# OPEN RAVINIA OPERA WITH "MASKED BALL"

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Julia Claussen and Leon Rothier are importantly cast in this Charpentier work in parts that complement those of Mme. Gall and Mr. Johnson.

everything.

#### Concert Monday Night

elaborate cnncert program by the its story appeals to every heart. Chicago Symphony orchestra under the baton of Mr. DeLamarter. On this occasion Jacques Gordon, violinist, who is an established favorite with Ravinia patrons will be one of the soloists as the orchestra's new members. All seats are free for these Monday evening concerts throughout the season, only the gate admission being charged.

Montemezzi's stately opera "L'Amore dei Tre Re" enjoys unique favor with Ravinia patrons not only because it ranks as one of the world's greatest operatic masterpieces, but likewise because at Ravinia there is always a quartet of principals who can handle its four leading roles with such vocal and histrionic ability that they assume that eloquence intended by the composer. Mr. Johnson, who for two years has been the Avito in the Ravinia casting of this work will again have that part, while Giuseppe Danise and Virgilio Lazzari will again be heard in their usual roles of Manfredo and Archibaldo. Miss Florence Easton is the Philistine seductress, while Giovanto be heard as Flora, a part in which ni Martinelli will be heard in the

she won distinction as a member of the Ravinia forces a few seasons ago. This opera is to be given on Tuesday night, June 26.

#### "La Boheme" Wednesday

The work of no modern composer enjoys wider vogue than does that of Giacomo Puccini, and none of his operas is more representative than "La Boheme," which has been selected for The concert on Sunday afternoon presentation on Wednesday night, will be given by the Chicago Symphony June 27. Mme. Rethberg is to be heard orchestra conducted by Mr. DeLamar- as Mimi, a part she sings with subtle ter. Alfred Wallenstein, 'cellist, will be finesse, while Mario Chamlee will be the soloist. There is no charge for cast as Rodolfo, thus giving this role reserved seats at these concerts, the the romantic element it demands. Miss general admission at the gate covering | Maxwell is to be the sprightly Musetta. Mario Basiola, Virgilio Lazzari and Desire Defrere will be Rodolfo's Bohemian companions. The music of Monday night will be devoted to an this opera has become immortal and

With the beginning of what may be called the second half of Ravinia's initial week, the children will come into their own, for on Thursday afternoon, June 28, the series of children's will Joseph Vito, harpist, who is one of concerts will be inaugurated. These concerts are of vital importance for through them the on-coming generation is being given an appreciation and understanding of good music. Thursday's program will be presented by the Chicago Symphony orchestra and Eric DeLamarter, who will conduct. will give the children an explanatory talk on each number played. The concert will be followed by an entertainment which is sure to delight the juvenile audience. Children twelve years of age and under are admitted free to these concerts. The seats in the opera house are free for everyone.

#### "Samson and Delilah" Thursday

Thursday night, Saint-Saens' immortal opera, "Samson and Delilah" will be presented with Mme. Julia Claussen as

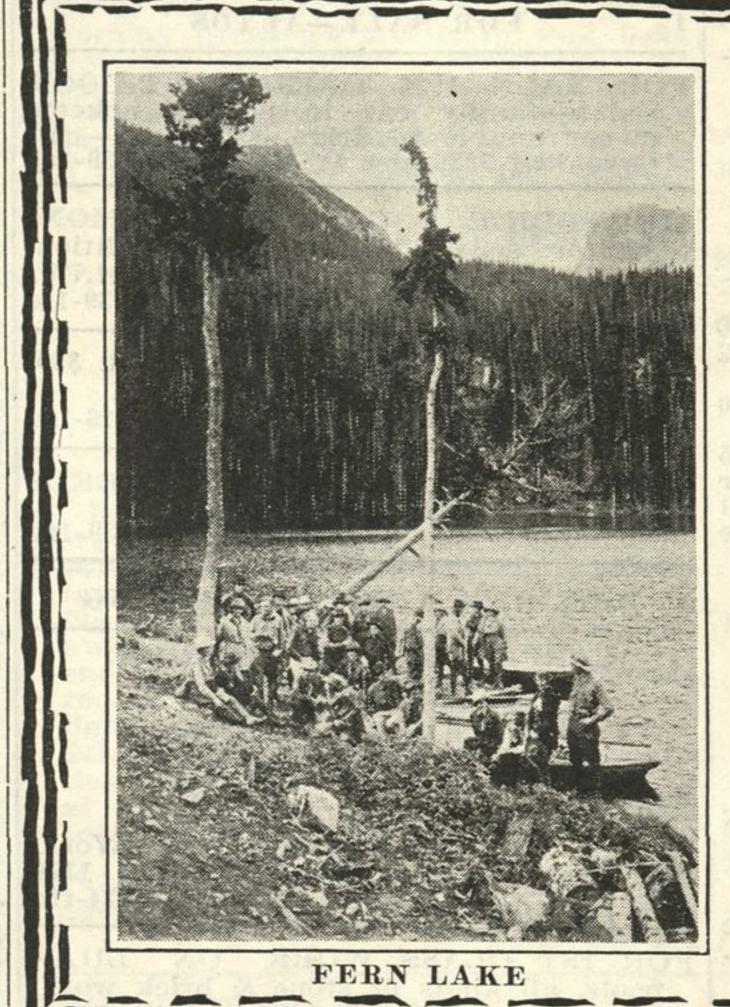
of the French school presents a finer array of music that does this work and none offers better opportunities to its principals. Giuseppe Danise and Leon Rothier, both among Ravinia's most important artists, have fine parts in this opera. As Samson Mr Martinelli has one of the most dramatic of all operatic roles, while Mme. Claussen's rich contralto voice is well suited to held recently through the collaborathe beautiful music that falls to the lot of Delilah.

29, Ravinia patrons will have the op- talks at two of the meetings.

monumental role of Samson. No opera portunity to hear Mme. Gall as Marguerite, which is a role in which she has won international acclaim. Mario Chamlee is to have the title role, which he sings with splendid effect, and Leon Rothier, one of the most polished exponents of the French school will appear as Mephistopheles.

#### GIVE TALK AT IRIS SHOW

At the Iris show at Freeport, Ill. tion of the National Iris society which was holding a meeting there, and the "Faust" is another French opera Freeport Iris show committee, Mrs. which has ever been a favorite with Frederick Fisher of Lake Bluff, pres-American audiences. It contains a ident of the Garden Club of Illinois, wealth of well known arias and when and Mrs. Charles D. Ewer of Wilit is presented on Friday night, June mette, its recording secretary. gave



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