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There is plenty of plain speaking in "The Servant in the House," the widely discussed play which is to be presented at the Academy tomorrow, matinee and night. Mr. Kennedy, the author, doesn't mince words when it comes to speaking about crying evils, and some of the language he puts into the mouth of the Drainman, the elemental man who typifies the glory of labor in the play, fairly bristles with strong epithets and picturesque verbiage. He doesn't like clergymen because "he 'ates the sight of their 'alf-baked silly mugs;" his brother's wife is referred to as "Bill's old geezer;" he consigns a worldly bishop to "Hell, 'ell" with easy grace and refers to him as "a silly old jossler," and in his famous speech in the last act in which he tells about his visit to the cess-pool underneath the church, he makes use of a number of good old Saxon words of one syllable that sometimes makes supersensitive persons wince.

Holiday prices are prevailing. The matinee will be 25 and 50 cents, and the night scale only up to \$1. Seats are now on sale at Plummer's. **Popular Prices All Next Week**
The Four Pickerts open their annual engagement at the Academy Monday night and will hold forth all week, with special matinee Christmas day. The Pickerts are big favorites in Wilmington and their coming is all ways eagerly looked forward to, and their visit made a rousing success. This year the Pickerts return stronger than ever and with the best repertoire they have ever offered. Monday night they will open their engagement with a big revival of the ever-popular play, "St. Elmo," which is one of the attraction's feature bills this season. Between acts a new and up-to-date line of specialties will be presented, and it is well known that the Pickerts themselves will appear in a big dance skit.

Seats for Monday night will go on sale at Plummer's tomorrow morning. The usual courtesy will be extended the ladies. **At the Bijou.**
With four big films, one of them starting the notable moving picture actor, G. M. Anderson, in his favorite character of "Broncho Billy," the popular Bijou comes to the front again. The photoplay in which Actor Anderson appears at the Bijou today is "Broncho Billy's Love Affair," and it is by far the very strongest of the series. It thrills with stirring incidents, and Actor Anderson does powerful acting. Another swell dramatic for today is Melles' "A Romance at Catalina." It is exceptionally intense and



MR. G. M. ANDERSON

at the same time unfolds a beautiful love story. Fun will also hold the center of the stage in today's delightful proceedings. There are two of the biggest and best of laugh pictures to be flashed on the screen. One "A Limited Divorce" is novel as well as ludicrous. It tells of two people who can't agree and decide upon a limited divorce. The complications that then ensue are howls for mirth. "Like the Cat, They Came Back" is the second smile film, and it is also a daisy. It tells a story of a police station, a stern police commissioner, a dandy "copper," his lady love and some loaded cigars.

At the Grand.
Every day is a feature day at The Grand, but today will be especially a red letter day, as the management has obtained as a headliner for today's bill a magnificent Kalem production, entitled "Ireland the Oppressed." This film was produced in Ireland, a special company of Kalem players being sent over there to get the setting for the picture, and it will reveal an insight into this interesting country that will be very interesting. Aside from the great educational feature of this picture, the story that is told by the film will be found quite one of the best of the week. Another leader will be a beautifully colored Pathe production entitled "Picturesque Brittany," another interesting and educational reel affording a peek into the past, showing the ruins of once magnificent structures. "Lydian Punkham's Love Story" will be another big number by the Pathe people, demonstrating a case of love laughing at locksmiths. Another will complete the big bill. The Grand orchestra will render the "Louisiana Rag" by Will Rossiter, as a special feature today. Mr. Chick will sing that beautiful \$10,000 song, "Mine" said to have the greatest swing and most beautiful melody of any song of the year.

Could Shout for Joy.
"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice, and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters have no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50 cents at R. R. Bellamy.

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Sister said she is just crazy for a pair of those evening slippers at Hewlett & Price's. (advertisement.)

C. H. Fore & Co. is the place to buy your Christmas presents. (Advertisement.)

KILLED AFTER FIGHT.

Adam Boehler Held 50 Policemen and Detectives at Bay.
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 19.—After holding a squad of 50 policemen and detectives at bay for several hours, during which time three men were wounded, Adam J. Boehler was shot and killed here today. Boehler killed his wife by slashing her throat last night in an apartment in which she lived with a daughter. The couple had been separated for some time. In the battle between Boehler and the police Spaulding Parsons, a drug clerk, was shot and seriously wounded by Police Sergeant Brett. Brett thought Parsons was the fugitive. Policeman James Wooten and Charles Davis were slightly wounded by bullets from the sun of the fugitive. Boehler came to Memphis from Indiana in a house boat. The fact that he had killed his wife was learned through their four-year-old daughter, who witnessed the tragedy. Officers traced Boehler early today to a rooming house on Main street, near Adams. When a demand was made that he surrender, he opened fire through the locked door of his room with a pistol. Efforts were made to overcome him with fumes of formaldehyde, which were poured into the room through holes in the floor of the apartment above. Finally detectives battered down the door of the room and in the exchange of shots Boehler was riddled with bullets.

SEABOARD IMPROVEMENT.

Five Millions Will be Expended in the Next Three Years.
Baltimore, Dec. 19.—Directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway held a meeting in Baltimore today, at which a number of improvements for the year were authorized, as well as the payment of interest on the company's outstanding adjustment bonds, payable February 1. The improvements approved by the board included the construction of sidings, etc., at points along the line where they are most needed.

Mr. Harahan reported that the Seaboard system is in splendid shape, and the business was good.

The Seaboard has a comprehensive plan of improvements, which will be carried out during the next three years and which when completed will represent an expenditure of at least \$5,000,000. This money will be spent at important terminal points, in order to give the Seaboard additional facilities for handling its rapidly growing traffic.

President William J. Harahan, who recently succeeded N. S. Meldrum as head of the Seaboard, has gone over the property carefully and knows about what the system needs in its improvement line. The expenditure of the amount mentioned will place the Seaboard in a strong position to take care of its future business.

MILITANT CHOOSES PRISON.

Kitty Marion Refuses to Pay Fine in London Court.
London, Dec. 19.—A militant suffragette named Kitty Marion today indignantly refused to accept the offer of a fine of \$125 instead of imprisonment for a month when she was brought up at Bow street on the charge of giving false fire alarms.

In reply to the magistrate she declared that if she possessed \$100,000, she wouldn't pay a cent and was thereupon sent to prison.

A. B. ANDREWS RE-ELECTED.

Stockholders of N. C. Midland Railroad Held Annual Meeting.
Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 19.—Stockholders of the North Carolina Midland Railroad, in annual session today, re-elected President A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, together with other officers and directors. The usual annual dividend of 3 per cent. also was declared.

Felt Slippers \$1.00 and \$1.50 at Hewlett & Price's. (advertisement.)

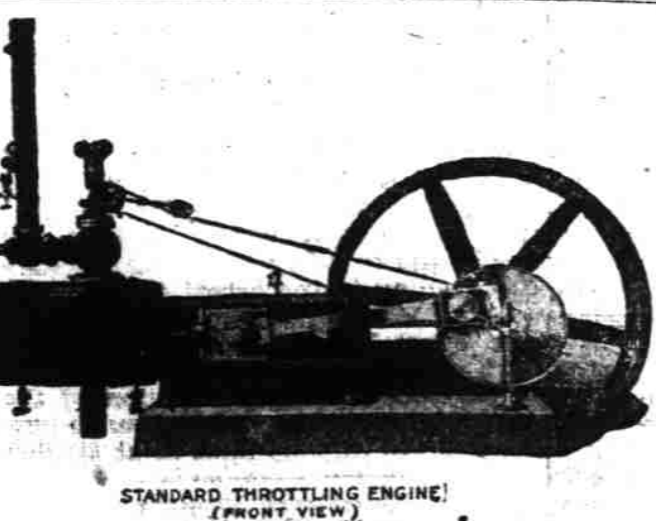
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LAYS IT ON M'NAMARAS.

Defendants' Counsel Declares Unions Took No Part in Explosions.
Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—Upon the McNamara brothers and Ortie E. McManigal, "the confessed dynamiters, who in the name of labor unions committed crimes against which civilization revolts, but in which labor unions took no part," Chester H. Krum, arguing to the jury in the "dynamite conspiracy" trial today, rested the responsibility for the series of explosions which the 40 defendants are charged with having caused.

Mr. Krum, associated with United States Senator John W. Kern, as counsel for the defense, told the jury the government had failed to show that President Frank M. Ryan and other officials of the Iron Workers' Union had violated the Federal statute prohibiting the carrying of explosives on passenger trains and that the government had based its charges chiefly upon the admissions of the dynamiters.

The defense's counsel attacked the confession of McManigal as given on the stand "because this same McManigal is an admitted thief, who testified in court that he stole 1,200 pounds of dynamite and hid it in the shed of his unsuspecting father at Tiffin, O."

It is not within the power of the Federal government to prosecute for acts of intimidation committed against employers of non-union labor," said Mr. Krum. "These defendants are charged with conspiring to carry prohibited explosives against the Federal laws and it has not been shown that they did so conspire, or that they met together specifically with a view of violating that law."

When Mr. Krum told the jury that the statute of limitation had run against some acts charged, Federal Judge A. B. Anderson interrupted him saying: "You tell that to the jury and I shall instruct them it is not the law."

J. D. Fredericks, district attorney of Los Angeles county, left for Los Angeles tonight after having been in consultation here with Federal officials identified with the trial. Capt. Fredericks said he was returning to Los Angeles to prepare for the second trial of Clarence Darrow, on a jury bribing charge, which is set for January 6th.

Ortie E. McManigal will be kept in Indianapolis until after the trials here are ended and then he is to be returned to Los Angeles. Although McManigal pleaded guilty here, he was brought to Indianapolis on a writ and it is understood he never has been relinquished from the custody of Los Angeles county authorities.

TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE.

Men in All Walks of Life Will be Heard on Currency Question.
Washington, Dec. 19.—The sub-committee of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives, of which Carter Glass, of Virginia, is chairman, has sent out invitations to an additional list of persons representing various pursuits to appear before the committee in January and render opinions as to what should be done with the currency question. Included in this second list are Oliver Wilson, president National Grange, Peoria, Ill.; William Cressy, master Pennsylvania State Grange, Harrisburg, Pa.; J. A. McSharran, Furness, Pa.; Charles Barrett, president Farmers' Educational Union, Union City, Ga.; T. J. Brooks, Farmers' Educational, Atwood, Tenn.; Max May, vice president Guaranty Trust Company, New York City; E. D. Hurlbert, Merchants' Loan & Trust Company, Chicago; John Kirby, Jr., president National Manufacturing Association, Dayton, O.; Thomas F. Meyer, president Wholesale Druggists' Association, St. Louis, and H. E. Miles, Racine, Wis.

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