

RUSSIAN BENEFIT NETS \$7,100 RELIEF

Rachmaninoff Is Aided by Damrosch and New York Symphony Orchestra.

TWO CONCERTOS PLAYED

Cheering Crowd Recalls Pianist in His "Polichinelle" and Famous Prelude.

Sergel Rachmaninoff had the satisfaction of reporting \$7,100, a vast sum when translated into Russian currency at present rates, as the profits of the concert arranged by him at Carnegie Hall last evening for the relief of composers, artists and men of letters now destitute in the pianist's home country. The practical aid made possible by this money will be distributed through the American Relief Commission, of which Herbert Hoover is Chairman. It will also, as Mr. Rachmaninoff pointed out in his original appeal, be made known through signed personal receipts that the help offered has reached its destination.

Walter Damrosch and the New York Symphony Orchestra took part with Rachmaninoff in last evening's Russian program, introducing midway in the proceedings two favorite excerpts by Tchaikovsky, the andante cantabile from that master's string quartet and the pizzicato ostinato from his fourth symphony. Mr. Rachmaninoff was heard twice with the orchestra, opening with his own second pianoforte concerto, in C minor, and reappearing later in his third concerto, in D minor.

The second concerto, Op. 18, issued in Moscow in 1901, was played the next year in Petrograd by Siloti, winning the Glinka prize of 500 rubles founded by Belaieff. Raoul Pugno played it with the formerly active Russian Symphony Society of New York in 1905 for the first time in America, and Rachmaninoff himself with the Boston Symphony in 1909. The third concerto, written in that year, on the eve of his first trip to this country, was played here by the composer Jan. 18, 1910, with the New York Philharmonic under Mahler.

Mr. Rachmaninoff was warmly applauded in the performance of both works last evening, not least so in the lyric "second," of poetic quality and

popular appeal, though the ovation had, in the circumstances, much to do with a more general feeling aroused by Rachmaninoff's appeal for his countrymen, many of whom are barred from all professional artistic activity by conditions in Russia.

There was a hearty reception for Mr. Damrosch and the Symphony Society's men in their separate part of the program, and again for Rachmaninoff at the evening's close. The audience, indeed, stood and cheered until the pianist came out alone and played as encores his "Polichinelle" and, amid a final storm of applause, the C sharp minor "Prelude."

SILVERMAN WANTS MANDATE

League's Approval Means Law and Peace in Palestine, He Says.

Speaking yesterday in Temple Emanuel, Fifth Avenue and Forty-third Street, Dr. Joseph Silverman discussed the Zionist movement and the delay in the ratification of the Palestine mandate warmly defending the rights and claims of the Jews upon Palestine as against claims put forth by an Arab delegation which has visited London, which efforts he termed "a pernicious propaganda designed to block ratification."

The fate of Palestine, Dr. Silverman said, would be decided on April 25, when the League of Nations meeting at Geneva will pass final judgment upon the British mandate over that country. Because of the delay, he said, an opportunity had been given to anti-Semites to bring propaganda to bear against the granting of the British mandate.

"April 25 is therefore an important date in the development of Palestinian restoration, and it is ardently hoped by Jews the world over that there will be no delay in the League's approval of the British mandate," he said. "As soon as the League of Nations puts the seal of approval on the mandate, law and peace will prevail in Palestine, and the Jews will then be enabled to proceed with their work to rehabilitate their historic national homeland."

TO AID MENTAL HEALTH.

Noted Psychiatrists Volunteer to Make Public Addresses.

In a State-wide effort to inform the general public how to preserve mental health, the Mental Hygiene Committee of the State Charities Aid Association has obtained the voluntary services of thirty-one noted psychiatrists and other authorities on mental hygiene for public addresses, it was announced yesterday. Speakers will be made available upon application to Stanley P. Davies, Secretary of the committee, 105 East Twenty-second Street.

"These lectures will emphasize the fact that mental health is within the reach of many people who are at present afflicted with mental disease," said Mr. Davies.