Anita Arliss, Vaudeville Star. Does Not Advise Stage Career

Believes Canadians Are M ost Delightful and Warm-Hearted People in World, Reversing Opinion Formed When She Visited Winnipeg As Prima Donna in "Chocolate Soldier."

Anita Arilss, former prima donna of Come bored or hypocritical and get no The Chocolate Soldier," which, in the hey-day of its success, was one of the control of the contr most successful light operas ever produced, believes that audiences in Western Ontario in general, and London in particular, are the most appear. Western Ontario in general, and London in particular, are the most appreciative and encouraging to be found "Why shouldn't women go into poli-

on: Canadian soil. Her previous ex-periences in the Dominion were mostly west of the Great Lakes, and particularly in Winnipeg did she derive the impression that Canadian were a hard, typical stalwarts of the feminist movecold people. However, the fact that on the last occasion, when she played n, the Western Canadian metropolis, he great strike of 1919 was in progress, and disorders and rioting made

Lauds Canadians

Former Prima Donna in "Chocolate Soldier" Advises Against Stage Career.



admits, somewhat colored her imons of the city rather adversely. But in the reception she has rethrough Eastern Canada, she has quite forgotten her former impressions of Canadian coldness. Henceforth, she is ing to believe that Canadians are ost warm-hearted and delightful

Miss Arliss was born on the stage cradle was rocked in a dressing-n. Her mother was a favorite of Parisian musical world, and her father was an English actor of note. She was born in London, England, and since her triumph in "The Chocolate Soldier" she has played in all the princinal cities of South America, in the ll as in the Parisian theatres durthe war; in the Alhambra in Lon-. England, in the Palace in Shaftesv avenue, and in many other coun-

Thinks Spirit Wonderful

1,500 miles away from home, but she dwelling.

come to forget others in our own selfseeking, but at Christmas our thoughts
re recalled to the needs of others, and,
to the fact that there are other people
in the world as well as ourselves, peole who have ambitions and hopes,
riefs and trials, joy and heartbreak,
self as ourselves.

"It seems that you make a great deal
of the Christmas spirit here in Lonon, and in Canada generally," she
ontinued. "Everybody seems to ralate a genuine old-fashioned spirit

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points, will be run in two sections.

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whom have laughed and clapped their tiny hands with Joyous abandon at the dolor, beauty, music and all-around en-certainment of "The Chocolate Soldier," Miss Arliss believes that all theatrical attractions should be such as are suitable and appropriate for children to see

and hear. Like Make-Belleve.

The class of entertainment which is not suitable for children, she believes, will not be lastingly successful, because when grown-ups go to the theatre, they go to see a minute or makebelieve world of song and romance, and they take with them a certain amount of the spirit of childhood. If they don't have such a spirit, or if the For tickets, reservations and full ineasity and romance, and lovely and passenger agent, corner Dundas and pholesome things generally, they be-

tics?" she asked. "Yes, I believe in woman suffrage and woman's rights, Miss Ariles, who is now filling a Christmas vaudeville engagement at the Grand Theatre, is delighted with the reception she has always received too busy with other things, I guess." Once an English paper in a provincial town wrote an article saying that Miss Arliss was a suffragette. That

> ment sat in a front row. They surveyed her critically through lorgnettes and nodded to each other,

while one of them could be easily over-heard saying: "Yes, she is a suffragette. Last Christmas Miss Arliss dressed a lot of dolls and gave them to the poor children in the city where she was playing. But this Christmas she has been playing on short engagements, and has been traveling too much of

her time to make Christmas gifts with her own hands, "Just fancy," she said sadly, "while you are enjoying your Christmas din-ner on Sunday, I will be traveling on a tiresome train to Niagara Falls to play again on Monday."

Advises Against Stage.

"Would you advise girls to seek a career on the stage?" Miss Arliss was

"By no means," she declared. "I al-"By no means," she declared. I always tell them to stay away from the hard life of the stage. It has too many ups and downs, too many difficulties to surmount, and one is always obliged to break home ties and live much of one's time on the road. Certainly, I would advise any girl to seek a career in which home ties can be maintained. That's the great drawback to the stage. t makes you homeless."
Miss Arliss joined "The Chocolate

Soldier" Company three weeks after it commenced showing. The original prima donna was Ida Brooks Hunt, who was taken seriously ill, and her place was filled by Miss Arliss until "The Chocoate Soldier" left the boards.

Miss Arliss is a second cousin of
George Arliss who, on his last appearance in London, played the title role in "Poldekin." He is now playing in "The Green Goddess."

During the war Miss Arliss endeared erself to hundreds of French and British soldiers when she sang in the

war hospitals. She was playing in Caracas, Venezuela when the great war began. Although most of the audience gave her a great reception, there was one dis-tinguished personage down in the boxes who actually went to sleep during her performance. He was the president at that time of the republic. When the corchestra played the na tional air, the people rose, but waited for the president to leave first. They remained standing until the ushers woke him up and sent him home in a

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loves the Christmas spirit, despite the lonesomeness and homesickness that it recalls, along with the reminiscences of happy Christmases in her homeland.

"I think the Christmas spirit is wonderful," she declared impulsively. "It is so splendld to help others, and to try to make others happier at the Yulefide season. All year long we are too Brone to forget others in our own self-leaking, but at Christmas our thoughts

date a genuine old-fashloned spirit of Christmas."

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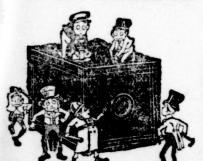
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