

LONDON LETTER—(Cont.)

find your car and extremely difficult to drive with the permitted light of one half dimmed head lamp, focussed downwards, when you do finally discover it. However and in spite of these inconveniences one sees very few gloomy faces and the blow of the big budget and the increasing hardships seem to have strengthened us in some curious way.

The shops are full of pretty and attractive things and the wise are putting by lengths of materials, knitting wool and shoes for it is likely that these will become harder to get hold of and inferior in quality as time goes on.

At last music is coming into its own again after a hasty recess. Nyra Hess has done a magnificent job in organizing daily concerts at the National Gallery for which you pay 1/- and hear an hour's lovely music from 1 to 2 p. m. These concerts are a big success and the money is going to help the many too many needy musicians who have been thrown out of work since war began.

The Queen's Hall has opened again to house orchestral concerts and more and more theatres are springing into life so soon we ought to have an almost normal amount of available entertainment.

I've done some troop entertaining and enjoyed it a lot. The audiences are so gay and enthusiastic that it's a joy to play to them. I've been reviewing a song I was not allowed to sing in the last war owing to my youth but which I can now safely perform with decorum. It's called "the Tattooed Lady"; (you might ask Mr. and Mrs. Flynn to sing it for you some time if you don't happen to remember it yourself). Anyway it's a big hit with the troops and large numbers of the British army will be rendering it all over France for I teach it wherever I sing and the pupils have been very apt.

Well I shan't try any propaganda in the Tryon Bulletin but I would like to say that this is everybody's war and the enemy is not confined to Europe. A fact that I hope America will soon appreciate!

Yours very sincerely,
Joyce Grenfell.

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