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Delawarean Arouses Ire of Great German Scientist

George S. Messersmith, American Consul General at Berlin, Germany, who has been brought into the limelight of publicity as a result of the Professor Albert Einstein incident is a former Delawarean and has a host of friends and acquaintances in this State where for several years he served as a school official before entering the diplomatic service.

When Professor Einstein planned to come to America he had to go before Consul General Messersmith in Berlin to have his passport arranged. Einstein was subject to questioning by Mr. Messersmith after the Woman Patriot Corporation in the United States had demanded that the State Department bar him on the ground that he had Communist leanings. Mr. Messersmith questioned him at length on his political opinions and at the height of the interrogations Professor Einstein became angry, denounced the proceedings, resented the questioning of Mr. Messersmith and final-

ly declared that if he were not granted the visa within 24 hours he would cancel his trip. The visa was later signed.

Mr. Messersmith who, in the performance of his duty, had aroused the ire of the great scientist, while a native of Fleetwood, Pa., studied at Delaware College for a while. He married Miss Marion Lee Mustard of Lewes, July 22, 1914. He was superintendent of schools in various towns in Delaware from 1900 to 1914 and from 1911 to 1914 he was a member and secretary of the State Board of Examiners for Teachers.

He was vice president of the State Board of Education from 1912 to 1914 when he entered the diplomatic service. He has held posts in Canada, Dutch West Indies, Antwerp, Belgium, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is author of the book "The Government of Delaware." He was assigned to his present office in Berlin after leaving Buenos Aires.