

# CHICAGOANS OF POLISH DESCENT MOURN PILSUDSKI

## Huge Foreign Colony Here Voices Sorrow at Pass- ing of Patriot.

Leaders among Chicago's vast population of Polish-Americans today voiced the sorrow of their people over the death of Poland's leader, Marshal Josef Pilsudski.

Flags were lowered to half staff on the buildings of the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Roman Catholic Union, the Polish Women's Alliance, and the Polish Alma Mater. While the large organizations of Americans of Polish descent here prepared messages of condolence to be sent abroad, Consul General Wacław Gawronski and his aids were in communication with the Polish ambassador in Washington regarding plans for official participation in the mourning here.

Veterans at the Polish Army Veterans' home, 1339 North Wood street and various ex-servicemen's, fraternal and patriotic organizations plan participation in memorial services.

### Polish-American Comment.

Following are sentiments expressed by some of Chicago's outstanding citizens of Polish descent:

"Marshal Pilsudski was a real champion of freedom and of the rights of man throughout his life," said Capt. Wenc. F. Hetman, past-commander of Thomas Paine Post of the American Legion and at present commander of the Pulaski Military Club. "He was and always will remain the idol of his people and one of the great outstanding historical characters of modern Europe."

The Rev. Stephen Bubacz, pastor of St. Stephen's church and overseas world-war chaplain of the United States army:

"Marshal Pilsudski was the father of the new republic of Poland and will go down in its history as such. He lived and worked for his Polish people and they in turn loved him wholeheartedly."

### Great Leader and Patriot.

Stanley Krygowski, commander of the Polish Army Veterans of America, said:

"A great leader of men, a real Polish patriot, a fighter for freedom and for humanity has passed away with the death of Poland's Marshal Joseph Pilsudski. He fought at all times for the freedom and independence of his nation."

Judge John Prystalski:

sister republic of America and the new republic of Poland. The sympathy of all liberty loving people goes out in this hour to the Polish nation."

Attorney August Mroz, past commander of the Kosciuszko Post of the American Legion:

"The death of Marshal Pilsudski, even though he was prepared for it because his health in the last couple of years was no longer of the best, is a shock not only to his people in Poland but to all lovers of freedom and all who admire real patriotism and real greatness."