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## THEATRE

For the first day of the Bijou's fall and winter season, for the big Labor Day gala event, no offering could prove more attractive than Pearl White, the fascinating favorite of a million fans, who appears in the eighth mammoth chapter of that stirring and thrilling serial, "The Fatal Ring," the greatest effort of Miss White in her entire screen career. In this great two reel chapter is de-

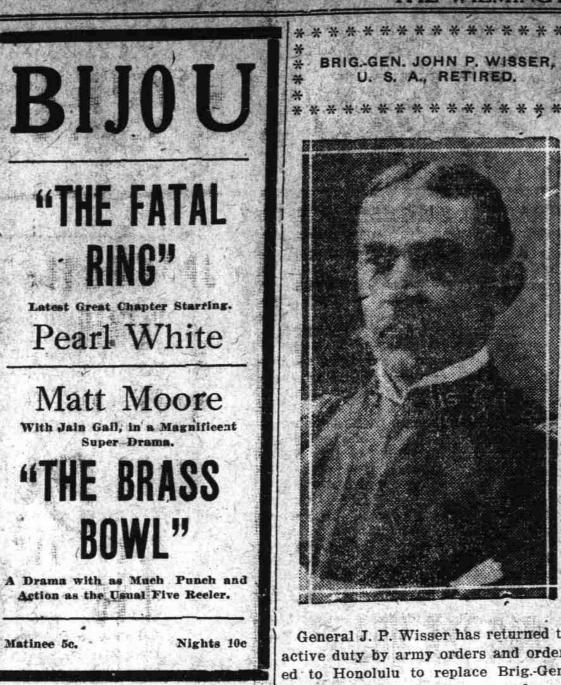
vised and revealed one of the most devilish plans for destruction that has ever been conceived in the brain of man, a bomb connected with the combination of a safe. When the combination is worked properly, the same instant as the tumblers fall into position, the bomb is set off and blows to destruction everything near. The Diamond is in the safe and Pearl White, as the chapter closes, is just about to turn the combination, not knowing that the bomb is set to explode if she opens it.

Other big things on the bill include the Ford Weekly, with something always interesting, and the latest Harvy Myers and Rosemary Theby comedy scream, "The Delicatessan Mystery," with a scream in every line.

FADS AND FOLLIES AT ROYAL. Brewer's Fads and Follies Company, one of the best tabloid comedy organizations touring the South, starts a week's engagement at the Royal today with matinee, and judging from reports received from Goldsboro, where it closed Saturday night, Roythe week with new script bills that are sure to please.

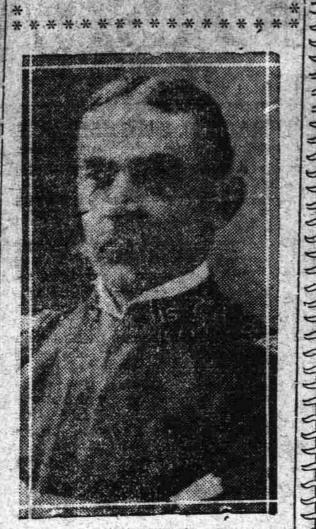
of the outstanding features of this game tied. organization, although the big vaudeville acts which it carries will undoubtedly register the biggest hit, "Peggy" Jones, the world famous onelegged dancer, is a veritable sensation and also carries a blackface part that is a genuine riot. The Lamonte Sisters, premier singing and dancing soubrettes, is a fascinating little couple that will also make a distinct hit. Gene Gomez, the classy entertainer, also has a novel and nifty specialty act, and Charles Brewer in the leading comedy role is simply great.

As an extra attraction that big serial achievement, "The Secret Kingdom," the first chapter being in three



Christy Mathewson's Red Birds can al patrons indeed may look forward more than hold their own against the to a big and pleasant week's attrac- Giants, but when they stack up against tions, changing three times during he Phillies its a different story again.

> OYAL シート **REFINED MUSICAL COMEDY** 533 Ail Week Beginning Today



General J. P. Wisser has returned to active duty by army orders and ordered to Honolulu to replace Brig.-Gen. Charles G. Treat, as commander of the Hawaiian department.

Even if the British scribes do call .To date the Chicago-Boston series baseball "glorified rounders," the old stands eleven games won by the White pastime has gained thousands of fans The Fads and Follies chorus is one Sox to eight for the Red Sox, with one in England during the past few months.

THE WILMINGTON DISPATCH, MONDA YAFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 3, 1917.



## (BY. D. R. FOSTER.)

- THE DESIRE TO SAY "YES, I SENT TO (OR BOUGHT IT IN) NEW YORK, CHI-CAGO, OR SOME OTHER LARGE CITY," IS A PERFECTLY HUMAN WEAKNESS.

BUT, DOES THAT PERSON, WHO THOUGHTLESSLY BOASTS OF THIS FACT REALIZE JUST WHAT AN INJUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE TO THE LOCAL MER-CHANT?

SUPPOSE THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF WILMINGTON BOUGHT OUT OF TOWN-WHAT WOULD OUR MERCHANTS DO? WHO THEN WOULD PAY THE TAXES THAT GO TO SUPPORT EVERY PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF THE CITY?

AND, TOO, IS THAT PARTICULAR ARTICLE ANY BETTER OR MORE STYLISH THAN COULD HAVE BEEN PROCURED HERE FROM SOME LOCAL MERCHANT?

reels, will be presented today and tomorrow.

TOMORROW AT THE, GRAND. Norma Talmadge, who reached the height of filmdom with the Vitagraph and Triangle companies, will make her first appearance as a Selznick, Pictures star at the Grand today and tomorrow in an adaptation of the noted drama, "Panthea," by Monckton Hoffe. This is the play in which Mme. Olga Petrava starred so successfully on the American stage several seasons ago and which created a furore throughout Europe, being acclaimed one of the strongest dramas of the age. It was chosen as Miss Talmadge's first vehicle under her new management, as the title role affords the beautiful and talented young player the greatest opportunity of her career for emotional acting.

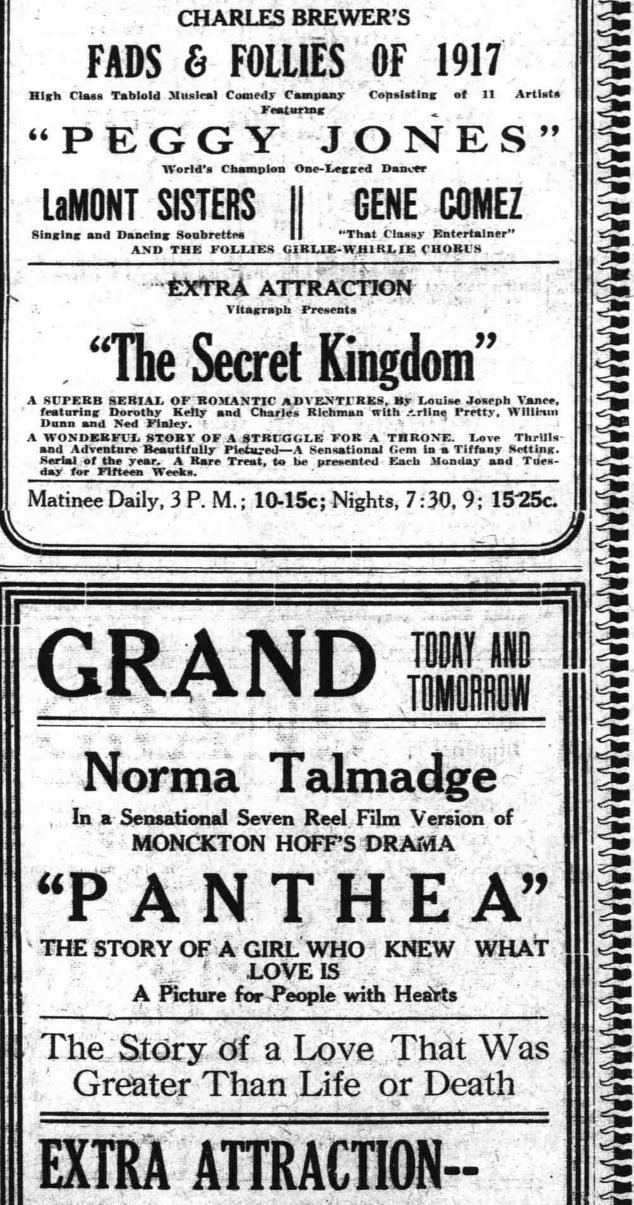
The story is that of a young Russian pianist, who, suspected of Nihilism, escapes to England, where she falls in love with a struggling composer. They are married and settle in Paris, where Panthea's husband' tries in vain to get a hearing for his opera. The many disappointments impair his health and the physicians declare that he will die unless his ambition to have his opera produced is realized. For the sake of her husband Panthea makes a compact with an elderly admirer who has great influence in musical circles. Her sacrifice brings about the triumphant production of her husband's opera, but at the moment of his great success he discovers the manner in which Panthea induced her Triend, the Baron, to exert his influence.

This situation leads to one of the strongest dramatic climaxes ever seen on the screen and in the end Panthea and her husband are reconciled just as the long arm of the Russian secret police stretches out from Petrograd to seize its prey in Paris.

NEW SERIAL AT ROYAL. "The Secret Kingdom," the great Vitagraph serial, starting at the Royal today, is going to make a great hit. undoubtedly.

Starting in one of the mythical kingdoms of Europe that are found only on the maps of the writers of romance, the story discloses the existence of a certain Prime Minister of Alania, who has his ruler and the queen assassinated, and is only prevented from putting the young Crown Prince out of the way by the efforts of a faithful officer of the guard, who takes the boy to the United States. The next episode shifts to Arizona, 20 years later. The rightful ruler of Alania, who does not know his real rank, bears/the name of Phillip Barr. The daughter of the usurper, now traveling in this country, is rescued. by Phillip and-the race for a bride and a throne is on.

The indispensible elements connected with such a photo-drama are adequate production in every branch of the work. The makers of "The Se-



RECENTLY A CERTAIN BUSINESS MAN OF WILMINGTON, WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, WAS IN A NEARBYCITY.

THE DAUGHTER SAW IN THE SHOP WINDOWS A CERTAIN ARTICLE SHE WANTED.

"NO," SAID THE FATHER, "I MAKE MY LIVING IN WILMINGTON, AND WE'LL WAIT AND GET IT WHEN WE GET HOME." "BUT, FATHER, THE STORES THERE DON'T HAVE IT," SAID THE DAUGHTER.

BUT THE FATHER WOULD NOT LET HER MAKE THE PURCHASE THERE. WHEN THEY REACHED HOME THE YOUNG LADY TRIED T OGET THAT PAR-TICULAR ARTICLE FROM THREE DIFFERENT STORES, NONE OF THEM HAD IT. ONE MERCHANT, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT HE COULD ORDER IT. WHICH HE DID.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE LOYALTY OF THIS PARTICULAR FATHER AND CITIZEN OF WILMINGTON, IT WASONLY A SHORT TIME UNTIL SEVERAL STORES STOCKED THE ARTICLE IN QUESTION, WITH THE RESULT THAT HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS WERE KEPT IN WILMINGTON.

HOW MUCH BETTER THE ABOVE SOUNDS THAN "YES, IT CAME FROM NEW YORK."

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