

# PIANIST'S ORDEAL

## Rachmaninoff Prostrate After Albert Hall Recital

Rachmaninoff, the famous Russian pianist, though racked with pain in his back, gave a brilliant recital at the Albert Hall yesterday.

Before the concert began it was feared that he would not be able to play, but he insisted upon appearing.

He played a number of pieces, including Beethoven's Sonata in F Sharp Minor, Schumann's Novelette in F Sharp Minor, and a selection from Chopin.

Some of the more observant of the audience may have noticed that he walked as though in pain, but most listeners were too carried away by his masterly playing to detect anything amiss.

Rachmaninoff responded to the tumultuous applause by giving several encores.

After the recital Rachmaninoff was compelled to lie down in his dressing-room, utterly prostrate. "He is very ill," the *Daily Mirror* was informed. "He is being attended to by his wife and manager."