

## JOHN L. GRIFFITHS DEFENDS AMERICAN

At London Club, Consular General Answers Attack on U. S. Literature.

New York, March 7.—John L. Griffiths, consul-general in London, at a house dinner of the Authors' club took up the cudgel for "America in Literature." A London dispatch to the Herald says:

After explaining what an unpopular and thankless task it is to make folks "see themselves as others see them," Mr. Griffiths added that some time ago he was very much interested in reading in an English newspaper the statement that London was to be congratulated because it had an opportunity of seeing at the same time two of the most characteristic American plays, representative of American society at its best—"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and "Strongheart"—as if the drawing room of the typical American hostess was a sort of vegetable saloon, and as if it were the usual thing for an American belle to marry a halfbreed if he should happen to be a half-back on a varsity team.

### Cites Writer's Errors.

In concluding his speech, which held the attention of the leading representatives of contemporary English literature, Mr. Griffiths alluded to other misconceptions of America and Americans in some English publications. Mr. Griffiths said that some English writers apparently believed that America was a land of multi-millionaires, sky-scrapers, swift divorces, newspapers—sensational and unclean, with an enormous number of "Harriet" correspondents—crime everywhere rampant, lynching a favorite pastime; justice, when not slow, corrupt; statesmanship venal; with all public municipal life degraded, manners gross and coarse, humor vapid or grotesque, trusts omnipotent, spiritual and intellectual values entirely disregarded. According to that view, he asserted, Rome in the most prosperous days of her decline would have been an earthly paradise compared with America.

### Has Developed Resources.

After telling his listeners that he had seen Americans described as "exiles," "aliens" and "cousins" in English newspapers, Mr. Griffiths called attention to the fact that in the 130 years since America had an unpleasant little scrap with the mother country America has developed her material resources, absorbed tens of millions of strangers and effected a partial adjustment between two races; made the continent habitable and paid some attention to the intellectual and spiritual needs of the people. Americans have, he said, always had a tragic reverence for education and the foundations of Harvard university were laid in the French and Indian war. He did not contend that they had built up a great literature, corresponding with European literature, but there were men and women endeavoring to interpret American life as they saw it about them, its trend, significance, purpose and ambition.

### Is at Least Alive.

Mr. Griffiths asserted that in diplomacy it could be said that America had tried to substitute the Golden Rule for the finesse, dexterity and treachery which characterized diplomacy at one time. Judged by its best representatives, he added, the American at least was a man alive with intellectual curiosity, eager for adventure, ardent for great undertakings, exceedingly tolerant in his views of

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other men. He was elemental, simple, artless, unaffected; to young to be blasé; too natural to affect what he did not feel and perhaps liking to be liked.

"I think," said Mr. Griffiths, "that when you know him as I know him you will like him."

Mr. Griffith's contentions were upheld by Louis Tracy, Sir Donald MacKenzie, Wallace and Hugh Massie.

### REDSKIN IN FAMILY.

While examining a hole in a sudsy undergarment a woman noticed her hands which looked very red and angry. "If you'd throw away that yellow stuff and use Hewitt's Easy Task Laundry Soap as I do," smiled a friend, "you'd cure your washing troubles in two—save your clothes, and my! how fine your hands would feel. You know it's the original white, pure kind. Your grocer sells it."

### ARMED MEN PREVENT BURNING EDIFICE

Chicago, March 7.—Thinly veiled threats on the part of Wilbur Glenn Voliva's enemies to burn the big tabernacle in Zion City following closely on the riots, when the Overseer celebrated his victory over the Zion independents, caused Voliva to arm 24 of his recently organized bodyguard and station them in night and day shifts about the place of worship.

Added to this came notice from the state board of health to Voliva that every one in Zion City must be vaccinated.

"Never!" declared the Overseer in substance, and he immediately promulgated an order to his followers that even if confronted with imprisonment, as threatened by the health board, they must resist vaccination.

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### REPORTED DEAD; IS TRAINING CHINESE

San Francisco, March 7.—According to a report brought in by the Oriental Liner Asia, which has arrived, General Sir Hector McDonald, formerly of the British Admiralty, who was supposed to have committed suicide in a Paris lodging house, in 1903, is engaged in drilling troops of the Chinese army.

Officers of the Asia learned the story, they said, from officers of the British cruiser Kent, now at Honolulu, who got word of MacDonald's whereabouts while on the Oriental station recently.

General MacDonald was a famous soldier who had seen service in many lands. At the height of his career he was recalled from India to answer a grave charge. He got as far as Paris and then the world was startled with a report that he had committed suicide. The charges, however, were investigated and the board of a few months ago announced that they had not been substantiated and that a brave man had been the victim of scandal.

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### At Local Theaters

#### "Baby Mine."

One of the cleverest short story writers is a member of the "Baby Mine" company. He is Earle Mitchell, who plays Jimmy, the easy-going chap in the farce, who helps everyone out of difficulties, only to have to pull himself out in the end. At the Gennett March 18th.

#### At the Murray.

"At the time of the assassination of King Manuel, of Portugal, father of the recently deposed King," says Bill Deonzo, who with his brother and Mr. Baker are putting on a high class jumping act at the Murray this week. "We are playing in the Coliseum theater. During the afternoon performance we were startled by an explosion of what proved to be the bomb that killed Manuel. The force of the explosion shattered the glass of the theater windows and we were showered by the flying fragments. We rushed to the door of the stage as soon as we regained

ed our bearings, but were prevented from going out by the gendarmes. From the doorway, however, we saw the soldiers pick up the body of the dead King and carry it away. Where he fell not thirty feet from where we were standing we had a good view of his face."

This act together with that put on by the Aviator Girls, will please many this week. The latter is full of graceful dancing and good music.

#### Sterling Stock Company.

The Sterling Stock company opened to a good house at the Gennett theater last evening and pleased the audience in their opening bill "The Yankee Hustler." Miss Sarah Gibney and Mr. Leon Sterling were greeted with a warm welcome and bid fair to become very popular during the week. The vaudeville acts are all clever and receive much applause. Tonight "The Last Round Up," will be presented. Friday night the feature play, "The Sweetest Girl in France," will be offered.

#### Russian Orchestra.

Madame Nina Dimitrieff, the Russian soprano who refused a contract with the Boston Opera company because she was not accorded certain rights offered her verbally, will soon be heard in this city with the Russian Symphony orchestra, of New York, when it plays under the direction of Modest Altschuler in the Gennett on Monday, March 17th.

Madame Dimitrieff is a marvelous singer, a beautiful woman and the daughter of a Russian general. But she is also fond of pets and is just now devoted to a small dog bearing the name of Nimbo.

Nimbo is much attached to his mistress and yet there are times when he likes to wander from his own comfortable quarters to observe things not possible to thoroughly scrutinize when he is promenading on Fifth avenue at one end of a leash held in the pretty hand of Madame Dimitrieff. And so it happened a few days ago that Nimbo slipped quietly out of the hotel where he is staying in New York and went in search of adventure.

After a full morning spent in frantic searching for her pet the greater singer finally returned to her home to discover an urchin, ragged and disheveled, patiently waiting for her return.

The lad had one end of a rope which was tied to Nimbo, of the polka-dot, who looked too soiled for words. "How did you find him?" asked the delighted prima donna after she had clasped her pet in her arms. "I had his 'spotted' wid ye on avno lots of times," was the quick retort, and in a moment the small rescuer departed tucking away a bill which Madame Dimitrieff had given him as a reward. The subscription list is rapidly growing to large proportions.

#### Ward and Vokes.

A new screaming musical farce entitled the "Trouble Makers," based upon the doings of Ward and Vokes as Percy and Harold is announced as the attraction at the Gennett on Thursday evening. Ward and Vokes have been favorably known to the theater-goers for several seasons and their names are a guarantee that "The Trouble Makers" will be one of the brightest, most entertaining, most witty and most rollicking musical farces that has been seen here.

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