

PADEREWSKI ESTATE RUINED

Letter to Pianist Also Tells of Starvation of Polish People.

All that remains on the estate of Ignace Paderewski in the Tarnow district of Poland are the stumps of the trees that once formed the park or forest, many of them planted by the pianist and his especial pride. Everything else has been swept away by the war, according to a letter from a friend in Poland to Paderewski.

Mme. Paderewski said yesterday that the people in this country had little conception of what war had done in Poland.

"There are millions starving today in Poland," she said. "Whole towns have been destroyed and the people are without food and shelter. My husband has received a letter in which his friend says there are 2,000,000 persons living as best they can upon the site of what was until a few months ago the City of Wroclawek, in Russian Poland. This multitude is without food and almost unpro-

tected from the severity of the weather. In all Galicia it is now hard to find a human habitation. The districts of Gorlice, Tarnow, Sarnow, and Grybow are devastated. Of 1,500,000 inhabitants not one is left there. Caught between the contending armies, those who had not fled were wiped out by the fighting between November and August.

"From all parts of Poland the cry is now going up for food. In the effort to stay the pangs of hunger mothers are feeding their children a mixture of chalk and water in place of milk.

"Miss Henrietta Ely of Philadelphia, who is one of the few women allowed to enter Poland recently, has just returned to this country. She came in to see me the other day, and I cried as I listened to her. Miss Ely said that she very often could not eat because of the sight of the starving children, who gathered about to watch the visitors eat or to beg food from them. Poland is desolate, and, to quote Miss Ely, beside her Belgian is a country filled with prosperity."

Paderewski is head and organizer of the National American Committee of the Polish Victims' Relief Fund, and on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 23, before his Chopin recital in Carnegie Hall, he will speak on "Poland, Past and Present." The entire receipts will go to the relief fund.

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