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THE MEANING OF EASTER

The return of the sun, the new vege- the most acceptable. tation and promise of growth, al- These delegates should be the ways deeply impressed human na- picked men of the nation, and inture. There have been popular clude its best brains and most arspring festivals in expression of this dent patriotism. The conventions feeling since earliest history.

tween the physical thought of the much guided by mere expediency. revival of the dead earth from the These are critical and difficult times. cold grasp of winter, and the resur- A man must be found for presiden: rection of the human spirit. When who has constructive ability of a suthe bleak storms of January pass preme order, and who can initiate over the colder climates, no sugges- wise reconstruction legislation and tion of life is visible. A man from a lead the country safely into the new tropical latitude not accustomed to era. seasonal change, might feel that life was extinct, and could never return.

So it was that in the world's earlier history, faith in a spiritual resurrection did not at once develop among all peoples. As far as they could see death ended all.

With the coming of Jesus Christ, the world passed on to a new interpretation. Probably no fact of ancient history is so well authenticated as the resurrection of Jesus.

The risen Christ was seen by large company of disciples, none o parted from him as they thought for o fhis appearance. Those of a skepti- prizes. cal nature had a chance to satisfy This is good patriotic work. Every their questionings.

attested has therefore become the ciples are embodied in a few well great landmark of the centuries and chosen words. Early impressions are the culminating event of the Christ- strong. Children shown at an early ian year. It gives man confidence age what America stands for, will not that as the dead stalk of January later be led away by disloyal inblossoms forth into the colorful flow- fluences. er of July, so the outworn shell of man's body shall again bloom forth DISAPPEARANCE OF THE HOBO into the spiritual beauty of a new world.

THE ORGY OF SPENDING

the government at Washington is the country people had to provide spending money far too lavishly. It them with hand-outs every day. It got in the habit of free spending dur- cities they were a familiar figure as ing the war, when everyone was will- they sought the park benches reserving to see money thrown out with a ed for women and children. Freight shovel if the war work could go ahead cars were infested with them, and faster. Working on that basis gets their camp fires were soon all along people in a bad habit. They can't the railroad lines. break off. They get a lot of unneces- In these busy times the Anerican sary help around them, and haven't Land Service, which furnishes sea-

The most astonishing tales are told says this element is almost extinct. of the needlessly large army of clerks It was the common feeling in now maintained in Washington. If former years that these fellows the departments were organized on a would not work except under extreme business basis, the pre-war basis of provocation. Innumerable specimens help would do the whole thing. Com- of them, given a saw and axe and led petent executives could run the gov- out to the wood pile, have taken the ernment with half the force of clerks first opportunity to disappear. Has now employed. The tangle of red the leopard changed his spots, and tape in which all the departments are the Ethiopian his skin? Has Dusty enmeshed, checks initiative, represses | Rhodes proved false to his conambition, and leads to a dull and scientious scruples lagainst labor, droning routine.

The Democratic party has had full its spirit of adventure? control of these departments for It looks wery much as if the hobo seven years. Though the war has element had sacrificed their prinbeen over 17 months, it is making ciples and gone to work. Of cours very slow progress toward returning the majority of them always d to a peace basis. It has not business | work off and on, when there w sense enough to cut out red tape and other way to live. The farmers en systematize the work. It will take a ployed many thousands of them new broom, a new set of men, who harvest. feel they must show results.

very prominent its demand for former vagrants have yielded to the economy and efficiency. Congress has seductions of a regular job. On high done its part by slashing cuts in the factory pay and short hours, th appropriations. But it can not get re- temptation was great. The employ sults, while a tribe of Democrats still ment agencies say prohibition have the spending of the money.

of high prices. The taxes are in railroad box cars attractive for travevery case loaded on to the price elling, and a barn loft a pleasant the consumer pays. Democratic hotel. It may take the flowing bowl administration has shown itself un- to stimulate that point of view. able or unwilling to get down to hard pan.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

In the campaign of 1912, there tation often creates greater perils was a movement to have presiden- than positive errors. When business | So far on one has manifested any tial nominations made by vote at men have a big question to settle, desire to obtain the services for his the primaries. But as people thought they give their earnest thought to busniess, of the senators who workit over, this seemed impracticable. It, do the best they can, and go ahead ed ight months over the peace the Among the many candidates, no one And they come out better than if peace treaty, and then didn't get anycould get a majority. The nomina- they dallied and doubted. tion would then go to a minority But government action does not candidate. The convention, with have this capacity for clear cut acopportunity for consultation among tion. There are long delays, dodg- The growing signs that the people delegates of all sections, and for ing of responsibility, and political propose to have some say about the balloting to determine which has jockeying.

The Republican Paper of Carroll very largely to the conventions. The majority of the delegates will go

such delegates. The very worthiest OFFICE-MAIN & LIBERTY STS. citizen may show poor juigment Entered at the postoffice at Westmin- when he gets to a convention. and

Candidates for delegates should state quite clearly what their preferences are, so that the people will know what they are voting for. Yet it is well to give them some As the people of Westminster at- freedom of action. If it becomes tend the worshipful services of East- impossible to name the candidate er Sunday, they will be reminded that of their first choice they must sup-Elaster has two suggestions. The port the one who in the light of deone is the joy of the spring time. velopments and deliberation proves

should not be made up merely of There is a close connection be- politicians, who usually are too

TEACHING PATRIOTISM.

Some years ago the idea of having school children salute the flag, as method of teaching patriotism, spread quite widely over the country. It was a useful exercise, still it did not inculcate very definite ideas in the child's mind.

Representative J. W. Summers of the state of Washington, recently arranged a patriotic memory contest in the schools of his district. His purwhom expected his return. They had pose was to encourage them to megood. His appearance had to be so strong statement of Americanism preclear and explicit as to dispel the pared by Mr. William T. Page. Great doubts of a lot of people at the same numbers of children committed this time, and they agreed as to the facts creed to memory, and were given

school child should learn some state-An event so marvelous and well ment in which basic American prin-

What has become of "Wandering Willie", "Dusty Rhodes", and all the other far famed characters of the comic papers, who formerly typified There is a general agreement that the vagrant world? In former years

the force to reorganize and retrench. | sonal workers for harvesting crops.

and has his distive wanderlust lost

Labor conditions have been very The Republican party is making tempting the past year, and many something to do with their change High taxes are one of the big causes heart. It takes imagination to make

A DEFECT OF GOVERNMENT

In the business world action on vital matters is always prompt. Hesi-

This year public sentiment seems League of Nations. The country obstreperous conduct.

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wanted prompt action either one ter has apparently gone over until after election, perhaps until a new president omes in.

Thereby the worles unsettlement is prolonged, economic readjustment is delayed, and the United States is held up to contempt for its vacillating policy. Also it is failing to do its share in settling the world, and thereby appears in the light of

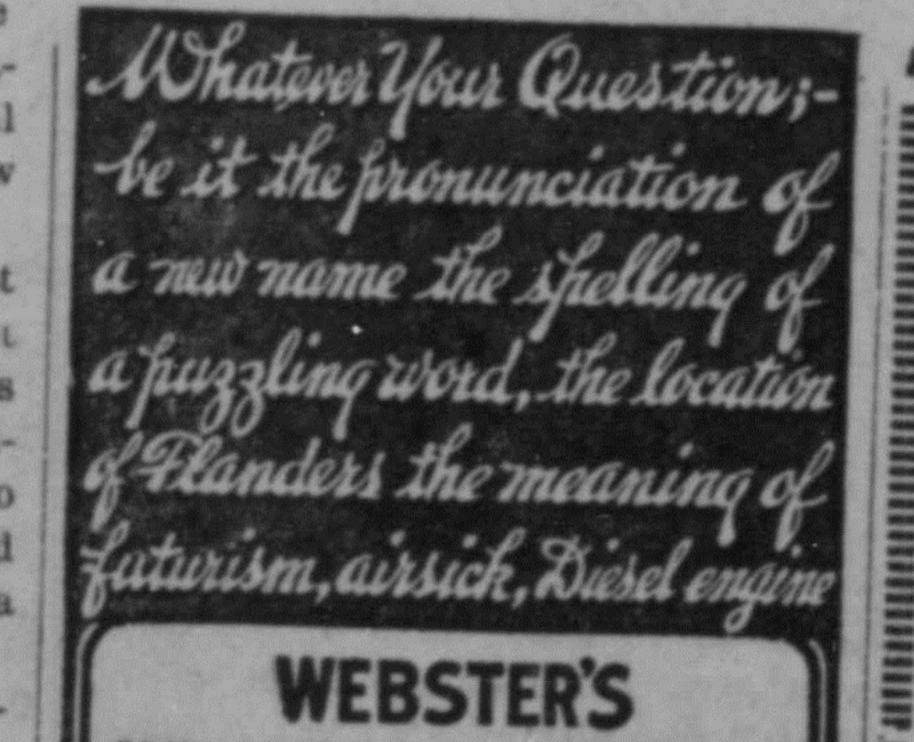
slacker. The delay may promote some terrible catastrophe. The lack of settled policy may result in bolshevist velolutions in several countrie It will encourage Germany in the idea that the allies are disunited

settlements. The fundamental difficulty is the ratification of a treaty. This has always made it difficult to get treaties ratified, and many very necesshould be modified to permit the majority to rule.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

thing done on it.

next presidential election, is viewthe most support gives a more de- The harm done can be seen in such ed with profound dismay by the poli- The early end of the jazz music a matter as the peace treaty and ticians, who are not used to such craze seems probable under half of Phone 127



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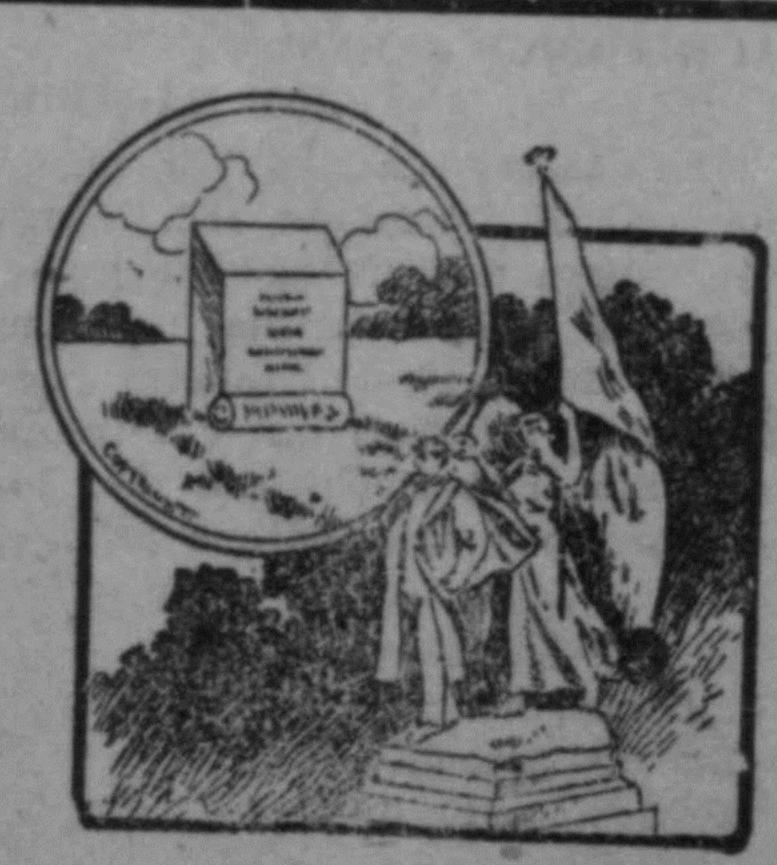
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