

VALUE OF DOLLAR IN ENGLAND DOUBTFUL SAYS MARY HENKE

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LONDON, Feb. 28.—For the last week I have completely ignored the columns of film news and divorce suits in the London newspapers. The financial page is first to meet my eager eye, as I turn hopefully to see how much the pound has fallen since yesterday.

It gives one the feeling of high finance to know that you can take \$5 to the bank and get something near \$10 for it. Even the banks are not sure from one day to the next what their money is worth, and there is an exhilarating sense of uncertainty about the whole thing. You just shove in your American money and say: "Give me a lot of those little pound notes for this." And they give you a lot. Over here they act as if the pound notes were really valuable, so if you have a few American dollars about you, you can live in luxury for as long as you like.

Pound Worth "Anything."
At first I tried to keep up with the exchange. I would read in the paper that the pound only buy 14 shillings worth in New York, and I did a lot of subtracting, adding and multiplying and used algebraic equations, only to learn that if \$5 equals a pound in London, a pound might equal anything from 50 cents to \$25 in New York. No doubt there was a mistake in my figures somewhere, but I have given up trying to find out where it is. I have just determined to put my faith in human nature and the bank clerks.

When two Americans used to meet over here they would exchange some such comment as "did you ever see such a beastly climate?" or "what do you think of Dempsey's chances," or something like that. Now they grin at each other, fondle the wad of notes in their pockets and remark, "Did you see where pounds were this morning?" Exiled Yanks are finding a new respect for the "good old eagle" that governs the American dollar. A dollar used to be only a dollar that would buy a dinner or a theater seat or a few cigars. Now it is something that carries the fate of nations with it. The foreigners who used to say sarcastic things about the great American dollar, are now saying them respectfully, and the Yankee finds his national pride growing daily as he watches the financial reports and discovers that the United States is the only country that can turn out currency worth a "darn."

There are some Englishmen who can take the exchange situation as a joke, and that must convince any who doubt that the English are a brave nation. Anybody can laugh at the Germans, because they are funny, but when it comes to jesting at the fact that \$5 buys what \$3.20 did before, it takes a determined sense of humor. The other day an actor stood in Trafalgar square and auctioned pound notes for four cents each, but he didn't find any bidder.

Unless they are trained in finance, most Englishmen have only a vague idea that something is the matter with their money, but they are not sure just what. A pound hasn't bought its full value for so long that nobody is surprised when it brings even less. What the Englishman who is not up on such things can't understand, is the newspapers. A little while ago they were saying soothingly that the exchange situation was quite all right; it would really hurt the United States, because nobody would buy anything from America. Now they are printing the exchange falls in a box on the first page, and calling frantically on somebody to do something quick before it is too late.

But if the financial situation in Europe is confusing, you have only to

try to solve the situation in the rest of Europe to reduce your mind to a condition resembling shell shock or worse. A pound is worth \$3 in New York, but \$5.50 in Paris. German money isn't worth anything, but if you are inclined to be charitable and forget the past, you can buy a German mark for a penny. Financial confusion prevails, and if there is a post war hero, it must be the man in the bureau of change, who has to try to bring the franc and the shilling and

the dollar into something like equality.

Americans who come abroad this year will profit by the situation. Provided your money is made in the United States a little of it will carry you comparatively far over here. In France, from the Yankee tourists point of view the situation will be still better, as the franc is worth even less relatively than the English pound on the New York market. Only don't try to figure out for yourself what

it is worth. If you do it will spoil your trip.

Masonic Calendar

Monday, March 1—Richmond Commandery, No. 8, K. T. Stated convocation.
Tuesday, March 2—Richmond lodge No. 198, F. & A. M. Stated meeting.
Wednesday, March 3—Webb lodge

No. 24, F. & A. M. Called meeting Work in Master Mason degree, beginning at 7 o'clock. Clarence W. Foreman, W. M.

Thursday, March 4—Wayne Council No. 10, R. & S. M. Stated assembly. Friday, March 5—King Solomon's Chapter No. 4, R. A. M. Called convocation. Work in Mark Master's degree, beginning at 7 o'clock. Saturday, March 6—Loyal chapter No. 49, O. E. S. Stated meeting and initiation of candidates.

FIRE DESTROYS HOTEL

ATTICA, Ind., March 1.—Fire destroyed the Mudlavia Springs hotel, five miles west of Attica early Sunday morning, with a loss estimated at \$300,000. The eighty-five persons taking the mud bath treatment at the hotel, including five bedridden invalids, had narrow escapes and most of them saved only the scanty apparel they were wearing. The loss of individuals is estimated at \$50,000, and

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