

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1924

Europe--Coast to Coast--Cuba Kennedy--Oriole-- Pfanstiehl

Many Highland Park citizens listened to Europe last week.

Hamburg, Germany, and other stations received by Mrs. Macdonald Conger, 409 Oakwood Avenue, with loud speaker on a Kennedy recently installed by us.

Mr. J. A. Decelle, 538 Forest Avenue, heard New Castle 5NO, on Nov. 25th., from 10:05 P. M. to 11 P. M., and continued to hear from 11 P. M. until 11:30 P. M. after American stations had returned on the air. Many other stations were heard by Mr. Decelle.

Harry T. Stuppel, 647 Michigan Avenue, heard Paris on a Pfanstiehl; also listened to Lyons, New Castle, Berlin and London.

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RUSSIAN DANCER IS BACK IN AMERICA

EXPERIENCE STRENUOUS

Caught in Bolshevik Revolution
Suffered Many Privations
Before Escaping; Great
Artist as Result

Mikail Mordkin, greatest star of the Russian opera ballet, returned to New York this week after twelve years' absence.

He was met on the steamship pier by a deputation of Near East Relief officials, who spoke of him as "a living example of the efficacy of American relief work in the Near East."

During the past twelve years, Mordkin's life has been an Odyssey of wandering, suffering and persecution, such as no other great artist of the stage has ever experienced.

Life Is Saved
His life was saved, four years ago, by the doctors and nurses of the Near East Relief in Russian Armenia, where Mordkin, his wife and little son, were found living as refugees in an abandoned box-car, all three prostrated by typhus and nearly dead from hunger. They were nursed back to health by the Americans and fed for weeks from the American refugee kitchens. Eventually they returned to work as dancers in the dilapidated old Russian opera-house in Tiflis. Forbidden to leave Russia, they struggled on under terrible handicaps until a few months ago, when their American friends were able finally to secure permission for them to come to America.

Disguised as Goat-Herd
Mordkin, probably the greatest ballet-master of all time, was caught in Petrograd when the Bolshevik terror first broke loose. He fled from place to place until he finally secured a position as a goat-herd in the Crimea. There he plied his humble trade for nearly a year, weaving his own clothes and those of his family from goats' hair, making his own shoes from goat-skins, living always precariously. Finally a new wave of internal warfare caught him up and flung him eastward as a refugee, starved and penniless until at last he and his family all fell ill of typhus. They had given up in despair, expecting their box-car home to be their grave, when the American relief workers found them.

Greater Artist
Captain Ernest Yarrow, head of the Near East Relief in Russia, who saw Mordkin a few months ago in Tiflis, said: "No man has lived thru more heart-break than Mordkin. And

the surprising thing is the effect it has had on his art. He is a greater artist today than he ever was before. His art has been deepened, ripened and hallowed by his experiences. He is today more than an artist,—he is a man, with a universal sympathy, a big heart, that should win him the love and affection of the whole world. Anyone who doubts that the ballet can express the deepest and most sublime of human emotions must see Mordkin. He has learned the innermost meaning and practice of the Golden Rule.

"I am myself a preacher and a missionary. So is Mordkin. On and off the stage, he is an evangelist and a preacher of universal brotherhood and broad humanitarianism."

ELECTRIC ENGINE HOURS OF SERVICE

More Efficient Than Steam Is
Opinion of Expert In
Report

Out of the 8,760 hours in the year, the electric engine can give 6,000 hours of service which produces revenue, and the steam locomotive less than 3,000, according to a computation recently made by William Spencer Murray of New York, widely known electrical engineer and authority on superpower.

He presented that fact and others about power tendencies at the World Power Conference at which more than thirty nations were represented.

Mr. Murray gave his viewpoint on the electrification of railroads with the statement that "the electric locomotive comes, not to supplant, but to supplement."

"The electric locomotive today and for many years to come will have no more right to operate on lines of very light traffic than has the steam locomotive to operate on lines where the duty required or density has grown beyond its physical attributes to handle."

MOHAMMEDAN STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE

Similar in Decorative Motif
In All Countries Where
It Appears

Common devotion to common ideal, Islam, is responsible for the similarity between Mohammedan buildings and decorative motifs in such widely distant lands as Spain, Algiers, Egypt, and India, said Charles Fabens Kelley, curator of Oriental Art, in a lecture on "Persian Pottery" at the Art Institute recently.

His talk was particularly timely in view of the important loan exhibition of Persian pottery now being

shown in Hutchinson Wing at the Institute. The same intricacy of pattern and ingenious use of geometric design that distinguished the tiles used to decorate mosques and other buildings is to be found in their household vessels, bowls, bottles, jars, and ewers.

The principal charm of Persian pottery is its color, especially a wonderful turquoise blue that was extensively used and was also copied by the Chinese, who likewise imported Persian glazes. The combination of brilliant color and fine design makes Persian pottery of great beauty, and it is unfortunate that the fragility of the ware has resulted in its rarity and costliness.

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