

# MORE INTEREST IN THE FAR EAST

### Plain Evidence That France Is Taking Great Interest In It.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—The increasing interest which France is showing in the Far East is evidenced by the starting at Tokio of a new French weekly called "L'Information d'Extreme-Orient." The editor is Albert Maybon, a successful French journalist, who came to Japan for the special purpose of launching the new organ. It is believed that the newspaper has the support of the French government.

The first number, which is printed both in French and Japanese, contains cablegrams from M. Briand, the French prime minister; M. Pichon, former foreign minister; Barthou, former premier; Bergson, the French philosopher; Capus, the French author; Leroy-Beaulieu, the French economist, and Brieux, the great French dramatist. From the Japanese side there are contributions from Viscount Ishii, until recently foreign minister; M. Wakatsuki, former minister of finance, and many others.

M. Pichon called: "If ever two countries were destined to understand each other, and to become more closely connected, they are France and the Empire of the Mikado. Everything conspires to that end—community of aspirations and of interests, the logic of their history, the idea of their common duties, the alliance already existing between them, and the confraternity of their arms."

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### Christian Science Leader to Wed.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29.—Tomorrow will take place the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Cadwell of this city and Irving C. Tomlinson of Boston. Mr. Tomlinson is prominently identified with the Christian Science faith, being a former president of the Mother Church in Boston. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride-elect and only a few closest friends have been invited.

### Ohio Teachers in Session.

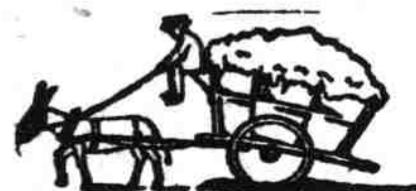
Columbus, O., Dec. 29.—Three thousand teachers, representing every department of educational activity from the rural school to the highest institutions of learning, are gathered in Columbus today for the annual convention of the Ohio Teachers' Association. The large attendance and an attractive program of papers, addresses and discussions combine to give promise of one of the most profitable meetings ever held under the association auspices.

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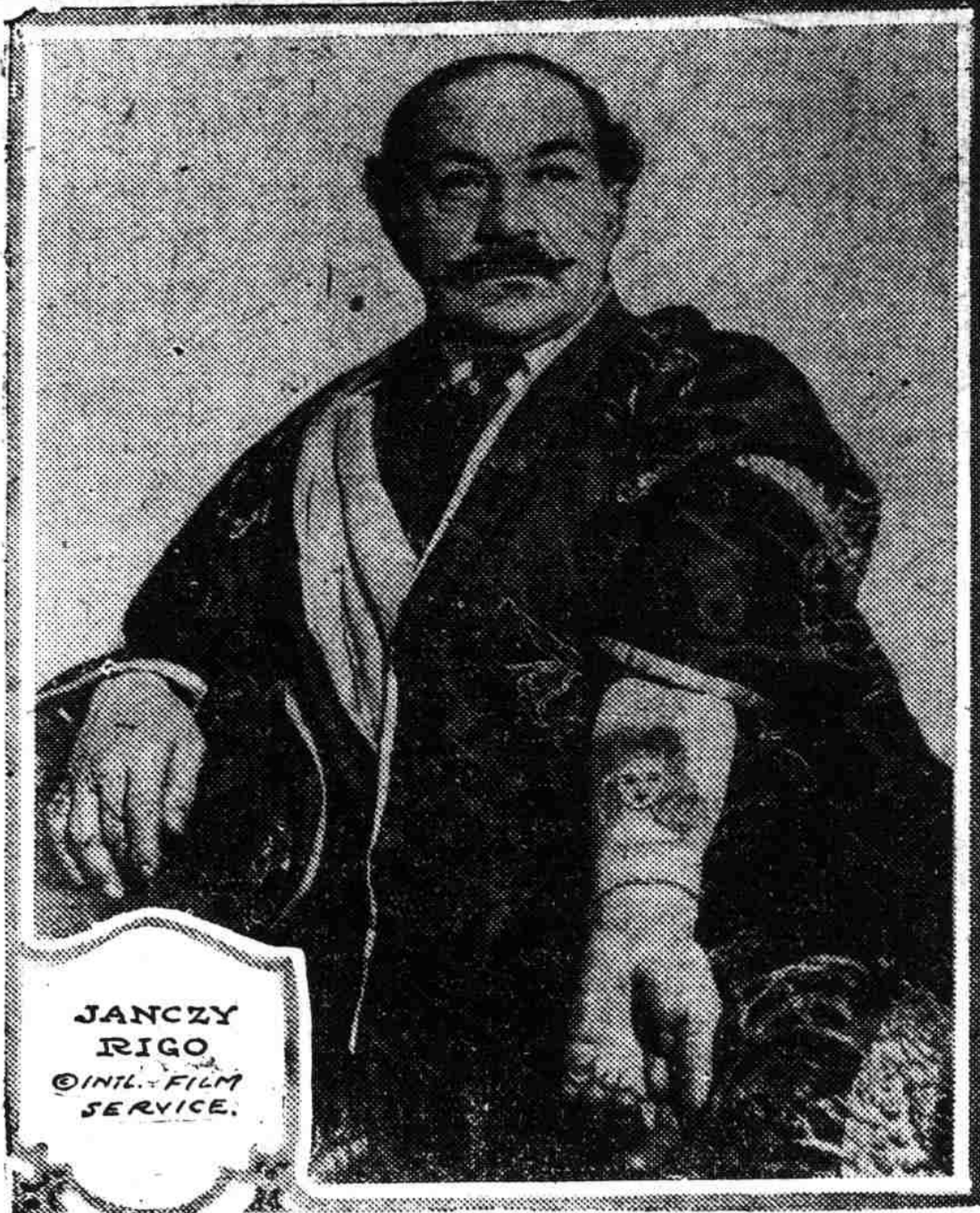


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New York, Dec. 29.—Janczy Rigo, the gypsy violinist, declares that the Princess Chimay, the American girl who gave up a fortune and a home for him, left him \$500,000 when she died recently. The romance of the Princess Chimay and Rigo, the gypsy, astounded all of Europe and the United States. Afterward Princess Chimay, or Clara Ward, to use her maiden name, eloped with another, Rigo, who is now playing in a Hungarian restaurant here, says that the Princess carried a portrait of him to her grave with her tattooed on her arm. To prove it Rigo bared his arm to reporters and showed that he has a picture of the Princess tattooed in colored inks on his own forearm.

### THEATRICAL GOSSIP FROM NEW YORK CITY.

New York, Dec. 29.—By way of making tickets to the play an easier and prettier Christmas gift, Winthrop Ames, of the Little Theatre, issued a card printed in red and black, that the giver might purchase and the receiver exchange for the number of seats inscribed upon it. Since the holiday play at the house was "Pierrot the Frodgal," the boy was pictured in one corner struggling with the composition of a letter to his sweetheart. Nearby was a Christmas greeting. The whole idea was very favorably received by the playgoing public and it is probable that it will be adopted by other managers another Christmas.

A new theatre, to be directed by Henry Miller, the actor and producer, and to bear his name, is to be built forthwith on Forty-third street, near Broadway. As present plans stand, it will be opened next October and used for the performance of plays chosen and mounted by Mr. Miller.

After three years' absence from the stage in what was assumed to be definitive retirement, Francis Wilson is to return to the theatre to act in a comedy, "The Laughter of Fools," the chief part in which tempts his talents for light humors and simple characterization. Mr. Arthur Hopkins, who produced this season Miss Kummer's amusing and successful little play, "Good Gracious Annabelle," is making ready another piece from her pen. It contains a part so pleasing to William Gillette that he has agreed to act it—his first new character in a new play since the relatively distant days of Bernstein's "Samson."

Miss Julia Arthur brings "Sermonda" to the Criterion, following the close of "Major Pendennis" tonight. Miss Jane Cowie is to star in Galsworthy's "The Fugitive." It is expected that the Cohen Revue of 1917 will be presented at the New Amsterdam late in the winter. Next spring, after three seasons in "Chin-Chin," Montgomery and Stone will quit the extravaganza and make ready for a new place in which they will appear early in the following autumn. David Belasco, Morris Gest and William Elliott are planning a drama on an extensive scale, called "The Wanderer," for the Manhattan Opera House, following "Ben Hur."

There are two midnight shows which beckon to New Yorkers who still seek entertainment after the curtains at the regular playhouses fall. They are "The Midnight Frolic," attractively staged and containing clever specialties, above the New Amsterdam theatre, and "The Bull Ring," which offers a lively vaudeville entertainment in the garden over the Forty-fourth Street Theatre. To these is to be added tonight the "Cocoanut Grove," over the Century theatre, where the midnight bill will be "Dance and Grow Thin," directed by Florence Ziegfeld, Jr.

Encouraged by President Wilson's selection of "A Daughter of the Gods" for his first public view of a motion picture at the premiere of the play in

### NOT ALL AMERICANS ARE SUCCESSFUL.

Stockholm, Dec. 29.—Not all American business men who visit Russia succeed in doing as much business as they had hoped—although the exceptions are few and far between—but whether they succeed or not they come back to Stockholm telling the same story of the manner in which they were received.

"I am afraid that Americans don't treat our foreigners the way the Russians treat Americans," said one man just back. "I have traveled some 10,000 miles in Russia in the last months, and been everywhere embarrassed by kindness. Strangers smoothed away the difficulties of language and customs for me, saw to it that I had a seat in the crowded dining cars, and, in short, looked after me as if I were their dearest friend. Other Americans told me they had received the same welcome and attention everywhere."

### POWER OF JAPAN'S WIRELESS STATION.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—The power of Japan's new wireless station which is now in regular communication with the United States by way of Hawaii, was strikingly shown by its recent picking up of messages sent from Northern Germany and from some other continental wireless stations. The Japanese station, which is situated at Funabashi, ten miles east of Tokio, was receiving a message from Hawaii when it picked up several cipher messages addressed to E. G. C., which stands for Madrid, which were being sent by some powerful station some 6,000 miles away. The next day a message was picked up while it was being sent by North Germany.

Washington a week ago. Producer William Fox has decided to memorialize the event by having made a bronze statue of Cinema, the Tenth Muse, of heroic size. Mr. Fox will invite Annette Kellerman, star of "A Daughter of the Gods," and proclaimed as the woman with the perfect form, to pose for the statue, and will place the design for the same in the hands of a famous sculptor. It is the idea to place the statue as an ornament in the Motion Picture Mausoleum or Hall of Fame, which it is proposed to erect in this city for the perpetuation of films of historic value.

At last the beany has been dramatized with its plates of ham and coffee percolator, and its skipping wheat cakes. The dramatization is a very considerable part of "The Heiress at Coffee Dan's," in which winsome Bessie Love is soon to be seen.

Norma Talmadge, one of the most popular of the younger school of motion picture stars, will soon be seen in her new production of "Panthea." This is a picturization of the famous novel by Monckton Hoffe in which Mme. Olga Petrova starred in this country several seasons ago.

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