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A GREAT INJUSTICE seems to have been done to the American Consul General in Berlin, George S. Messersmith, in connection with the Einstein case. It now appears that that official was not in Berlin but in Breslau when the incident occurred, and it is asserted that the consulate treated Professor Einstein with all consideration. This raises a clear-cut issue of veracity between the consulate and the press associations and special correspondents in Berlin. We can hardly believe that it was all a mare's nest in view of the direct quotations of indignation attributed to both Professor Einstein and his wife. We are happy, however, to have the Consul General himself cleared, because he has the reputation of being one of the most intelligent and liberal men in the service, to which he has belonged for some nineteen years. The real guilt lies, of course, with a government which is so incredibly stupid and narrow as to compel its consuls to cross-examine applicants for visas on their political and economic views, and with a State Department which forwards to Europe for action any complaint which comes from an unrepresentative and silly organization like the Woman Patriot Corporation. It would certainly not feel a similar obligation to act on protests from liberal or radical organizations in America. The whole procedure is the more indefensible because of its futility. We venture to say that it is keeping out neither anarchists nor Bolshevists while it is constantly degrading us in the eyes of other nations.