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Grin and Bear It!

While hot weather in this northern climate is well-nigh intolerable to many persons, is not the matter of heat and cold merely relative and more or less a matter of comparative values?

In July and August we wish for January snow and zero temperature. In January and February we clamor for July and August sun and ninety degree thermometers. We are never satisfied.

Would we not all be better off if we joined the "Don't Worry Club" and accepted our lot, weather and all as the Almighty sends it and try to pursue our daily avocation with minds on our labor or work and forget our bodily ills? After all, heat and cold are more or less mental. One man feels cold when the thermometer is seventy while another complains of the heat. If there were no thermometers in sight would we mind the weather so much? Have you never run across the man who had his coat unbuttoned in the winter and minded the cold not at all but directly he saw a thermometer which registered 10 degrees below zero, no straightway felt awfully chilly and once buttoned up his coat and hastened for the refuge of a warm room and heat at which to toast his shins?

This is not written to make believe that we have not experienced hot weather in 1917 but merely to convey the thought that we cannot change the weather to suit each individual so the best thing is to grin and bear it.

Peace Dawning.

Do the German people really desire peace or is the Michaelis speech merely a stop-gap designed to lull the Allies into fancied security long enough to enable the Central Powers to complete preparations for another drive or plan another of their famous surprises?

There are many persons who incline to the latter opinion and these also think that the Germans are shrewdly planning to divide the influence of the Allied nations by hinting that the Germans are not only ready but anxious to make peace on terms, for instance which would satisfy Russia and not England and Italy. It is to be hoped that if this be the case, none of the Allied nations will be gulled into making any such arrangement because if they do the peace so secured will not be lasting and war will be resumed in the not distant future.

There can be little doubt that if the United States lightens up its exports to the neutral countries like Norway, Sweden, Holland and Switzerland which have been re-selling these imports to Germany as well as their own products—and shut off Germany's sources of supply from the outside, her people will rebel

sooner or later and her wonderful fighting machine will be crippled from lack of food and war supplies. Then, indeed, will Germany sue for peace on a basis which will be acceptable to the Allies and approved by the entire world.

No Lynching!

No matter how much the I. W. W.'s or any other anarchist or slacker may offend the proprieties or violate the law, there is no excuse for lynch law or taking the law into one's own hands as was done by the masked vigilantes in the case of Little the agitator. True, he may have uttered disloyal sentiments but so did Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman and a Justice of the United States Supreme Court has released both under bail from Federal penitentiaries pending application for new trial. Gold and Berkman were tried in legal way and convicted. Little could have been dealt with in the same manner and, if convicted, would have paid penalty.

We cannot with good grace condemn barbaric atrocities in enemy aliens at war if we burn men and women at the stake and lynch men without hearing, indictment, trial or conviction. Under martial law in time of war the accused is entitled to a court-martial. We have no sympathy with Little or his fellow agitators. We believe they should be put behind bars where their agitation will harm nobody. But to drag a man out of his bed, put a noose about his neck, rush him to the nearest railroad bridge and swing him into eternity without a chance for prayer or absolution is indefensible in localities under civil law and subject to legal trials before legally constituted tribunals.

No more lynchings under the guise of military necessity.

Literary Decay.

Sadly, the Literary Digest tells us know that the literary quality of American magazines, and other periodicals has declined. It cites the deterioration and failure of magazines designed for purely literary character like Harper's, the North American Review, the Forum and others.

In great measure the Literary Digest is correct in its position. It does seem as if the American taste ran more to slang, the garish and the bizarre in its reading style rather than correct English and elevated thought. Pick up any one of the current "cheaper magazines" and while you will find in its pages virile stories of robust men and vigorous women along with pictures of the degenerate and the underworld, the language used is that of the gutter, the scoundrel and the prize fighter. The grammar is bad, the diction is loosely constructed and the whole effect is not of the literature we were taught to revere and admire in the early days. Howells, James, Meredith, Hilloc, Benson of the latter day writers are not read by the masses, it is alone Scott Browning, Linton, Tennyson or the other school of classics.

Possibly, a quarter of a century from now Henry Pendexter, Vance, Conrad, Nicholson and others may be hailed as the real literary artists who nobody reads or understands while the cubists, the futurists, the bizarre of the later date will be the idols of the masses.

Undoubtedly, literature is largely a matter of localities and ages but we incline to the opinion that with simplified spelling, letting down of educational basis and the hustle-bustle of present day living on literary tastes have been considerably demoralized.

It is stated that but one Catholic chaplain accompanied General Pershing's division to France. That oversight, intentional or otherwise, is to be remedied by the Knights of Columbus.

Injudicious.

While one need not endorse wholly the sentiments in the following editorial in the Rochester Post Express, there is more than passing accuracy contained therein:

"The Brooklyn Eagle declares itself unable to follow the reasoning of the President in pardoning the militant suffragists sent to jail for deliberately breaking the law. In releasing these sensationists or violators of the law, there is no excuse for lynch law or taking the law into one's own hands as was done by the masked vigilantes in the case of Little the agitator. True, he may have uttered disloyal sentiments but so did Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman and a Justice of the United States Supreme Court has released both under bail from Federal penitentiaries pending application for new trial. Gold and Berkman were tried in legal way and convicted. Little could have been dealt with in the same manner and, if convicted, would have paid penalty.

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With Mr. Balfour as premier the chances of a British republic would lessen rather than with Lloyd George continued in office.

Will elimination of girling head lights lessen automobile accidents in New York State? Let's hope so but we doubt it.

Good reading is a splendid supplement to the pupil and there is no better reading than a good Catholic paper or magazine or both.

There is a growing movement to make Ireland an industrial center.

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