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****A Story of Floating Weeds (Ukigusa Monogatari)***

pr: Shochiku (Kamata); orig. film: George Fitzmaurice's *The Barker*; sc: Tadao Ikeda; ph: Hideo Shigehara; cast: Takeshi Sakamoto, Choko Iida, Hideo Mitsuui, Emiko Yakumo, Yoshiko Tsubouchi et al. Silent. The head of a traveling theater troupe returns to a mountain village where he meets his son, now a young man, the product of a casual affair. Ozu added the vital character of the former mistress to the 1928 American circus film, and in the delineation of the older man, his jealous actress wife, the son and young girl from the troupe, he weaves a subtle story that far surpasses the original, and even his own 1959 remake. *KJ* #1. (FC, MOMA, NY)