

### REAL BIG PLAY IS THE GREAT SECRET

Bushman and Bayne to Come Christmas Day in Wonderful Serial Production.

#### METRO PUTTING IT OUT

"A Christmas present to the American people!" It is in this spirit that the millions of friends and admirers of Francis N. Bushman and Miss Beverly Bayne will greet the statement, just issued by Richard R. Rowland, president of Metro Pictures Corporation, that the opening chapter of the new Bushman-Bayne wonder-serial, "The Great Secret," will be released by Metro throughout the United States on December 25.

It has become an American custom, especially in the larger cities, to attend a motion picture theater on Christmas; children, in particular, welcome this break in a day that otherwise grows a bit tedious. In recognition of this custom Mr. Rowland essayed for his company the role of super-Santa Claus and arranged for the first public showing of "The Great Secret" on Christmas day.

**Story of Vital Interest.** There are fourteen chapters in all in "The Great Secret," which is founded on a story of vital interest to the American people. The story was written by Madame Fred DeGressac, from whose pen have come many, if not most, of the greatest successes which Klaw & Erlanger have had. Mme. DeGressac is the first woman author to write a motion picture serial and have it produced. "The Great Secret" was selected unanimously as the best of all the serial plots submitted to Mr. Rowland and Mme. DeGressac has the further honor of having "put it over" in competition with 120 men writers, some of them of international reputation. The role played by Mr. Bushman fits that eminent star like the proverbial kid glove, and Miss Bayne also is seen to exceptional advantage. In "The Great Secret" Mr. Bushman and Miss Bayne make their serial debut. Not in several years has either of these popular players been seen in a picture of less than five-reel length. It was largely due to the tremendous power of Mme. DeGressac's story that Metro could afford to present Mr. Bushman and Miss Bayne in this wonder-serial.

#### Experienced Producers on Job.

W. Christy Cabanne, for several years the right hand man and chief of staff to D. W. Griffith, is directing "The Great Secret." Mr. Cabanne is still on the sunny side of thirty; yet he was Mr. Griffith's only assistant in the direction of "The Birth of a Nation" and "Intolerance." Mr. Cabanne has directed no fewer than 214 photographs in the last three years at the Majestic-Reliance-Fine Arts studios and somehow he found (or made) time to write more than 300 successfully produced picture plots. Which perhaps explains why Mr. Cabanne is today the highest-salaried director, Mr. Griffith alone excepted, in the world.

An instance of the painstaking care with which "The Great Secret" is being produced is found in the fact that, in the early chapters of the serial, a number of "policemen" are used and every "policeman" is an actor trained to do his appointed work by the famous drill-master of the New York police department.

Mr. Bushman, in commenting on "The Great Secret" recently to a New York reporter, said: "What makes me so glad to appear in 'The Great Secret' is that it is not one of those harum-scarum plots that start and finish nowhere. It has a splendid theme, well thought out. It is certainly the biggest opportunity I have ever had on the screen."

### Turkish Bey Likes German Police Ways

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 2.—Turkey has become so impressed with the efficiency of the Berlin police that it has sent to Berlin the director of the Constantinople criminal department, Behaeddin Bey, to study the methods in vogue here, so that on his return he may reorganize the police of Turkey's capital and principal cities and introduce German methods there. Behaeddin Bey, among other things, plans to introduce in Turkey the German equivalent of the Bertillon system, in vogue in America, and many of the German detective methods. There will also be published a bi-weekly police newspaper for the "intellectual enlightenment of Turkish police officials and the development of police methods."

### Ballet Russe Coming With All Its Glories of Music and Oriental Art



Sophie Eflan

with the ballet last year on its tour, but because of his internment in Austria, where he was held a prisoner of war until United States Ambassador Penfield obtained his release, he was unable to join the Ballet Russe until the last few weeks of its closing engagement at the Metropolitan Opera house. This year he will accompany the ballet on its tour of fifty cities throughout America in the dual capacity of premier danseur and artistic director.

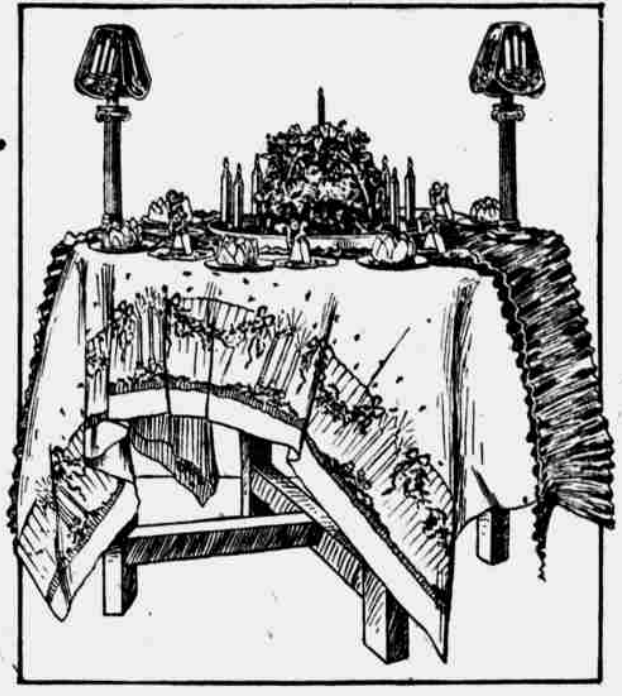
There are the scenic creations of Leon Bakst and the other Russian masters of lurid color. These sets are acknowledged by critics the world over to represent the most distinct movement of its kind in the theater which has taken place throughout the last twenty years.

Then, too, there are the startling costumes, which are also for the most part the creations of Bakst. Their influence upon the fashions of our day is an admitted fact. Proceeding on from stagecraft and scenic art to the realm of music, the ballet carries with it an orchestra of sixty pieces which is under the direction of Pierre Monteux, the famous French soldier conductor. When it is remembered that the music which accompanies many of the ballets was written by the most ultra of modern composers, it can readily be understood that the orchestra has in its possession some of the most unique musical instruments which have ever been carried by a musical organization of any sort. This array of curious sound producers runs all the way from the small hand organ which is played in Petrouchka to a racket machine for Till Eulenspiegel.

**Awful To Contemplate.** The fat plumber and the thin carpenter engaged in their usual conversation. "There was great excitement near our shop today." "What caused it?" "Man hit by an automobile." "Hurt him much?" "No, but at first they thought he was killed." "What made them think that?" "He was carrying a cherry pie and it mashed under one arm."—Youngstown Telegram.

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### Decorating the Dinner Table



For the Christmas dinner, the best linen, of course, and the choicest china, glass and silver one possesses, but for Christmas supper, the jolly little feast on Christmas night so enjoyed by people who are not really hungry for anything but fun, what could be prettier than a table set like this?

It is so bright, so attractive and so altogether Christmas like that it will arouse enthusiasm in the most sedate of guests. The decorations are really very simple. A paper lunch set is the first factor and that furnishes the table cover, plates, doilies and napkins, all printed a Christmas design in colors that will not "run." The napkins, you will notice, are folded in a new way, a flower shape. Down through the center of the table go two runners of red crepe paper, the upper one a little smaller than the under, both with ruffled edges. The candle shades

### Abolish Privileges Of Purchase at the Canal Commissary

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Panama, Dec. 2.—A law to abolish privileges of purchasing at the commissaries of the Panama canal by others than employees of the United States government has been passed by the assembly of Panama and signed by the president. It has not, however, been published in the Official Gazette and will not become effective until three days after such publication. The presence of the commissaries, with their advantages of no rent, no tariff and reduced steamship and railroad charges, has long been a thorn in the flesh of the isthmian merchants. The number of influential persons who have enjoyed the privi-

### TRADE COMMISSION DISCUSSES ITS WORK

#### New Federal Body Inquires Into Prices of Gasoline, Coal and Print Paper.

#### IT AIMS TO PROTECT ALL

Washington, Dec. 9.—The country's business men have given hearty co-operation to the Federal Trade Commission in its efforts to maintain proper standards of commercial morality in American business, according to the annual report of the commission made public today.

Development of the commission's policy has had for its first purpose, the report declares, promotion of the best business efficiency. Its aim has been "to understand and make allowance for the difficulty of the problem, to see both sides of every case, to protect men in the furtherance of legitimate self-interest by all reasonable and normal methods, and at the same time to keep the channels of competition free and open to all, so that a man with small capital may engage in business in competition with powerful rivals, assured that he may operate his business free from harassment and intimidation and may be given a fair opportunity to work out his business problems with such industry, efficiency and intelligence as he may possess."

#### Business of the Year.

The report lays stress on the work of the commission in preventing unfair competition. Since its creation and up to the end of the fiscal year the commission has considered 246 applications for the issuance of complaints against corporations and

firms accused of unfair practices. Of those, 107 have been disposed of in various ways. Some concerns were ordered to discontinue the tactics complained of, others voluntarily agreed to cease unbusinesslike methods, and in some cases no law violations were found. The charges covered many kinds of law violations.

The trade commission's work has included also economic and special investigations. What the commission considers its most important economic inquiry was into the subject of co-operation in export trade. This report was issued during the summer and recommended to congress that American manufacturers be permitted to form export combinations. A bill providing for that, having the endorsement of the administration, is now pending in congress.

One investigation had to do with uniform accounting methods. That showed, according to the commission, a large percentage of the country's manufacturers and merchants had slight knowledge of their costs of production or selling expense. An investigation of trade possibilities and conditions in each of the country's industries, the report says, developed information that will prove invaluable to producers and persons contemplating investments.

#### Price of Gasoline.

The commission investigated the high prices of gasoline, started inquiries into the print paper situation and the bituminous and anthracite coal industries, continued its investigation of resale price maintenance and aided in disposing of the Mexican sisal crop.

Activities in connection with enforcement of the Sherman act, included an investigation to determine the relations existing between various companies into which the Standard Oil company was dissolved and preparation of a decree in the Corn Products Refining company case referred to by the federal courts.

**As the Wise Men Did**  
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