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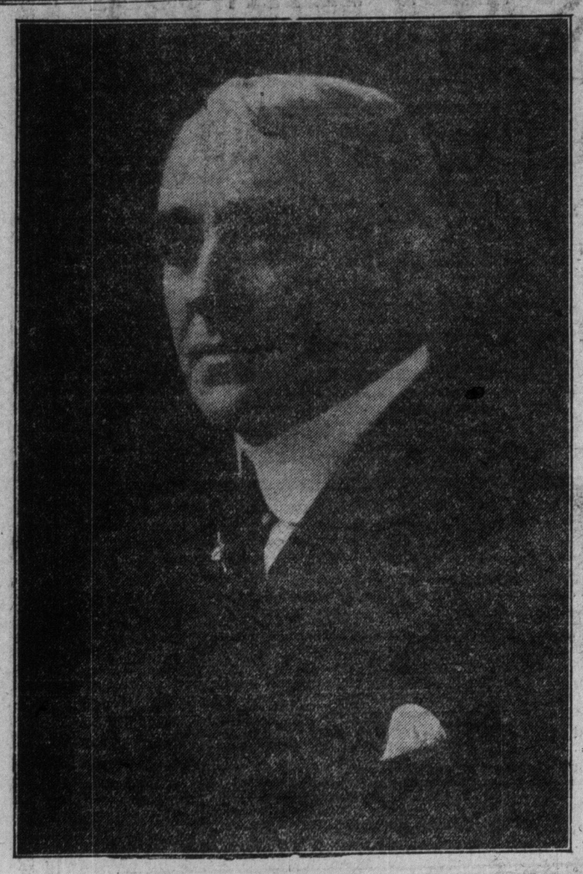

KYRLE BELLEW,
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At the Princess next week, Charles Frohman will present Kyrle Bellew and his superb company of distinguished players, direct from the Hudson Theatre, New York, in one of the season's most important dramatic productions, "The Builder of Bridges," a new four act play from the pen of that masterful modern English dramatist, Mr. Alfred Sutro, author of "The Walls of Jericho." The new play has been accorded the most emphatic commendation by the foremost dramatic reviewers of London and New York without a dissenting voice, during the recent presentation in the English metropolis and the long season at the Hudson Theatre.

"The Builder of Bridges," altho a society drama of present day life, is by far the most finished product of this brilliant playwright's pen, being absolutely original in plot, highly dramatic in action, replete with startling situations and a climax that will prove as surprising in effect as it is unique in conception and artistic in execution. The play tells an intensely interesting story of a sister's self-sacrificing love for a wayward brother, whose youth and inexperience have involved him in a veritable maelstrom of financial difficulties and impending disaster, finally bringing him to the brink of dire despair and leaving him tottering on the very edge of the bottomless pit wherein there is but dishonor, disgrace and desolation.

The New York cast and production will be given here precisely as presented at the Hudson Theatre, New York.

Frank Daniels.

Frank Daniels, the essentially American comedian, in a London musical comedy, "The Belle of Brittany," will be the attraction at the Royal Alexandra next week. The book is by Leedham Bantock and P. J. Barrow, and the music by Howard Talbot, who wrote the score of "A Chinese Honeymoon," and Marie Horne with lyrics by Percy Greenbank. The story of the piece deals with one Marquis de St. Gautier, who is always in need of money. He borrows a large sum from Poquelin, the local miller, expecting to cancel the debt by marrying his son, Raymond, to his wealthy ward Denise. On the very day that he expects to wipe out the obligation it develops that Raymond is in love with Babette, Poquelin's daughter, who is known as the Belle of Brittany; also that the miller has lost the valuable document. The Marquis thereupon declares that no such an agreement ever existed between them, further adding that Poquelin, whose daughter however has pledged her hand in marriage to Baptiste Boubillion, the famous Parisian chef, is crazy. She is unable to marry Raymond, but upon the arrival of Baptiste she immediately changes her mind and the Marquis is outwitted by seeing his son marry the Belle of Brittany.

Mr. Daniels, it is said, has a splendid characteristic role with rich humor and the best songs out of the hundred good ones he has delivered to an audience, among them being, "I Must Go Home To-Night" and "Sing to Your Dear One."

There will be a matinee on Saturday only.

New Majestic Music Hall.

All roads will lead to the new Majestic Music Hall next week, not only because Fred Karno's famous combination of English comedians and pantomime performers are playing a return engagement, but for the excellence of the bill as a whole. Besides presenting their London success, "A Night in an English Music Hall," which is so uproariously funny as to make laughing incessant, the Karno troupe will also appear in a new sketch called "The Dandy Thieves," a one-act comedy piece, which has been received with flattering success. The famous Le Pages, whose stage setting comprises a college boy's den, do some trick jumping, which is said to be unparalleled in the annals of American vaudeville. They perform some extraordinary tricks. The Mayvilles, who style themselves the "Human Marionettes," produce a novelty act on a miniature stage. In presenting their latest sketch, "The Brazilian Robbers of the Hills," Marshall and King, clever entertainers, introduce a Brazilian dance, which is something of a novelty. There is not much of a plot to the piece, but the lines and situations are cleverly wrought out. Other features on the bill will be Hallen and Hayes, in a high class singing and dancing act, Gillihan and Murray, "The Emperors of Black Face," and Sadie Weston, the dainty singing comedienne.

James T. Powers in "Havana."

James T. Powers in "Havana," the big musical comedy success, which will be an early attraction in this city, is now playing to capacity business at the Lyric Theatre, Philadelphia. Despite the fact that numerous musical shows have been pitted against Mr. Powers and "Havana" in Philadelphia the play made such a success that it was sold out at practically everp performance.

"Checkers" at the Grand.

"Checkers," the popular and decidedly entertaining character comedy with its stirring race track flavor, is the attraction at the Grand next week. That the playgoers of this city appreciate "Checkers" was evident from the favor with which the piece was received on its previous visits here. It has been a long time since the American stage has had a more delightful offering, and it will no doubt be a long time before it will have a more enduring success, for "Checkers" is now in the sixth year of its popularity and grows stronger with the play-going public as the seasons go by. "Checkers" is as full of humor as an egg of meat. Its wit snaps like a breaking icicle. Its pathos is natural and delightfully unforced. There is a swift rapidity of action. The lump in the throat is quickly swallowed in a laugh and in the now famous race track scene, there is that which gives the tingle to the nerves and makes one forget the theatre in the rush of the story's unfolding and the warring emotions of fear and hope in Checkers, who has staked his all and has so much to win or lose. The player of the title role this season is James A. Gleason, who has received much praise for the excellent way in which he interprets the many-sided character of the central figure in the story—Checkers himself.

JAMES GLEASON
as "Checkers," at the Grand next week.

"Top o' th' World" Dancers at Shea's.

Easily the biggest, merriest, and most spectacular diversion in polite vaudeville to-day is "Kr's Kringle's Dream," which leads the bill at Shea's Theatre next week. It is full of dainty comediennes, vivacious dancers, energetic comedians, all forming a panorama of picturesque scenes and pleasurable novelties. The best plums out of that feast of musical comedies, "The Top o' Th' World," are embodied in "Kris Kringle's Dream."

It is essentially and par excellence a "rapid fire" entertainment, consisting of pantomime, music and dancing, from beginning to end. Among its many features is the original famous Collie ballet which was hailed by the New York critics as the one refreshing novelty of the year when it was first seen in the big extravaganza, "The Top o' Th' World"; and the "One Girl" dancing number, which is said to be the best ensemble dance ever arranged by Wm. Rock, whose work as a director of stage dancing has made his name known thru all America.

"Kris Kringle's Dream" is a big enough thing to overtop many traveling companies, furnishing an entire evening's entertainment. It travels with its own special passenger coach and baggage car. It has 22 people in all. The company is headed by Vivian Ford, a marvelously clever lancer, who plays the Doll Princess, Mr. Harry Ali and Bobbie Nolan, well known pantomime comedians, wha play the "Peppermint Kid" and "Jack-in-the-Box" respectively, and Harry Howitt, who plays the "Polar Bear."

The scene is Kris Kringle's workshop, and it is shown as a most fanciful interior, filled with toys and dolls, most of which come to life during the action of this miniature extravaganza.

The Empire Show.

In presenting Manager Jess Burns' Empire Show, the management of the Star Theatre offers a burlesque and vaudeville show of the high-class character. Manager Burns believes that the public wants to laugh and consequently has made every reasonable effort to present a show brim full of comedy in situation and bright and snappy dialogue. To secure the results aimed at he engaged a remarkably strong company of comedians and clever girls, singers and dancers. Among the fun-makers are Tom Nolan, Jack Ryno, O'Neal Bros., and Walmoky, and Tom McRae, and among the young women who take the principal roles in the opening and closing burlesques are Cora White, Gus Emerson and the Fontaine Sisters. The burlesques are entitled "The Two Pikers" and "A Night in a Rathskellar" The vaudeville olio promises to be unusually entertaining because in that part of the great bill will appeared such favorites as the Fontaine Sisters, Ryno and Emerson, travesty stars; Rose and Ellis, jumping jacks; and the Garden City Trio.

CORA WHITE,
with the "Empire Burlesquers," at the Star next week.

"The Gay Masqueraders."

From reports received here in relation to "The Gay Masqueraders Co.," there are good and sufficient reasons to understand why the appearance at the Gayety Theatre next week of the burlesque company is being looked forward to with special satisfaction. Among the great variety of compliments paid to the production as a whole, a large measure of the praise is given to its plot pretensions and to the very formidable organization employed in its rollicking interpretation, consisting in the main of as clever an assortment of comedians as were ever engaged for a similar purpose. Then, too, the large number of pretty girls, the brilliant costuming, fine scenic effects, as well as the quality of the song introductions appeal strongly to the audiences. Novelty is said to be the prime factor in moving the fun features of "Gay Masqueraders" and this is something worth considering in these days of marvelous advancement.

Blanche Bates Coming.

"The Fighting Hope," the three act American play by W. J. Hurlburt in which David Belasco presents Miss Blanche Bates at the Royal Alexandra, the week of March 28 is essentially a play of to-day. The ideas, the characters and the theme are of the present moment. The story is told with few characters and with only one set of scenery running thru three acts.

"Three Twins."

A musical comedy production of more than ordinary importance is the announcement made for the Princess week after next, where "Three Twins," direct from a year in New York, will hold forth. The original company, with an entire new scenic and costumic production, will be shown to Toronto theatregoers. This is the company, so widely celebrated, that played all last season at the Herald Square Theatre, to the largest business ever done in that place of amusement. Clifton Crawford is the most prominent member of the organization, which is made up of seventy people.

A scene from "The Belle of Brittany," Frank Daniels' musical comedy, Royal Alexandra next week.

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SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. W. W. Near, Crescent-road, is entertaining at the tea hour on Monday in honor of her guest Mrs. James Stowell Parkes, Montreal.

Mrs. John Jowsey, 9 Harvard-avenue, Parkdale (formerly of Ottawa), will receive on Wednesday, Feb. 23. Mrs. Edwin J. Powell will receive with her.

There will be a meeting of the Wearethem's at 224 Beverley-street on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock sharp. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Henry O'Hara of Rosedale will not receive again this season.

Mrs. S. A. Johnson, 77 Howland-avenue, will receive on Thursday, Feb. 24, and not again this season.

Mrs. R. C. Vaughan, 66 Dunvegan-road, will receive on Thursday, Feb. 24, and afterwards on the first Thursday of each month. Mrs. Walter E. Ireland will receive with her next Thursday and not again this season.

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Sir William and Lady Mulock will be met at the entrance at 8.30 p.m. and conducted to the platform by the committee. The Highlanders' Band will be in attendance during the evening.

The work of preparing the building for the show began two days ago, when the city set a crowd of men to remove the wooden platforms and clean up the building.

The show management takes possession Monday morning, and for the next three days carpenters, decorators and other workmen will be busy. The appearance of the building will be completely transformed. The management states that not a foot of the original ceiling, walls or floor will be visible, all being covered with decorative material.

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Cheque for Firemen's Fund.

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