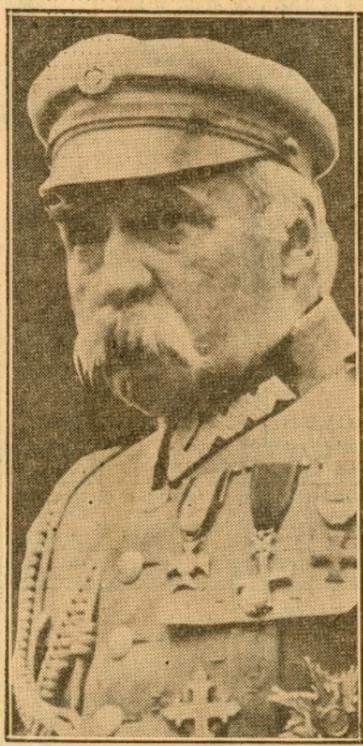


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[Associated Press Photo.]

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Pilsudski was to have participated in a conference last week with Foreign Minister Pierre Laval of France relating to the war scare in Europe and particularly regarding the differences between Poland and France which grew out of the Franco-soviet security pact. But the marshal was too ill to join the discussions and Laval left for Moscow without having been able to see the statesman.

Pilsudski died on the anniversary of his coup in 1926, when he seized power after bloody street fighting in Warsaw. He and a small group of his former legionnaires virtually had ruled the nation ever since that time, but he never permitted any of his so-called cabinet of colonels to consider themselves his successor.

## Aimed at Presidency.

In 1929 the marshal sent his soldiers into the lobbies of the parliament and forced its dissolution because he was disgusted with legislative bickerings. He was instrumental, too, in carrying out a recent constitutional reform which concentrated great power in the president.

It was generally believed Pilsudski intended to force the resignation of President Ignace Moscicki and assume the presidency.

Pilsudski was minister of war in the cabinet. Gen Edward Rydz Smigly, one of the marshal's closest friends, has been appointed to succeed Pilsudski as chief army inspector.

## ONE OF EUROPE'S LEADERS.

Marshal Josef Pilsudski, man of intrigue, astute politician, courageous, patriotic, honest in a concrete sense, but irascible and frequently unstable, was one of the outstanding figures on the European political stage. His life was colorful. From earliest childhood he dreamed of the independence of his country, and trained himself in intrigue and conspiracy to achieve that end, although at times it must have seemed to him little better than a forlorn hope. Long before the war he schemed for the restoration of Polish liberty and suffered exile.

Under the tolerant Austrian rule, he trained the Polish Galician youth in the use of firearms. In the great war, with an Austrian pledge of future Polish independence, he raised a Polish legion to fight against Russia.

## Condemned to Death.

Later, in 1916, when Germany issued her famous manifesto proclaiming the quasi-independence of Poland and drafting her citizens into the armies of the central powers, he refused to cooperate any longer with the Germans and their allies. Then he was in the limelight as a prisoner in the fortress of Magdeburg, condemned to death, but saved by Austrian intervention; then as leader of a new born Poland, the commander in chief of her armies, throwing back the Red army of invasion that reached the gates of Warsaw and storming with his legions the city of Kief, in Russian territory.

Then came the accolade. He was created the sole marshal of Poland