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1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

CHRISTMAS.

WE wish all our readers a blessed and happy Christmastide. We say "happy" and "blessed," rather than "merry" because mirth and merriment are more transient and fleeting than happiness and blessedness. He that is blessed will undoubtedly have a heart overflowing with joy and gladness and must of necessity be merry.

Blessedness indeed will be his who rightly and fully appreciates the stupendous fact which Christmas attests and proclaims. That fact is the Incarnation of the Only-Begotten Son of God; the entrance into human life through the gateway of human birth of Him Who from the beginning was in the bosom of the Father. This fact has been as fully and accurately stated as human language can express it, in the sublime words of St. John: "In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God and the WORD was God. The SAME was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made. * * * And the WORD was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

The Nicene Creed which will be repeated by millions of lips, high and low, rich and poor, young and old, throughout Christendom at this sacred season no less sublimely proclaims the truth in these soul-stirring syllables: "And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten not made; being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was Incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man." "For us men and for our salvation" He "came down from Heaven." This tells the full story, the sweet compelling story of God's wondrous love for man, all mankind—for all are His children whom He loves with infinite love—which constrained Him to take upon Him our nature and to be born of a pure virgin, that He might open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. It was for this that Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day.

Is it any wonder that the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good-will towards men!" rang through the Judean hills on the first glad Christmas morn and still re-echoes through the years, although the deafened ears of sinful men hear not the heavenly melodies.

This is the real meaning of Christmas; The Birthday of Christ. If we but grasp what this wondrous event means, how richer and fuller our lives will become. The season has largely become commercialized. There is need for emphasizing the fact that it is a great religious festival, full of joy and gladness because of the truth of God's love which it proclaims. All should catch its spirit. All should strive to translate it into terms of service to God and humanity. Each one of us can do something to help fulfill the purposes of Him Who gave us Christmas with all its joys and blessedness.

May the music of the Christmas angels sound sweetly in your ears and bring you joy and blessedness and happiness and may we all join in the earnest prayer that mankind everywhere may manifest the Christlike spirit and the whole world give back the son which now the angels sing: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good-will."

LIVING FOR ONE'S CHILDREN.

Of the many lessons which some of us need to learn is that of living

for and providing for our children that they may enjoy better opportunities and privileges for the highest self-development than were ours. Quite frequently have we heard it said by those from whom we should expect better things, that they did not intend to make any provision for their children. It has been stated something like this: "Let 'em make it as I did. I've had to struggle and they can do the same thing."

This is not the attitude of a progressive or far-sighted people. We should all be ambitious to raise the foundation upon which our children may wisely build a little higher than that upon which we had to build. Let us learn to plan and build for our posterity. All truly great peoples or nations wisely provide for their children.

Are we as thoughtful in this regard as we should be? Think about it.

UNDERWOOD ACQUITTED.

RALPH Underwood, colored, one of the men held to the district court on the charge of criminal assault upon a white woman, was acquitted in Judge Leslie's court Friday night. The jury was out only a short time.

The Monitor is gratified at the man's acquittal as it justifies our contention that many of these alleged cases of assault by Negroes upon white women if permitted to be brought to trial would be proven groundless. Too many cases have been brought to light where lustful men and women, discovered in compromising positions, to save themselves have raised the too-easily-believed report of having been assaulted by a Negro when no Negro was anywhere around. They have been such cases.

The Monitor feels so strongly on the position of rape that we believe the death penalty should be imposed upon any man proven guilty of the violation of woman. We feel equally so about seduction. We demand, however, that the accused should be given a speedy and impartial trial. With the prevailing sentiment in this country, there is no possible chance of a Negro accused of this crime escaping conviction at the hands of a white jury where there is the slightest evidence of his guilt.

The Monitor desires to emphasize the fact that the public ought not jump to the conclusion that because a Negro is charged with attempted criminal assault upon some white woman that he is therefore necessarily guilty. A knowledge of the character of the person making the charge might modify one's opinion.

CHARACTER OF MOBOCRATS.

AS the trials of the various participants in the mob and rioting of September 28 proceed the character of the mobocrats is being revealed. Up to the present time the chief participants brought to trial have been by large of the lowest type, men with criminal records who have served terms in penitentiary or been frequently in jail; consorts of prostitutes and the most vicious element of the city, by whom they have sought to prove alibis. The decent, self-respecting citizens of Omaha must stand unitedly behind the county attorney in the prosecution of these criminals. The character of the mobocrats reveal the clearly defined issues before the people of this community.

STAY OF EXECUTION.

THE Monitor notes with pleasure that Governor Brough of Arkansas has granted a stay of execution in the case of the twelve Negroes who were sentenced to death for "insurrection." We indulge the hope that a review of their cases by the supreme court may lead to commutation of their sentences.

STRIKES.

By Ailey W. Lewis, LL.B.

The United States has by this time become quite acquainted with the institution called "The Strike."

The miners' strike forecasted very serious consequences and for this reason demanded attention. The miners are perhaps more to be pitied than censured. By miners is meant the masses of this class of laborers who know only to follow, and for the purposes of this article miners will not mean their leaders.

The miners have our sympathy, in that we feel they are misguided in the means to a righteousness.

We think the leaders wholly and absolutely wrong. The first thought of every labor leader, and every other leader, for that matter—whether of church, state or lesser society—should be his country's welfare, in which welfare is inseparably bound the life, liberty and happiness of his countrymen.

Now the labor leaders from Mr. Gompers down must know that the underlying prompting for all the tur-



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mole brought about on account of the long succession of recent strikes is the high cost of living; that the pretext for the high cost of living was the problematic long-continued scarcity of the necessities of life, including labor, because of war; that the high cost of living has been condemned "ab initio;" that it was wrong in its prematurity, beginning before justified—and wrong in its present existence, continuing without cause as the war is over and it is known we have plenty in a land of plenty.

These leaders must know the high cost of living to be a false prophet which the present democratic (?) national administration has allowed to stalk the country since pre-war days, confusing and worrying many of us, making us easy prey to selfish agitators, dishonest leaders and unscrupulous profiteers.

The cure for the high price imposition as endorsed by labor leaders is "more pay," and more pay by striking.

The "more pay" idea whether supported by strikes or otherwise can not be the cure for the high cost of living; for the raising of prices by the owners of food is done at about the same time and in about the same manner as the raising of wages by strikes. Wages go up and prices go up—or—prices go up and wages go up. It's a case of "heads you win, tails I lose." The winner never changes, and the loser is always the same one, and the sufferers are always "we the poor."

The miners' strike was not only a mistake from the more pay idea, but

was further error because it made possible great suffering among millions of poor people who need coal and cannot buy coal because coal shortage has prevented their employment whereby they earn the means to buy fuel and food.

Perhaps it may be contended that technically the miners were not striking, but their action sheared only of their leader's express order to "go ahead," and pregnant with the implied order to "stand still," amounts to the same thing; for the coal shortage is not helped by the mining of coal. What the country needs is the prices for foodstuffs lowered, rather than wages for labor raised.

The right way to lower the prices for foodstuffs is to do it directly and not indirectly, and the government or some government agency should attend to that.

It is time this nation was learning that the wages for labor and the prices for food and the necessities of life must proceed co-extensively with each other according to some tolerable principle of equalization, taking into consideration our national and international status and relationship.

Mr. Gompers and his lieutenants must know that to keep our marvelous and gigantic combination of multitudinous industries a going our surplus production must be placed upon foreign markets, and that higher wages and higher prices which have proven disastrous in America will destroy our foreign market.

We will always buy from foreign markets and it is the part of wisdom to sell upon foreign markets.

It would be selfish and foolish to attempt to do neither.

The high cost of living must end and wages will go down; this should create no alarm; for it is not what we earn, nor yet what we pay to live so much as it is what we can save after living decently. So when high prices and wages begin to fall, not by striking, but by voting, we should see to it that we have the kind of government that will apply a principle of equalization to earnings and the cost of living so that a respectable American citizen can have savings of such value as will promote happiness.

THE DAVIS CASE.

THE jury in the George Davis case, charged with assault with intent to murder Mayor Smith on the night of the riot, after practically three days' deliberation was unable to agree on a verdict and was discharged. The jury stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal from the outset. This fact is not without its significance.

N. W. C. A. NOTES.

The N. W. C. A. is having an association meeting January 7 at the home. Every member is requested to be present to consider business of importance to which the membership must give immediate attention.

It was somewhat of a surprise to the association to learn that Mr. George, an old resident of Omaha who has been at the county hospital and was planning on coming to the home, died before he could be moved. His widow is at the home, together with five other persons—Mother Silvester, Mrs. Gabriel Young and Mr. Suffern.

Every citizen of Omaha is asked to rally to the support of the association and help in carrying on this work that makes it possible to care for the aged dependents in the community.

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