

# RACHMANINOFF THRILLS CROWD

Spokane music lovers had a rare musical treat last night. Thanks to the Fox theater, they heard the man who is probably the world's greatest living pianist and composer, Sergei Rachmaninoff.

It was the first time the famous Russian artist had appeared in Spokane and an almost crowded theater thrilled to his masterful artistry and gave him thunderous applause, at the end of his scheduled program calling him back for four encores.

Outstanding was the still superb technique, the power and the control of this great pianist despite his 65 years.

Particularly did the audience appreciate his third encore—his own most famous composition, the C sharp minor prelude—which they had begged for with their encore applause. When Rachmaninoff hit the first chords of the prelude, there was a spontaneous burst of applause from the audience.

Almost all of his program numbers gave ample opportunity for Rachmaninoff to prove his mastery of the piano. The Gounod-Liszt "Valse," Liszt's "Nocturne" (or Liebestraum), the Wagner-Liszt "Flying Dutchman" and a group of four Chopin numbers were particularly well received.

Rachmaninoff's courtly, distinguished appearance on the stage brought to many in the audience the vision of the great artist appearing in pre-war days before glittering continental audiences, crowned heads and courts of old Europe. Forty years ago he was famous in Europe. He might still be in his beloved Russia if it were not that the revolution forced him

overshadowed, of course, by Miss Davis. Of the two, Jane Bryan is the more impressive. But character delineation throughout the whole picture is sharp and clear. Each actor and actress portrays a definite individual and not a mere backdrop or contrast for another character.

## THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Forecast for Spokane and vicinity: Tonight and Saturday, unsettled; occasional light rain or snow; little temperature change.

Washington: Tonight and Saturday, showers; snow over mountains; little temperature change.

Idaho: Tonight and Saturday, occasional rain; snow over mountains; little temperature change.

Montana: Tonight and Saturday, partly cloudy east and probably snow flurries west portion; little temperature change.

Maximum temperature Thursday, 47 at 1 p. m. Minimum temperature Friday, 36 at 3 a. m. Maximum temperature last year, 39. Minimum temperature last year, 26.

Sun rose 7:21 a. m., sets 3:59 p. m.

Moon rose 1:11 p. m., sets 1:11 a. m.

Precipitation	
Inches	
Total for December .....	.01
Normal for December .....	.08
Excess for December .....	-.09
Total since September 1, 1938.....	1.82
Normal for agricultural year.....	1.24
Excess for agricultural year .....	2.42
Temperature	
Degrees	
Mean for December 1 .....	42
Normal for December 1 .....	34
Excess for December 1 .....	8
Excess for December .....	8
Excess for year .....	875

to leave with others of the aristocracy and roam the world. Since 1918 he has lived in the United States—and Russia's loss has been America's, and now Spokane's, gain.—H. F. K.

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