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CONSUL GENERAL MESSERSMITH.

Consul General George S. Messersmith, stationed at Berlin, in cross-examining Professor Albert Einstein, when the latter was seeking a visa for his passport, obviously was acting under instructions from the Washington government. This is indicated in such information on the subject as has been made available.

In commenting on the incident Secretary of State Stimson is said to have pointed out that the responsibility for granting visas rests with consular officers, who, he added, are entitled to "all pertinent information."

Delawareans are interested in the consul at Berlin from the fact that his appointment to the service came through the sponsorship of a distinguished United States Senator from Delaware just prior to the outbreak of the World War, and because of his earlier prominence in educational work in this state. And again he long resided in Sussex county and his wife is a daughter of a distinguished citizen of Lewes, whose death occurred a decade or more ago.

From his first entrance into the service, at an humble Canadian post, Mr. Messersmith's advancement has been continuously upward. He has gone forward by bounds, reaching one of the most important posts of the consular service, Berlin, through promotions that took into account his efficiency as he climbed almost from the bottom of the ladder to the top.

Mr. Messersmith is rated as one of the ablest men in the consular service of the Washington government, serving with high efficiency in some of the most difficult posts during the World conflict. He is a man of achievement, who has shown his worth and mettle in every post he has filled in State or nation, and we are assured the responsibility for the incident rests upon the government at Washington.