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### THE ROOSEVELT GREED

BELIEVE in honesty, sincerity and the square deal; in making up Lone's mind what to do-and doing it.

- I believe in fearing God and taking one's own part.
- I believe in hitting the line hard when you are right.
- I believe in speaking softly and carrying a big stick.
- I believe in hard work and honest sport.
- I believe in a sane mind in a sane body.
- I believe we have room for but one soul loyalty, and that is loyalty

to the American people.

#### THE JOHNSON VERDICT.

popular state of mind in this comjury would have had the moral courthese are abnormal times. The jury night when he went to his customary was influenced, unconsciously per- night work in the ice house, haps, by the hysteria and acute race prejudice which has been engendered. evoked and inflamed by unscrupulous the unbiased truth. The Monitor did not believe that

Johnson was the guilty man, after our

first interview with him, and verification of his statement by credible witnesses, his foreman, George Fahrenbrook, being one of them. This conviction was strengthened at the preliminary hearing by the testimony of Miss Kroupa, herself, and of George Kreil, who testified that he was "pretty sure" that Johnson was the Negro wearing a "brown coat" whom he had seen in the vicinity of the assault about 11 o'clock. Testimony for the state and the defense at the trial just ended has but more firmly fixed our belief in Johnson's innocence. Therefore, knowing the full import of what we say and assuming responsibility for the statement The Monitor fearlessly asserts that Ira Johnson is not guilty of assaulting Miss Kroupa, the verdict of the jury to the contrary notwithstanding. This conclusion rests in his able argument to the jury: "The shall be made a sacrifice. The question for you, gentlemen, is this, have you the courage and the manhood to render a verdict according to the evidence?"

When asked to take the case Mr. Howell stated that his feelings were so strong against crimes of the character alleged that if he believed the cence that he consented to take the Omaha. We said that we believed that The big as well as the little."

Fahrenbrook, white, foreman of the this across. ice house, testified that he was talk- Some do not seem to understand the The great races of the world have the national committee of the striking

TRA Johnson is not guilty of crim- day, when Johnson brought another to fight, also, any effort to limit our our every effort to keep them in the I inal assault upon Bessie Kroupa, colored man by the name of Bell to municipal privileges for which we are baskef with us; when we delight in We know a jury says he is, but that him for work, and that at that time taxed. We would like to have our parading all kinds of dope derogatory does not make him so. How a jury Johnson wore a khaki shirt, blue over- readers freely express their views on to their character, when we fail to could bring in such a verdict after alls and an advertising cap, and that this subject, for or against it, in our heed the code of racial ethics, the hearing the evidence would be unex- he saw him again at the ice house a columns. limiting such expressions to little green-eyed monster, Envy, is the plainable, were it not for the present little before 2 o'clock and he was two hundred words. dressed in the same way. Bell, whom munity. In normal times we believe Fahrenbrook employed on Johnson's that any fair-minded and intelligent solicitation, verified this, as did two other witnesses. These witnesses tesage to have returned a verdict in ac- tified that Johnson was around the though the defendant were black. But about 12 o'clock until 6 o'clock at

George Fahrenbrook was learned how he would testify they deyellow journalism. The jury, influ- clined to call him. The defense called enced by this sentiment, rendered its him and his testimony verified that of verdict not against Ira Johnson, Johnson, Bell and Smalls and showed merely, but against his race. This is conclusively that at 12:15 or thereabouts Johnson was at the ice house dressed in overalls and wearing an city advertising cap. No hat answering the description of the one worn by Miss Kroupa's assailant was found among Johnson's possessions or in the bunk car where he stayed.

It is upon this evidence that The Monitor contends that Ira Johnson is into them robbing or shooting up were the times normal, the jury would have acquitted him.

We desire to state that Judge Redick before whom Johnson was tried was absolutely fair in his ruling and explicit in his charge to the jury. Atfor his client, inspired by absolute belief in the man's innocence.

The verdict, The Monitor admits, is disappointing and depressing. It awakens questionings in the minds of many as to the willingness of the dominant race to render justice to all not with standing. This conclusion rests creed. It shows the necessity of our not upon sentiment, but upon careful group being vigilent and willing to weighing of the evidence. As Mr. group being vigilant and willing to structed to go into the 'Big Timber' merit or deserve any more than we Howell, attorney for the defense said render aid, not to every member of evidence shows that this defendant is ment to criminals—but to men who, would be wrong, and an encourageguilty of no crime, except it be the like Ira Johnson, after investigation erime of being born black. You have of their case, we believe to be inno-It is for you to say whether or not he tor believes that every effort should cent of the crime alleged. The Monibe exhausted to establish Johnson's innocence and if possible, fix the blame where it belongs.

> The Johnson verdict should teach us all a lesson in these abnormal days when the times are out of joint.

### CONCERNING SEGREGATION.

accused guilty he would not defend COME weeks ago The Monitor blind. him at any price. It was, therefore. It sounded a note of warning against case. He believed and still believes the rumors of crime by Negroes and thoroughly in Johnson's innocence. | the apparent desire to make it appear What was the evidence in the case? that Omaha has an abnormal number tacky party at the War Camp Com-Miss Kroupa said Johnson was the of undesirables and criminals among munity girls' room in Columbia hall man who assaulted her and that at the its Negro population is part of the Tuesday evening, November 18, Prizes time of the assault he wore a blue scheme to justify the enactment of for the most unique costume for man suit of clothes and a round black hat. such ordinances when deemed prac- or woman. No admission. Silver of-Kreil said, and we eliminate the con- ticable. This movement, we then be- fering. Mrs. J. LaCour, chairman. tradictory statements of both wit- lieved, and still believe to be but part nesses, that Johnson was the man and parcel of a nation-wide movement. whom he saw in the neighborhood of inspired by the bourbon south, certhe assault about 11 o'clock, and that tainly animated by its spirit, to enhe was dressed in a blue or brown force colonization upon our group coat and wore a round black hat. everywhere and to place certain re-Nine-year-old Charles Wentz, whose strictions upon us in the enjoyment testimony showed careful coaching, of the rights of domicile, educational, testified that Johnson was the man he recreational and municipal privileges. saw in the vicinity on several occa- This is southern sentiment and the sions, and on this morning in par- southern method. It is permeating ticular, "walking behind Kreil" and the north. Some believe that this that retards our racial progress and "brushing shoulders with him," and sentiment is being spread by a well- renders teamwork and group action that he had on a blue suit and a round organized and heavily financed agency. impossible, it is the spirit of envy. black hat. All three witnesses testi- As to this, we cannot say; but we do fied that Miss Kroupa's assailant was know that this sentiment is being to accomplish anything immediately a man dressed in a blue suit and spread. No doubt about it. Whether there springs up a spirit of envy and wearing a round black hat. Miss Omaha will fall for it or not remains malice and ofttimes this evil and mean Kroupa testified that the man had on to be seen. It will not, of course, if spirit is manifested among those a blue coat. The scene of the assault our people are vigilant and not lulled closely associated with the individual was about a mile and a half from the to sleep by the siren voice of some of or individuals thus envied. Burlington ice house at Gibson where our group who seem to be playing,

ence. The first is a matter of inditively speaking.

into a flock or herd. It is natural for us. own among them, having their con- quers all things. certain section or sections of a city occasion to belittle their greatness; and nowhere else. So far as our race when we rejoice at every little misisue that we have got to face. This when we hate to see them get in pos-

#### "CLEAN UP THE CROOKS."

city which is applicable to many other and practices as a race individually cities in this fair land. The Monitor and collectively, in the same manner is of the opinion that even the police authorities of Omaha might profit by have done. poened by the state, but when they the suggestions made in the Argus editorial which we respectfully commend to their attention. Here it is:

a few days ago, orders have been is-

"To a close observer, it furnishes an amusement to see these blue coats and detectives leave their stations looking for Negroes. It seems that they forget that there are white somebody. In which event they devote a little time to catching the ofance looking for Negroes.

"Of course when the orders are issued, they must bring in somebody. and we suppose that Negroes are less tion and position but itself. torney Howell made a splendid fight trouble to bring in and, as a rule less trouble in 'making a case.'

> idler, thier or gun toter, but the seem- folks to enter into all our efforts, reing one-sided affair does not help the ligious and civil, instead of our cause

> and get a few of the big criminals and are receiving, nor as much fetch them in. They should also be time a robbery is reported that the were. crime has been committed by some | For the good of the race and the the real criminal makes good his get- refuse her abode in our hearts.

"It is hoped that when the order is

There will be an old fashioned (Tex.) Informer.

Nothing is denied to well-directed labor; nothing is to be obtained without it .- Sir Joshua Reynolds.

LEADING EDITORIALS OF THE DAY FROM RACE JOURNALS

One Besetting Sin.

If there is any one agency of force

As soon as the colored man begins

It seems to be a racial character-Johnson was employed, at about 12:40 consciously or unconsciously, into the istic to hate to see another member in the afternoon of July 7. George hands of those who are trying to put of the race succeed or rise higher than the others.

difference between voluntary associa- learned that in proportion as they can steel workers, in commenting upon the after promised to write the reports tion, or voluntary segregation, if you create and develop great men and strike situation here, said the steel which the strike leaders had given please, and involuntary or enforced women in that proportion will they strike, in so far as it affected Wheel- without alterations, the Associated segregation. There is a vast differ- hold their places in the sun, figura- ing and vicinity, should not be Press representatives deliberately re-

vidual choice, the exercise of personal Every race has learned to work to- pany heads. The workers' demands, he charge. liberty; the second is an unwarranted gether but the colored race and with declared, would have been granted had invasion of personal liberty, the de- all our envy, malice, bickerings and it been u pto the local mill heads. self. An important principle is here and whine about our status, when the States," he said, "were as well organtary association, is natural. For what vassals to all the distasteful and dis- country. The industrial unions here

each to seek its kind or group. Left No race needs to sit supinely and were on strike." This accounts for various groups, our is the price of success and labor con- ing daily and taking votes to return

gregations, lodges, associations, insti- But when we permit envy to become entirely different matter to set off a or her success; when we seek every ments at all to them. Several times, vocate. and say, for example, only Jews, or when we maliciously lie on them and Italians or Germans or Negroes, or endeavor to slander their good name; Methodists or Roman Catholics shall when we misrepresent them to others be permitted to live in those sections both of our race and the other races; in this city is concerned this is the fortune or setback that they suffer; ing with Johnson at the ice house enforced, involuntary segregation, The session of anything of a tangible nashortly after 12 o'clock noon of that Monitor intends to fight. We intend ture; when we, crab-like, put forth cause of it all.

There can be no eternal vigilance where the forces are divided and pulling apart, and if success will ever INDER the above caption The St. crown our race as a whole it will only Louis Argus gives some sound come to us when we have submitted cordance with the evidence, even ice house all the afternoon or from advice to the police authorities of that and subscribed to the same principles as the other great races of the earth

The adage that labor conquers all things is true both theoretically and practically; but without teamwork, co-"Following the wounding of Chief ordination of forces, respect for leadof Police O'Brien, by a highwayman ership, which in themselves preclude the retention of such evil attributes sued to clean up the crooks of this as envy, malice, hatred and all kindred devilish and hellish spirits, there can be no labor in the true sense of the word,

There is a vast difference between simply putting in time and giving efficient service as a laborer, despite the capacity in which the individual

A race that simply hopes to occupy a space on the program and then renfenders and then resume their vigil- der no number in keeping with the calibre of the program will ere long find itself a back number, and it will have no one to blame for its condi-

The colored race had better read more defenseless, and the police have the signs of the times and get busy before the hour will be too late.

"We have no defense for the Negro | If we permit Envy and all her kinefficiency of the police department. having been advanced by our contri-"The trouble may be in the orders butions in the great world conflict, it men, irrespective of race, color or isued. They may not be specific will receive a setback; for

told in plain words that there are time you fall a victim thereto you are some white crooks as well as colored cementing yourself to the master evil in the city. And not to assume every one with adamantine chains, as it

Negro, thus wasting so many useless cause of humanity Envy is entirely too hours looking for, questioning and ar- prevalent among us and every care resting every Negro they see, while and precaution must be exercised to

The problems of reconstruction call "We believe that many real crim- for a united race and a new leaderinals have followed the police around, ship, but this will be impossible of aclaughing up their sleeves while the complishment if we pursue our old police were running around color- policy and continue to operate our forces in opposing directions.

Send Envy back home, as well as not until he had verified Johnson's what we believe to be a well-laid plan issued to 'clean up' that it will be all her kith and kin, and then a story and was convinced of his inno- to enforce a scheme of segregation in applicable to white as well as colored. brighter day will dawn for our race. Its retention and operation mean failure, defeat, disaster. - Houston

## Flashes of Most Anything

FLASHES OF MOST ANYTHING.

F course some folks think we Negroes are calamity howlers, but we are not. We are not talking the high faluting language of Aristotle or Plato or Kant or any other of those great philosophy fellows, but a man is a mighty big fool if he can't see a thing that is as plain as the nose on his face. Any old time a guy can be bought for one thing it's a cinch he can be bought for another. The following incident has a slightly familiar sound; it ain't us either, but somehow we think it shows the proficiency they got practicing on us for fifty-odd years or so. Take a shot at it and let's see what you think: (N. B.: Editor of The Mediator, please take notice):

Steel Strikers Charge Papers Falsify News.

Wheeling, W. Va.-The secretary of

nial of one's rights to choose for him- internal dissensions we sit around "If every district in the United resentatives figures and facts on the very program and method that we are | ized as the Wheeling district there | falsified them. One night one of them Segregation, in the sense of volun- pursuing will forever keep the race would be no labor troubles in the called me up and wanted to know does segregation mean? To collect agreeable practices now heaped upon are so powerful that no employer return to work, would think of fighting them if they

form themselves into such associations | rights and privileges upon a golden | Wheeling Intelligencer and by the Asto work.

The capitalist press representatives tutions and communities or neighbor- the predominant spirit and hate and have so falsely reported the existing hoods. There can be no objection to hold a grudge against our brother or strike conditions that steel strike leadthis, where it is voluntary. It is an sister for no reason save that of his ers here now refuse to make any state-

blamed upon the union or local com- versed the statements, unionists

"You see," the secretary explained, 'we have given Associated Press repstrike situation and they deliberately whether the strikers were meeting to

"I told him no; that mass meetings are being held which show that the to themselves, people will naturally expect other races to bring to it its | Reports have been circulated in the strikers are determined to fight it to a finish; yet the out-of-town papers as may be most congenial or best tray, silver platter or even place them sociated Press to the effect that the which carry their dispatches conserve their interests or inclinations. in the garbage can. Eternal vigilance striking steel workers here are meet- tained the 'news' that the strikers were meeting to take votes to return to work. Little wonder that I am angry. I believe that the Associated Press and its representatives have been bought to misreport strike conditions."-The Butcher Workman Ad-

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