

**His Majesty's.**

On Monday next the Owen Nares Marie Polini combination will give place to the 1926 comedy company which includes Eric Cowley, Hilda Shankland, Geo. Wray, Hilda Bruce Potter and Martin Walker. This company has been carefully selected

by Mr. George Wray on behalf of the African Theatres and with that gentleman's knowledge of this country and its requirements it is logical to anticipate that it will be a well-balanced combination. The season will open with a presentation of the three act comedy "A Cuckoo in the Nest," by Ben Travers from Aldwych Theatre, London, where it has been drawing big houses. Booking is now open and while the plan is at the Carlton Hotel, seats may be obtained from any of the reef theatres.

The Empire.

Next Monday "Mercenary Mary" starts on her fifth week and still succeeds in playing to packed houses night after night. In the name part Miss Irene Shamrock is responsible for a great deal of the success which the company achieves and Mr. Horace Kenney plays up to her in a manner which adds to the gaiety of the piece. The music is tuneful and the songs catchy and the chorus is greatly assisted by the excellent manner in which the well-conducted orchestra supports their voices. The dressing is good and the staging still better while the effects of the Samoiloff lighting is generally appreciated by the enthusiastic audience which regularly assemble.

The Bijou.

The programme submitted at this popular theatre is one of the best that even the popular Manager, Mr. Stodel, has yet presented for the delectation of his extensive and exclusive clientele. "Simon the Jester" is an adaptation of William J. Locke's novel of the same name and is admirably presented. Lillian Rich and Eugene O'Brien are each excellent types of interesting personalities and play their parts in a manner which cannot fail to charm. The

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