

# Rachmaninoff Silent; Won't See Reporter

By NINA VARIAN

So sorry—but if you've been waiting to hear all the first hand, chummy details of just how the famed Rachmaninoff reacted to Boise's famed depot, weather, trees, people and hospitality—then you're due for bitter disappointment.

You have company in that cup of sorrow. This reporter spent most of Tuesday afternoon slinking down dark corridors, dodging back of divans, and peering eagerly into the face of every tall and mysterious stranger stalking in and about Hotel Boise.

Results?  
No Rachmaninoff. No Mrs. Rachmaninoff. No PIANO even. (It was locked up, too.)

### Manager Explains

Honestly, we're not without ingenuity. We did think up a couple of disguises, and subtle stuff, too—no beards, no wigs and no accent. But one look into the steely depths of Manager Rudolph Heck's eyes convinced us of the futility of it all. Manager Heck is the type of gentleman who could double for a G-man (if he tossed out his ruby cuff links.)

Not that Mr. Heck has a Dick Tracy flavor. Dear me no. He'd make Tracy look like a bumpkin going to a barn dance. If you know what we mean.

"Not even in Los Angeles did any reporter get an interview with Mr. Rachmaninoff. Not any place. Not any more. He was misquoted twice recently, and will not give any more interviews," said that amiable piece of steel, Mr. Heck.

Even a pure motive and honesty pledge didn't budge Mr. Heck.

### Speaks Eight Languages

"Mr. Rachmaninoff speaks perfect English, of course. He speaks eight languages. But he talks in the Russian manner. Sentences are in a different order than in English, you see?"

We didn't exactly. But neither did we blame the musician. He has no doubt put in many a dull day trying to explain the "gloomy Russian" legend, and if he's finally plunked for privacy, he's probably snagged himself the least painful legend of them all.

Anyhow, it was plain to see Mr. Heck was a bird in the hand, and Mr. Rachmaninoff was a bird in a locked cage. Besides, the manager wouldn't make a bad celebrity himself.

### Believes Tours Enjoyed

He's "of the Carnegie Hall Hecks"—just like saying "the Roosevelts of Hyde Park." His brother "manages" Fritz Kreisler, and Rudolph Heck has been with Rachmaninoff for 11 years now.

The musician is a kind and considerate person. His tours are not too strenuous, and Mr. Heck believes both Rachmaninoff and his wife enjoy them.

Mrs. Rachmaninoff is as charming as her husband, said Mr. Heck. And we believe him because we heard her speak; she came to the door and asked for some keys. She has a beautiful voice. She has a Paris hat, black with green ribbons down the back.

And that's positively all we can swear to, because she also has a getaway as good as a ghost's.

## Bulletin Board for CLUBS AND LODGES

### Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid of Immanuel Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. F. F. Cummings, 1008 North Thirteenth street, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

### Franklin P. T. A.

Franklin P. T. A. will meet Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the high school. Topic will be "Milestones." Mrs. Joe Andes is program chairman, and Mrs. Franklin D. Smith will be the principal speaker. The P. T. A. Mothersingers will furnish the music.

### Zeta Mu

Zeta Mu chapter of Pi Rho Zeta will meet Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at B. B. U. for their regular business meeting.

### Women's Relief Corps

The past presidents of the Women's Relief Corps will meet at the home of Mrs. Della Strawn, 1510 North Thirteenth street, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### Idle Hour Club

Idle Hour club will be entertained by Mrs. Freda Creek at the home of Mrs. R. C. Titmus, 2117 West Jefferson street, Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

### Second Section

Second section of St. Michael's auxiliary will have an all-day sewing meeting Wednesday at the Bishop Tuttle house.

### St. Michael's Auxiliary

First section of St. Michael's auxiliary has postponed its meeting scheduled for 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon on account of the funeral of T. F. Eberle. Members will meet instead February 14 for an all-day sewing meeting at Bishop Tuttle house.

### Collister P. T. A.

Collister P. T. A. will have a carnival in the basement of the school Friday at 8 p. m. Prizes will be given.

### St. John's Altar Society

St. John's Altar society will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at St. Joseph's hall.

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St. Mary's Altar society will meet at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the rectory.

### Women's Association

The Women's association of the First Congregational church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the church parlor. A curio tea will follow the short business session.

### First Baptist Church

World Day of Prayer will be observed at the First Baptist church, Tenth and State streets, Friday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone is asked to bring his own sand-