

TOTENBERG HAILED IN CAPITAL DEBUT

Polish Virtuoso Plays the Late Nicholas Longworth's Violin in Concert.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—All ranks of official, diplomatic and resident society were represented tonight in the capacity audience which welcomed Roman Totenberg, young Polish violinist, who made his United States début at the first evening concert given this season by the National Symphony Orchestra in Constitution Hall.

Playing the Stradivarius violin of the late Nicholas Longworth, former Speaker of the House, lent to him by Mrs. Longworth, Mr. Totenberg scored a brilliant success with his interpretation of Beethoven's Concerto in D minor.

Among others in the audience was Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, who heard him play last Tuesday night at the Polish Embassy and promptly engaged him to appear at one of her Musical Mornings at the Mayflower next month. The Chargé d'Affaires of Poland and Mme. Sokolowska were guests in Mrs. Townsend's box.

Box parties were entertained also by the Under-Secretary of State and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, for whom Mr. Totenberg played in their Georgetown home this week; Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Caspar Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruce Howe, Mrs. Tracy Dows and Franklin Mott Gunther. It was the high opinion entertained by Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Dows of the musical ability of Mr. Totenberg that inspired Mrs. Longworth to send him her husband's violin.

Dr. Hans Kindler, the conductor, led the applause which brought the violinist repeatedly to the stage.

The program included Overture, "Les Petits Riens," Mozart; Concerto in D Major for violin and orchestra, Beethoven; "En Saga" (symphonic poem), Sibelius, and Persian Dances from "Khovanstchina," Mussorgsky.