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WASHINGTON ADVISED IN VAIN.

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ON one and the same day, in the good old city of London, Eng., last month, there took place two scenes that should give cause to pause and ponder.

At both scenes the central figures were American heiresses.

The opening of a bazaar in aid of a political organization, the Hornsey Liberal Association, was one of the scenes. There, Lady Granard, formerly Miss Beatrice Mills of New York, and sister-in-law of Ambassador Reid, appeared as the principal functionary, making her way to the hall “preceded by heralds and morris dancers” and followed by a procession “of children bearing union jacks with which they made an arch over Lady Granard’s head.”

The other scene was the christening of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid’s “nobly sired” grandson with King Edward, represented by his Equerry, Col. George Lindsay Holford, as one of the two godfathers, in honor to whom the child’s first name was made Edward.

George Washington’s farewell address contained the advice that the country recommend its institutions to other countries by example. Washington’s expectations have met with the fate of the flower which the frost nips to death. Not the example of the institutions of a republic which, at least in theory, aims at popular uplift, have prevailed in England, a monarchy, which, like all monarchies, is reared upon the principle of caste, but the institutions of England have come out on top with our representatives and elites.

The millions wrung from the marrow of the Coeur d’Alene miners and which have filled, or materially contributed to fill, the coffers of the Millses are not in spent in uplifting. In keeping with the uses they are put to here, where they are applied to intensified exploitation, in Europe they are being put to the degrading use of turning people into morris dancers, and of the bootlickings that secure royal

godfathers at christenings.

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