

Rachmaninoff Imports Cargo of Russ Cigs for Solace While in Speedy U. S.

Sergei Rachmaninoff, most famous Russian composer, pianist and director, is in Cincinnati with 105 Russian cigarettes, representing what's left of 490 Moscowite cigs that he brought with him to the United States when he started on his 14-weeks' tour of the country. He smokes five a day, and imported enough cigarettes to last him for the 14 weeks he was to stay in this country. He has three more weeks left. Rachmaninoff is the Symphony soloist this week.

Russian tourists, returning from America, had brought back word that in all of the United States there could not be found coffin nails equal to those dear to the heart of the true Russian. A Russian cigarette has about half the smoke in it that's in an American cigarette, but it is just as long, though thinner. Half the length of Rachmaninoff's cigarettes is consumed by a false bottom that serves as a mouth-piece.

"A true Russian can never smoke the things you call cigarettes," said Rachmaninoff, as he lit one. He took a whiff at his weed and then poised it between his fingers in a way new to the cigarette smoker of the United States. The Russian way of holding a cigarette is to hold it like you do a lead pencil and a cute little twist of the finger is needed before you can get the cig. back between your lips.

WE WORK TOO HARD

"I like this country," said Rachmaninoff, "but people work too hard. Everybody is tired, because the pace is so fast. Now, in Russia everybody has time. Nobody has time in this country. The railroads run so fast as if they couldn't get where they want to by going slower. I hear you have wrecks in this country. We go slow enough to avoid wrecks in Russia. Fast life makes wrecks any way you take it.

WON'T BELIEVE HIM

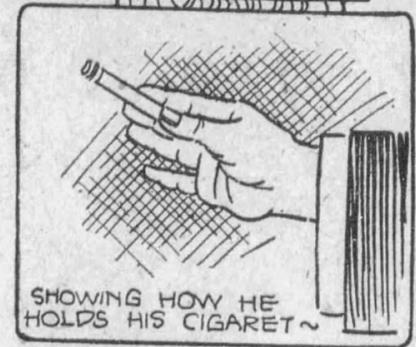
"I saw a 45-story house in New



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York, but they won't believe me when I get back to Russia and tell them about it. Things are so wonderful in this country that tourists who come back and tell about these things to the folks in St. Petersburg are looked upon as dreamers. So when I get back I will tell them that I was too busy to notice anything."

At the Sinton there has been assigned to wait on Rachmaninoff a waiter who can speak Russian, so that if Rachmaninoff desires a



SHOWING HOW HE HOLDS HIS CIGARET~

Russian dish he can make his desire known.