nightmure. This fear is not a new thing in our history. If Timothy Pickering could have prevailed. Louisians would never have been purchased. There were men the acquisition of more territory the disruption of the republic, who functed that the constitution was being violated, who thought \$15,000,000 an extrav-Nearly a century has clapsed since the closed upon these gracful souls and their forebodings, and we remem-ber them only in play. Time has proven the wisdom of Thomas Jefferson and of the Louisiana purchase we have curved some fifteen states, whose population and wealth today constitute an

Since 1853, when we secured the last of the Mexican cossion, the spirit of nequisition has been dormant, though not dend. In the minds of the Ameri can people, save when Seward bought Alaska and was pepularly supposed to have been swindled into a senseless purchase. Our territory touched on boundary, and we rested satisfied Canada on the north and Mexico on the south, were equally inaccessible as additions to our domain. In thirty years a new generation has grown up, knowing not of conquest or enlargement, and fondly believing that the limit had been reached for all time to come.

now the American flag floats over new possessions. The American Colossus stands with one foot on the Pacific Slope and the other on the Phil sprines, looking calmly down upon Hawall beneath. It is a new and inspir-

The constant tendency of the world has been toward the west. From and England, the center of commerce has swept onward. Some of these days London, following inexerable destiny, will sink and decay. It is a mysterious law which turns the minds of men to the west, which inspired Columbus sition of Great Britain and Japan, P. and the Pilgrims, and pushed the outposts of civilization across a trackless continent, nearer and nearer the setting sun. Even now the time has come when we stand on the shores of the Pacific and look still further to the west-to the west which, in turn, becomes the east. Hawaii and the Philtract with a wonderful, an inexplicable magnetism. They will be ours through the uncontrollable influences

Western civilization? Nay, Angloaxon, Anglo-American civilization. the blood of England is in our veins the glory of her empire is our glory. Her history has been our history from the time our forefathers in ancient Britain repulsed the legions of Caesar. Even now, though we have long since severed the ties of mutual government, it is mainly English blood with us, though flowing in different voins. The men who wrested the Magna Charta from King John and who flaunted the face of King George, were of the same race. John Hampden had his counter-part in Thomas Jefferson, Cromwell in Abraham Lincoln, Nelson in Farragut, Wellington in Grant. We admire and respect each other. American sailors, musing making safely out to the open o in the teeth of the gale. English sailors, meeting our blockading fleet outside of Havana, cheer Dewey and his gallant men when they hear of the

Nor is this friendliness confined to mere sentiment. No one will ever know until the inside history of the present war is written how much we present war is written how much we own to the sturd's support of the British ambassador in Washington. Sir Sullian Pauncefote. When the representatives of the powers in Washington, to build combined to submit a threation bud c the hand of opposition and refused to countenance the hostile scheme. When Austria was bitterly hostile and France vas scornful, when Germany sought to threaten and Russia strangely sulked Great Britain, with kindly sympathy and courageous tact, stood between us and the nowers and nullifled the whole proceedings by refusing the east is to be the theater of the o become a party to it. Instead of ingry and menacing protest, therefore, a note of springtime mildness was presented, and the president was rescued from an embarrassing position.

Much more, also, has England done t has been less than a week since the British cabinet emphatically and unanlineasty vetoed a proposition which emanated from three of the powers, demanding that the United States should confine its military and naval operations to the island of Cuba. For r while we were on the verge of either having to ignominously withdraw fromthe Philippines or else fight the whole of Europe. Once more the strong arm England was interposed, and the jectured. coniforted powers were folled in their hostile purpose

The United States is about to take its rightful position among the powers of the earth. Whether we will or not, to secure, much less hold, so large a the time has come for us to burst our swaddling clothes. Thank God, we will! Timorous minds are disposed to ation a glimpse of larger boundaries thrink at the enlargement of the United and the thrill of higher aspirations.

Self-reliant though we may be in entering upon these greater fields, it is nevertheless true that the abandonment of our insular bolicy will execte in 1802 who thought that the United Pacific and extending her commerce States was large enough, who saw in wherever an opening can be found, east. France, with Latin clannishness, already regards Spain as a martyr and REPORTED.-While that beyons comravy at Manila. Russia throws traonal friendship to the winds when ivalry begins. All these antagonisms we must expect to meet if we are to Increase and expand. A vigorous ofthe statesmen who supported him. Our | fort to extend our trade will excite enmity, but vigor with oppression is better than peaceful enervation and Sintes. This is the ideal alliance of

England alone is friendly. They of blood, of kindred, of common purpose, and characteristic, lend to an Anglo American alllance, Against such a combination the rest of the world would be powerless. Of the European nations, Spain is no longer a factor: Austria and traly are almost equally impotent: Prance and Germany are at each ride, hemmed in by a natural enmity; and Russia could not find in one or all of these an ally of sufficient strength to warrant aggressive action. England and the United States together could dominate the earth in ommerce and in military and naval power. More than all, under the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack religlous and political liberty would blossom in desert places and gladden the weary hearts of oppressed mankind.

Still broader vistas reveal themselves, The dream of empire continues to un-

ing figure outlined against the borizon. the Philippines beyond the establishment of a coaling and supply station at Manila. The conservative element in the administration may prevail. may be properly and successfully be Phoenicia to Constantinople, and then urged that under the system of Amerin stately march to Venice. Holland, ican government a citizen means a voter, and there are difficulties in the way annalgamating seven millions there will rise up in the west a new Malays and elmost aberiginal races, and commanding mart of trade, while In that case if England does not want the islands, they ought to go to Japan Curiously enough, there is a wonder ful geographical similarity in the poare small islands, looking out upon the sea and flacking massive continents The Japanese, though they be olive skinned, have many Anglo-Saxon charseteristics. A moral, industrious, perestent, intelligent, brave, adaptable race, they are making their Englishlike island the center of a new empire ippines becken and affure. They at- in the cast, developing military and naval strength, and already alive with ommercial instinct. Their statesman ship is broad and liberal. Between of destiny. It is the onward, resistless these Islands of Great Britain and Jasweep of western civilization. It is pan lies the trend domain of the United States, a keystone in the arch of the

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driving to certain destruction in the Samoan harbor, cheer their British They do not contradict each other, but each omits something of what another records. Wheever would have the whole story in an orderly form must weave the accounts together, and that must be done with much care so that nothing may be misplaced or lost. These comments are especially important in studying the passages before us. Without doubt there

Sunday School Lesson for June 19.

GREETED.-Mary Magdalene, having found the tomb empty, hastened away and notified Peter and John that the body of Jesus had been stolen (Luke xx,)2. While she was absent the other wemen (Luke xxiv, 10), remained and arned from an angel that Jesus had isen (verses 6 and 7). Half terrified by the scenes in that early hour of the morning, yet joyful because of this intelli-gence, the women field from the place verse 8). It is the natural prompting of ery human heart to publish good news. nce they sought the city to inform the pointes of what they had heard. While these women were on their way to Jeru-salem Peter and John and Mary Magdalene were returning to the sepulcher, and the latter was permitted to obtain the first view of her risen Lord (John xx. the first view of her risen Lord (John xx, 18). It was shortly after that first appearance that Jesus met the other women twees to and greeted them familiarly with "All hall," that is, "Rejoice ve." To them He allowed what He denied to Muglalene, for they held Him by the rest and worshipped Him, a high bonor indeed, at that particular time the reason for which can only be con-

DIRECTED Gently the Lord spoke to the women, holding them not to be afraid, and instructed them go to the brothron and say that they might meet Him in Galilee everse 100 as He had previously promised (Matt. xxvi, 20. this fie did not mean that there should be other meetings, for on several occas-ions during the days following they were The circumstances of war have opened for us a wider horizon and imposed upon us new and graver responsibilities. We will fill the one and accept the other. The expanding acorn will split the rock. It needed but the vietory at Marika to afford a new generation a glimpse of larger boundaries and the thrill of higher apprentions. tiding of His ascension alohn xx, 10, an event that was forty days distant (Acts I. 85). Two messages, both referring to a distant time, to be carried to the aposthe jeal-may of other nations. Ger- had forsaken Him in the time of trial many, after seizing every atoll in the (Matt. xxv), 50. Brethren they still were to be called back to service by Woman's voice, to be comforted by the fact of reswill not regard with complacency the inroads of her American rival in the prospect of ascension to heaven. Women tast. France, with Latin clampishness, the first heralds of the resurrection.

in accordance with the provisions of other way. It may be that England rounding world, with England and Jusections 3,242 and 3,239 of the Revised | will investigate and annul the whole pan as the foundations of the command-Great Britain, Japan, and the United They are required to mark each packthe future. It means a compact repuls- age as mixed flour, and it is to be put supported on either side. With up only in original packages. In addi-Great Britain controlling the Medicer- tion to the annual license a tax of 4 renean Sea and the Suez Canali with cents per barrel is levied upon all the United States keeping guard over | mixed flour manufactured, sold or rethe Gulf of Mexico and the Nicaragua | moved for sale. The same rate is proportionally levied on half barrels and

Canal, which must your be built, and baseing Hawaii for its outpost and smaller packages. with Japan policeing the Philippinesand TECA. guiding the destines of the east, the There shall be levied, collected and highways of commeter would be thick with the smoke and white with the paid upon tea when imported from foreign countries a duty of 10 cents per sails of laden ships. To England, The changes regarding tea neross the Atlantic, would go out nakes the duty operative with the acbreadstuffs; in the Orient, beyond the instead of that of July 1 as it passed Pacifics, our wheat and cotton would find a widening market. War would become a thing of the past-abandoned because of its futility. KING OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

A dream of empire? Perhaps. But i is the dream of far-seeing and hopefacul men in Washington today and attanger dreams have become real The movement now is onward, Posibly we may not want to retain | For its consummation days, months and years are but mere moments of time. We can afford to wait. Twentyfive years ago such an alliance was far more impossible than it is today. A querter of a century hence may see the were unsuccessful, too. Then the govenhantion of this new destiny of the

DETAILS OF THE WAR REVENUE LAW

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said bonds not subscribed for as above provided may be disposed of by the secretary of the treasury at not less than par, under such regulations as he may prescribe, but no commissions shall be allowed or paid thereon, and a sum not exceeding one-tenth of 1 per cent, of the amount of the bonds and certificates herein authorized is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropri-ated, to pay the expense of preparing. advertising and issuing the same.

COINAGE OF SILVER BULLION. Following is the provision in regard

to the coinage of silver builton: The secretary of the treasury is au thorized and directed to coin into standard silver dollars, as rapidly as the public interests may require, to an paper was much commented upon. amount, however, of not less than \$1,-500,000 in each month, all of the silver bullion now in the treasury purchased \$530,000 to take up some bonds and that in accordance with the provisions of the net approved July 14, 1890., entitled An act directing the purchase of silver bullion and the issue of treasur; notes thereon, and for other purposes, and said dollars, when so coined, shall se used and applied in the manner and for the purposes named in said act.

MIXED FLOUR.

A substitute was adopted for the senate provision for a tax on mixed tour, but the material points were retained. The substitute requires that sersons engaged in baking, packing or epacking mixed flour shall pay a speial tax at the rate of \$12 per annum. and the license granted is to be posted

should be a break after the eighth verse to admit the first eighteen verses of the 20th chapter of John, and after the fifteenth verse to admit Luke xxiv. 13 to a distribution of the appear of the country of the coun

BRIBED.-Here was an awkward di-BRIHED.—Here was an awkward di-lema. The very men who had caused Christ to be put to death, who had sought after His death to prevent any imposi-tion (Matt. xxvii, 65), hoping to stamp out this miserable herexy, were confront-ed by stubborn facts, announced by men who could have no motive for falsehood. It was necessary to "there these witwho could have no motive for falsehood. It was necessary to showe these witnesses. One fact alone must be accounted for the absence of the body, all else may be passed over in silence. A little money would secure a plausible explanation—the body had been stolen by disciples while the soldiers slept (verses 12 to 10. Plausible? Yes, at the time, the only explanation, but in the end a clumsy and self-avident ile. Boman soldiers asleep! That meant death, it asleep how could they know that the body was stolen? And what could the disciples want of the lifeless form? Could any man hope to retrieve a cause sup-Is. It was shortly after that first appearance that Jesus met the other women (verse 9) and greeted them familiarly with "All hall," that is, "Rejoice ye." To them He allowed what He denied to Magalalene, for they held Him by the free and worshipped Him, a high bonar fulced at that particular time the reason for which can only be conjectured.

Is was shortly after that first appearance that Jesus met the other woman hope to retrieve a cause supposed to me lost, by concealing the remains of a dead Christ and make men believe that He was alive? And why was not the body afterward produced? The compty grave told the tale, and the soldiers accepted the money (verse 15). The story was long current among the previously given (Matt. xxvl. 25), the memorial, now is added another, the conjectured. that it was not believed.

> RETIRED.-We should now supply the ellipsis merifored in the introduction thake xxiv: 13-49, John xx: 24-31. Matthey om'ts all references to the events that occurred subsequently in Judea, evideptly anxious to connect the promimade to the women with the fulfillment of that promise. In one week Jesus had appeared six times to His followers, twice to the women, then to Peter, next to the two on the way to Emmaus (Luke the two on the way to Emmaus (Luke xxiv: 13), and limitly twice in Jerusalem. Then He was missing for a scusen, and the cleven remembering His words, retired to Galilee and sought the mountains, which before His crucinxien. He had appointed as the place of teunion (verse 16). The site of that mountain is wholly unknown, although some have conjectured that it was the place where the sermon was delivered (Matt. v: 1). In that retired shot He showed Himself to the eleven who fell down in His presence and worshipped Him, astonished to see Him alive (verse 19), some of the (I Cor. xv: 0).

EMPOWERED.-At that mountain meeting Jesus spoke to the apostles. The greater part of what He said was never

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INTRODUCTION.—The main incidents connected with the crucifixion of Jesus are related by all four evangelists, but immediately after, these narratives pursue dieffrent courses in their recital, as they entered Jerosalem and showed the chief priests all that had been done everse in. W shall never know precisely what they reported. They had not seen Jesus as a subordinate or representative, sent to do a certain work Gohn xvii; b, which they reported. They had not seen design because His first appearance was to Mary (Mark xvi. 9). As they were oversered at the sight of the angel it is probable that they saw nothing beside, except what Peter saw, an emisty tomb (Luke xxiv. 12) and after that they were restored. Hence they could say nothing except to tell of the earthquake, of the supernatural visitor with radiant counter names and the further and most important fact, that the body, which they were set to guard, was gone. But that was tant fact, that the body, which they were set to grand, was gone. But that was set to grand, was gone. But that was been highly exaited (Heb. ii; 10). After-ward the eity, and it ought to be delivered, as it was, to the ecclesiastical authorities, for they had instructed the soldiers. Showing that the thought had entered their minds and made a lasting impression. made a lasting impression.

> COMMISSIONED .- The reason for the teaching. The world must be converted by the truth and to the truth John vill. 3b. It is assumed that the world needs memorial, now is added another, the contession. Go, teach, baptize in all nations Who is sufficient for this? (Cor. II. I Well might the fishermen shrink. But the promise of continual presence, immediately following, discarded fears awakened hope and excited courage.

CONCLUSION.-Our lesson may be condensed under three heads; thrist and the Women. The Lord of glory, victorious over death, begins His work with two messages delivered to women, by them to be delivered to frightened and disheartened men. Who could hope for greater results with such feeble instru-ments and such ferbidding outlook? Nay, who could hope for brighter prospects when woman speaks out of her faith and love her word will endure. 2. The soldiers heathen keepers of the tomb, telling the wondrous story to proud ecclesiarties. Falsehood and trickery, then and ever since employed to defeat the mighty mis-sion of the risen Lord. 2 Christ and the eleven. Joyful worshippers of their loved see Him alive tyerse 19, some of the number doubting if it were He. This was Lord in Galilee, their home, learn of His not the occasion to which Paul alludes glory and their duty. By the foolishness of preaching men shall hear of the Say lour. By the ordinance of baptism the shell enter the church. By the presence of Christ the preacher shall be encour-aged. The world is the parish. The Di

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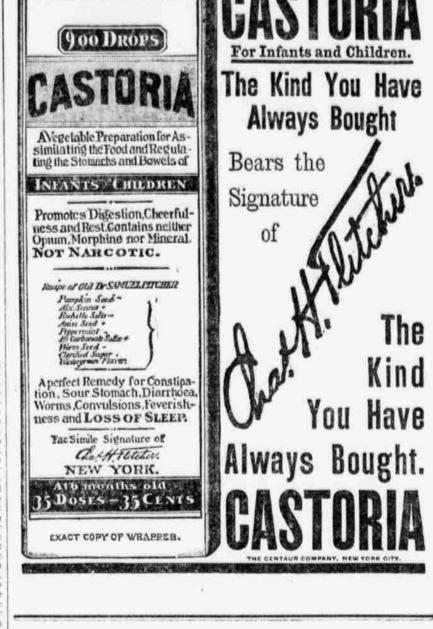
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