

## MANY CHANGES IN POSEN NOTED AS POLISH COME IN

Names of Streets Are Changed and Principal Buildings Are Altered.

POZNAN, Poland, April 27.—Poznan, which for more than a hundred years under rule was known as Posen, is undergoing many alterations as a result of the outcome of the war and the peace conference which gave Poznan back to Poland. Just recently, the task of changing the name of every street in town from German to Polish was completed, the task having been started by the Germans themselves, which began its duties soon after Poznan became a city of the new republic.

One of the principal thoroughfares which had been known as Berliner strasse has been renamed the street of "December twenty-seventh," this being what is considered the birth date of the Germans in Poznan. A great square in the center of the city, which since 1793 excepting an eight-year interval after Prussia's defeat by Napoleon (that being the year the Germans came to Poznan) had been called Wilhelm platz, is now known

as Liberty Place. And a great statue of Frederick III, which stood for years in Wilhelm platz, long ago disappeared, having been torn down by Polish residents of Poznan during the night of Dec. 27, 1918 when there were riots and much street fighting between German and Polish subjects, the upshot of the demonstrations convincing German officials that it would be useless to endeavor further to continue Poznan in so-called German territory. The German soldiers began withdrawing that night. Gradually since then German residents have been leaving. Many of them were born in Poznan or vicinity.

### GERMANS LEAVE.

Within the past 14 months it is estimated that approximately 27,000 Germans have departed from Poznan, most of them being officials who held government positions under the German regime, and their families, and officers of the German army. Poznan city officials estimate that about 37,000 persons have moved to Poznan in that time, the majority of these having come from Congress Poland.

### GERMANS LEAVE.

Poznan to-day is a city of about 170,000 inhabitants and considered by Germany prior to the outbreak of the war as the strongest fortified city on its western frontier. All the oil field, telegraph and telephone batteries built by the Germans still stand.

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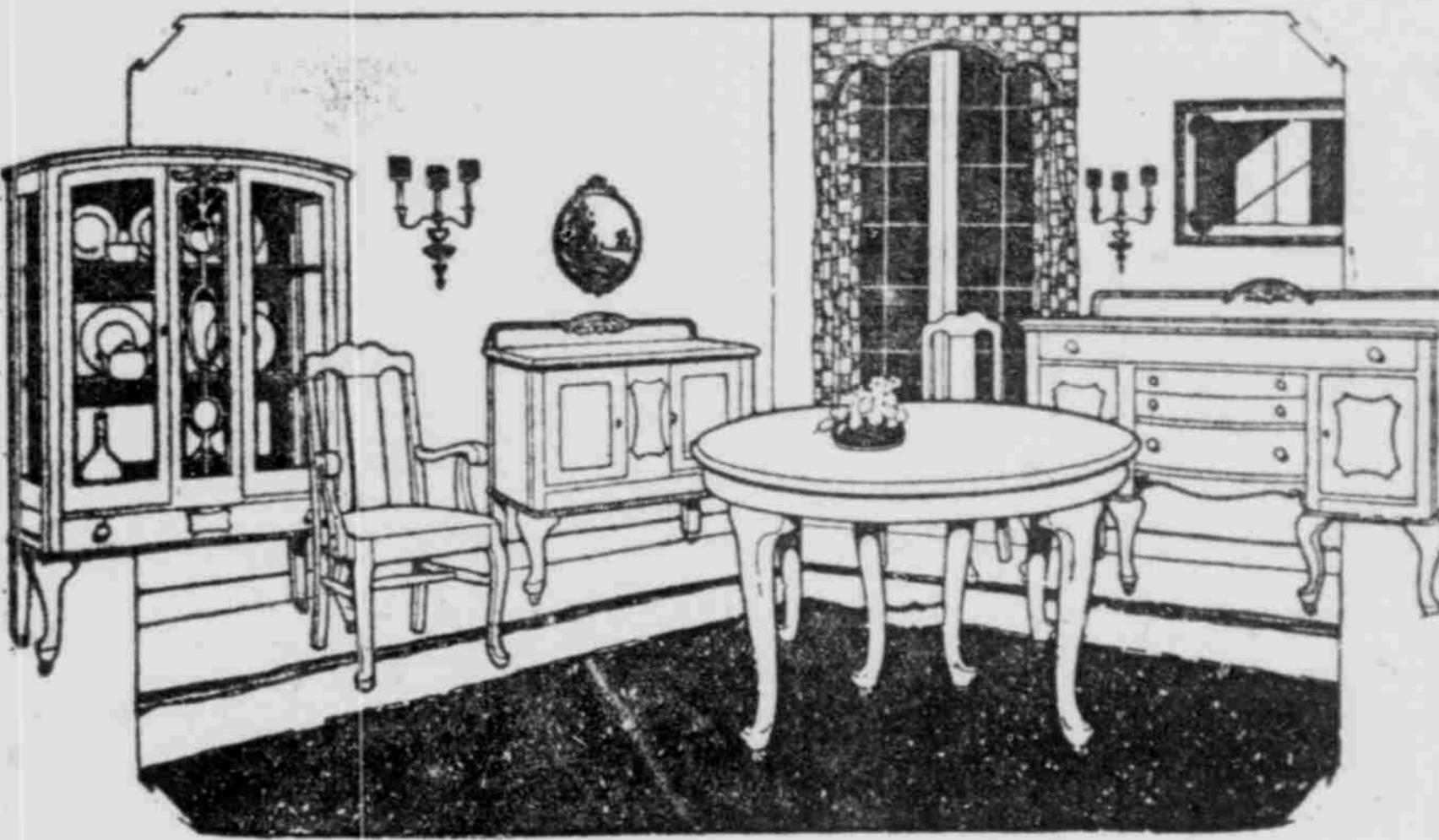
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