

Q.: Can't we have some Love Interest soon.

The Love Interest

A.: Any moment now; but first Gary Polo had to win the confidence and gratitude of the Khan by picking a beauty chorus for him from Goldwyn Girls collected from all over Asia. The Khan wasn't much of a picker, but Gary had a System. He asked each girl, how many teeth has a snapping turtle? It was very clever, really.

Q.: And was one of these girls the heroine?

A.: Oh, dear, no! The heroine was Princess Kukachin, the Khan's favourite daughter. She had eyebrows plucked slantwise and a Norwegian accent. Gary Polo met her among the cherry blossoms, only she was betrothed to marry the King of Persia at the seventh moon. The dialogue at this point was very poetic, but I was surprised to find how backward the Chinese were.

Q.: What do you mean?

Kissing Lesson

A.: Well, they'd never even heard about kissing. Gary gave a four-minute lesson to the Princess, but she was rather indiscreet.

Q.: How do you mean?

A.: She did it in front of a guard and the guard thought it funny but he told the dirty dog Ahmed and Ahmed didn't think it was at all funny because he knew what kissing meant (he not being Chinese, only a Saracen) and he told the Khan and the Khan told Gary Polo he must become a spy and go to the western part of China where Alan Hale was revolting and . . .

Q.: Why are you so breathless?

A.: Well, who wouldn't be breathless after four minutes' kissing?

Q.: Why was Alan Hale revolting?

A.: Because the story was written that way, and because he wore sheep-

skins and boiled people in oil.

Q.: Did he boil Gary in oil?

Back in Peking

A.: Really, you ARE simple! Gary was the HERO. No, he made Gary his friend because he wasn't much of a spy anyway, and because Alan Hale's wife

BIG DEAL

Nuffield's Million For Films

LORD NUFFIELD is prepared to invest £1,000,000 in the British film industry, according to "Variety," America's best-informed publication about the entertainment world.

"Variety," after discussing Samuel Goldwyn's visit to England to talk about a new United Artists' deal with Alexander Korda, says:

"Another deal hanging fire is with Lord Nuffield, who is prepared to invest £1,000,000 in film production with Korda. It is held up by a counter-proposition for Nuffield to acquire interest in holdings of the Woolf group in Universal Films and Pinewood Studios. New capital would be used for making films in England and Hollywood, with possibility of bringing over Deanna Durbin and other Universal stars."

(Binnie Barnes) took a fancy to him and that left Alan Hale free to cuddle a Goldwyn Girl.

Q.: There must have been a lot of Goldwyn Girls.

A.: What do you expect in a Goldwyn picture?

Q.: What happened then?

A.: Kublai Khan, having heard an-

cestral voices prophesying war, marched off with his army and a lot of noise to conquer Japan; but of course there was a typhoon and the army sank.

Q.: Why "of course there was a typhoon"?

A.: Because Ahmed had said all along there would be one, and laid his plans accordingly.

Q.: What plans?

A.: Why, to usurp the throne, and marry the Princess, of course. But being a Saracen, he wanted it legal, so he waited until Kublai Khan came back with the remnants of his sunken army and then he showed the Khan his daughter tied up in front of the hungry vultures, and he said to the Khan what about it? And the Khan being a very fatherly Khan, had to say yes. And the Princess looked even more unhappy than the vultures, who had only lost a good meal, and she decided to kill herself anyway.

Q.: It sounds very exciting. Was it?

The Big Fight

A.: Yes. The time had come for Action, Suspense and Spectacle. Marco Polo dashed out of the far-away, revolting province, straight into Peking, and he dressed up to look like Gary Cooper wearing a Chinese hat, and (thus disguised as a beggar), he reached the Princess just as she was about to stab herself fatally. Then Alan Hale, who had given up being revolting, dashed up with the Cast of Five Thousand on horseback and stormed the walls. But they wouldn't have been able to do anything about it if Gary hadn't blown up the gate with gunpowder. Then they all rushed inside and fought like Tartars (which they were).

Q.: What was Ahmed doing all this while?

A.: He was trying to get married. But the Princess put him off cleverly until Gary was able to arrive single-handed and stop the ceremony and feed the dirty dog to his own lions.

Q.: So then I suppose Gary and the Princess got married instead?

A.: Well, that is what one would like to suppose; but you see the Princess was still signed up to marry the King of Persia at the seventh moon. However, Gary, having filled his little black bag and signed trade agreements with the Khan, said he would escort the Princess to Persia himself. And as he said they would go there by way of the South Seas (and, presumably, via Panama), I suppose anything might have happened.

Q.: And tell me, what did you really think of this picture?

A.: I thought it was very amusing.

["The Adventures of Marco Polo," Goldwyn-United Artists. Directed by Archie Mayo, starring Gary Cooper. Just released.]

Patched Up

BARRARA STANWYCK has come to an agreement with Radio after being suspended for three months for refusing a part the studio had planned for her. Her stand is calculated to have cost her about £25,000. A new story is now being sought.

WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE For Bronchial Coughs, Colds, Influenza

Fairly soon we'll be getting a chance to see what Hollywood has done to Annabella. She is co-starred with William Powell in her first American film, "The Baroness and the Butler."

