

MUSICAL America is authority for the statement that Rachmaninoff, the distinguished Russian musician and composer who played at the Auditorium last Wednesday night, refused to appear at a concert in St. Louis unless he was guaranteed twelve bottles of beer.

"The whole musical community was seized with panic, till August A. Busch, the great beer producer of St. Louis, came to the rescue and telephoned the committee that if Rachmaninoff would step around to his residence after the show, he could have his dozen and as many more as he could hold," says Musical America.

Which leads naturally to the inquiry as to who pacified Rachmaninoff here. Refer all answers to the editor of this column.