

Floods in Poland.

JEWISH DEAD EXCEED FIFTY.

Warsaw.

Floods have overwhelmed Western Galicia, and parts of Eastern Galicia and Congress Poland. The catastrophe has been worst at Tarnow, Szcuczin, Gorlica, Rabka, Nowy Sancz, Sandomierz, Zawychost and the Warsaw suburb Pelcowizna. The total damage is estimated at about a milliard zloty, of which about a fifth has been sustained by Jews. The number of Jewish dead is believed to exceed fifty.

Thousands of Jewish families in Western Galicia have been rendered homeless. Large numbers of Jewish families who made their living by fish-breeding are completely ruined economically.

At Nowy Sancz the poorer Jewish quarter of Piekla has been completely swept away. The Jewish youth organisations have been doing great work in assisting the rescue activities, providing voluntary reserve workers.

In most of the menaced places all the physically able men were mobilised for the rescue work.

The partial ebb of the floods in Western Galicia has revealed the tremendous desolation wrought in the townships there. They are denuded of population, the roads are devastated, the peasants in the villages have lost all their possessions, crops and livestock, and the Jewish population of the adjoining villages have lost every outlet for their trade.

On account of the intense heat which now prevails in Poland, there are grave fears that the abatement of the floods may bring epidemics, as a result of the large number of dead bodies of animals, and the vast quantities of filth washed up by the floods. The wells are polluted, and the authorities have prohibited the drinking of unboiled water.

The Jewish communities and the Jewish institutions are flooded with urgent appeals for help from the victims.

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of what can only be described as a rare artistic treat and an overwhelming personal success.

The Cape Town Orchestra played the accompaniment with conspicuous understanding and evident inspiration. Mr. Hirschland's next appearance is eagerly looked forward to, when he will play, we understand, the Beethoven Emperor Concerto.

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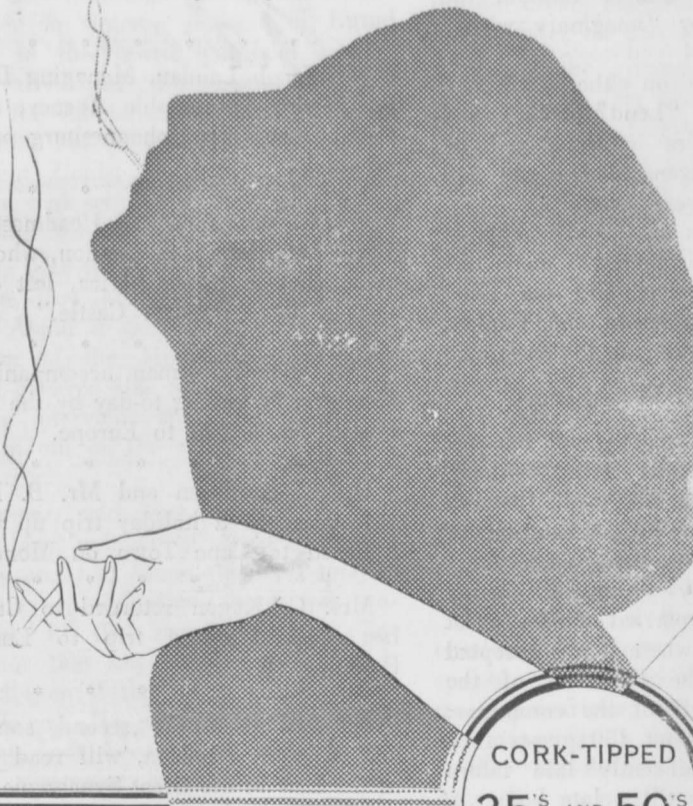
HEINZ HIRSCHLAND.

Heinz Hirschland made his first South African appearance last Thursday night before a large and enthusiastic audience at the City Hall, when he gave a remarkable performance of the Rachmaninoff Concerto in C Minor with the Cape Town Orchestra.

Mr. Hirschland is an executant of extraordinary ability and the possessor of exceptional interpretative insight. The Rachmaninoff bristles with technical difficulties, but these served only to emphasise the amazing facility which resulted in a perfectly smooth and artistic rendition. The performance was noteworthy for its beautiful and restrained playing as well as for Mr. Hirschland's dignified and lofty conception of the work. He knows what he wants and just how to attain it. Considerable sensitiveness in interpreting the moods of the composer was displayed in all the movements of this terrific work. Hirschland's left hand was responsible for both power and beauty of tone alike, whilst the lightning cadenza in the second movement was a characteristic gem of artistry. Undoubted temperament and musicianship are two of Mr. Hirschland's greatest assets, and Cape Town can congratulate itself on the fact that an exponent of his calibre is settling down in this city. He was accorded a tremendous ovation at the close

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