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ILIA MOUROMTSEFF, PHYSICS PROFESSOR

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Ilia E. Mouromtseff, since 1947
Professor of Physics at Upsala
College, East Orange, and previ-
ously for twenty-four years a re-
search engineer with the West-
inghouse Electric and Manufac-
turing Company, died today at
his home, 155 Montclair Avenue,
at the age of 72.

Born in St. Petersburg (now
Leningrad), Russia, Professor
Mouromtseff studied military en-
gineering there, and later electri-
cal engineering in Darmstadt,
Germany. In World War I, while
a colonel in the Russian Army's
signal corps, he established the
first radio communication be-
tween St. Petersburg and Paris,
for which he received the Offi-
cer's Cross of the Legion of
Honor.

Coming to the United States in
1917 with the Russian Purchasing
Mission, he later made his home
here, and in 1923 joined Westing-
house. He was made assistant
manager of the company's elec-
tronics engineering department
in 1942 and gave valuable aid to
the development of radar for
government use.

Two daughters, Sana and Gail,
survive.