

"LOST NATION" IN CAUCASUS GORGES

DESCENDANTS OF JASON

American Woman Visits Interesting People In East; Tells of Customs and History

That the gorges of the Russian Caucasus hide a "lost nation" which claims descent from Jason, wears chain armor like the ancients, and still performs sacrifices and worships trees, is the strange tale brought back to America by Mrs. Karl Rankin, who has just returned from five years as a Near East Relief worker in Armenia. Mrs. Rankin is the first foreign woman and the first American to venture into this hazardous and hidden land.

Mrs. Rankin, a native of Welchville, is back in her old home on her honeymoon. It was as Miss Pauline Jordan that she spent five years in Armenia, after two years of study with Madame Curie in Paris. On her arrival in New York she married Karl Rankin, another returned Near East Relief worker. Her family were pioneers in Maine, coming here in 1640 and continuing prominent ever since in the upbuilding of the state.

Story of Visit
Mrs. Rankin's story of her visit to the "lost nation" of the Saventians, as told to an interviewer here, is as follows:

"I was stationed at Alexandropol, in Russian Armenia, where 15,000 refugee orphans are being educated by the Near East Relief. I found that a group of these children were of Saventian race, and it became necessary for somebody to visit their mysterious mountain homeland, in an effort to trace their relatives and if possible to repatriate the children in homes among their own people.

"Perhaps it was a foolhardy and venturesome trip for a woman, but I still feel the thrill of having accomplished it. I was told in Tiflis that I would not come back alive, but my mission was important.

"From the railroad I travelled three days on horseback to a village where I obtained local guides to accompany me through the mountains. For five days our horses climbed steadily, twelve hours a day. The trail often lay along the edge of terrific chasms, where a misstep meant death. Then we reached a lofty plateau, more than 9,000 feet above sea level, where we began to encounter scattered cottages and tiny hamlets. It was noticeable that my Georgian guides had a terror of the natives, for they would often mumble to themselves in Russian, 'A dark people! A dark people!'

Mountain Passes
"The country is accessible through a labyrinth of mountain passes for only a few weeks each year. I was the first American woman who had ever visited it. This people may truly be called a lost nation, because it is akin to no other people on earth today. Even the flora of their land seems strange. The natives are white, with fair skins and blue eyes, and they talk a language unknown outside their boundaries. Though they call themselves Christians, their religion is different from any other sect. They still perform sacrifices and there are remnants of ancient tree worship in their rites. Russian scholars say that these people are the descendants of Jason and the Argonauts. One of their prized relics is an anchor which they claim came from Jason's ship. It is preserved in a temple on the slopes of that great mountain upon which Prometheus is said to have been bound.

In Wooden Huts
"During our trip we were compelled to seek nightly refuge in the homes of the people. They live in wooden huts of two stories, the lower floor sheltering their animals, while the upper floor is a single huge room where the whole family lives and sleeps. Their food consists mainly of hatcha-puri, an odd mixture of corn meal and goat's cheese.

"My mission among the Saventians was entirely successful. After a few days, they were no longer suspicious of me, and within a week they were quite friendly. They were tremendously impressed to find that Americans were caring for a group of refugee children belonging to their tribe, and they promised to send their head men to our orphanage headquarters to select the first unit of children for repatriation. It is quite likely that the American work for these children will result in breaking down the isolation of this people and bringing them back again into a world usefulness."

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E. R. Root, of Medina, Ohio, who is one of the world's great authorities on bees, corrects our facts. The figures of been energy are too low, he says. It takes nearly 100,000 miles of bee-line travel to gather a pound of honey. Think of that the next time you add honey to your hot biscuit.

There is one way in which the bee sets an example. Mr. Root says:

"In the height of the season bees are very efficient. They do not work under a boss or under a manager, and all of them act together as one individual, seemingly, for the good of the community."

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HIGHLAND PARK MAN ON WAY TO HAWAII

Soldier in Regular Army Sent to Regiment In These Islands
Marvin S. Hiles, son of Mr. Lloyd Hiles, 120 N. First street, Highland Park, Ill., who recently enlisted in the Regular Army, sailed September 15 on the U. S. Army Transport Cam-

bral on a 7,000 mile trip to join the garrison in Hawaii. The transport cleared the Brooklyn Army Base at noon, carrying seven hundred soldiers, bound for Hawaii.
The trip will include a cruise along the Atlantic coast and through the Panama Canal to San Francisco. This will be extended by a voyage of 2,000 miles across the Pacific to Hawaii, a total of almost one month being spent at sea.

Hiles will have the unusual opportunity of seeing, without cost to himself, some of the world's great wonders, including the monster firepit of the Kilauea volcano, about 200 miles from Honolulu.

Hiles, who selected the Coast Artillery branch of the Regular Army for service, will be assigned by Major-General Edward M. Lewis, commanding the Hawaiian department, to one of the regiments stationed in Hawaii.

That Williamstown conference seems to be a meeting called for the purpose of telling us what is the matter with Uncle Sam.

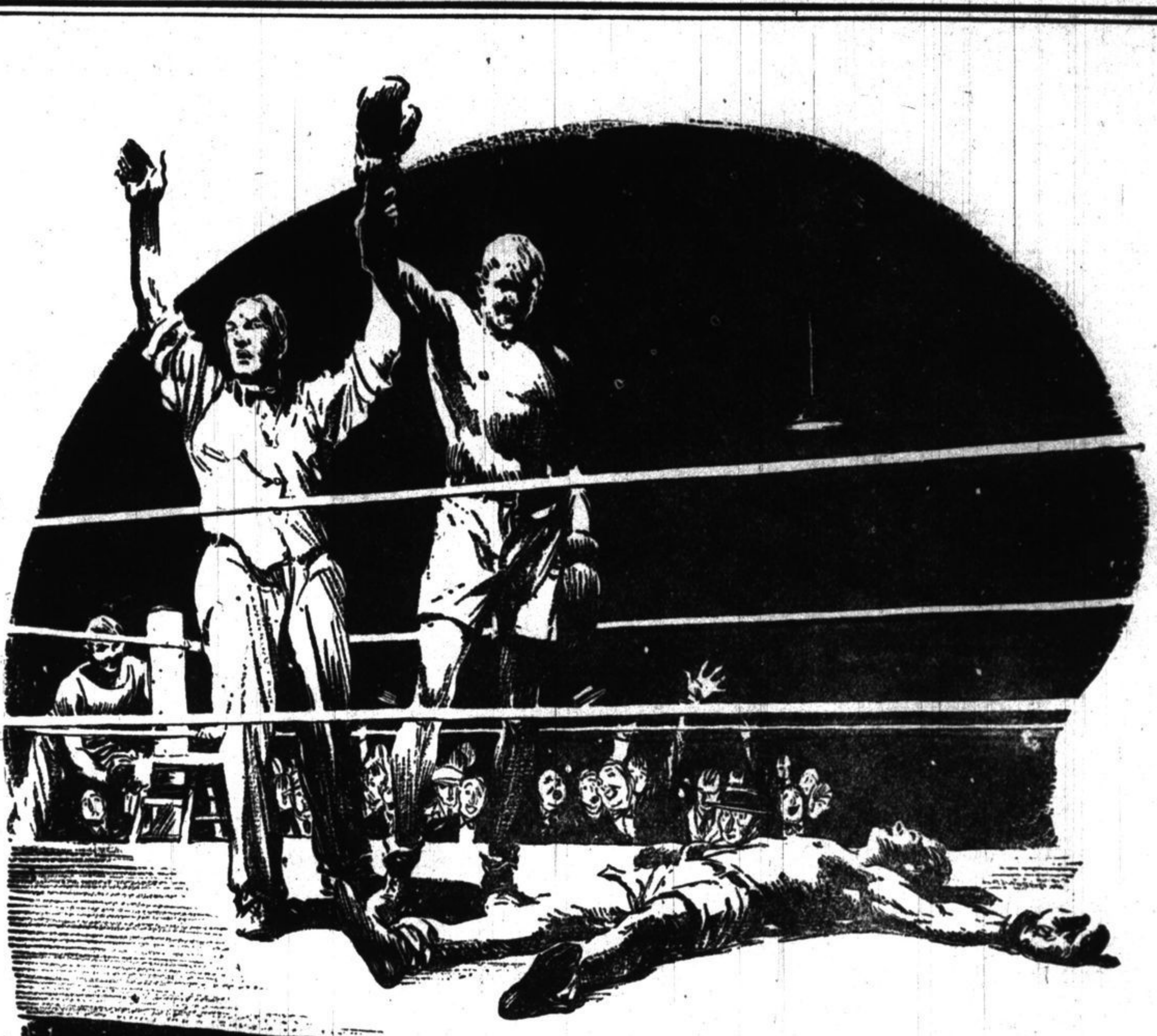
NEW TRIER MUSICAL SERIES BEGINS SOON

Starts October 18 at School; There Will Be Seven Symphony Concerts

The concerts of the New Trier Township Orchestra association will be inaugurated Monday, October 18, at the high school, it was announced this week by H. F. Horton, of Glen-coe, one of the outstanding leaders in the movement. There will be seven symphony concerts, all to be given on Monday nights as follows: October 18, November 15, December 13, January 10, February 7, March 14, and April 25. There will also be the usual four matinee concerts for young people, to be given in October, November, January and March.

If wars could be conducted on the "pay as you enter" plan maybe there wouldn't be so many of them.

Ms Ferguson got canned just in time to be able to go home and do her fall canning.



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