

SPONSORS SEE HUN LANGUAGE BILL QUASHED

Senate Gives Framers Chance to Make Good With Constituents.

BOWERS CHIEF SPEAKER

The Senate, after delaying action for more than a month in permitting the two Senators from Allen County to set themselves right with their constituents of German extraction by speeches on Germanism, finally have killed the bill which would have permitted the Hun language to be reintroduced into the schools of Indiana.

The bill is the one introduced by Senator William E. Bowers, New Haven, providing for the elimination of the clause from the present law which prohibits the teaching of the German language in the elementary and parochial schools.

It was introduced Jan. 21, and went to the Committee on Education. The committee failed for days to take any action and by their delay gave Senator Bowers an opportunity to call it out and place it before the Senate.

Then, by an agreement with Senator Bowers, a majority of the Republican members of the Senate voted to permit the bill to pass secondarily.

Under that the Senator might show his constituents that he was doing everything he could to carry out their desires. Finally, when the bill came up for third reading, all attempts to kill it were forestalled until the two Senators from Allen County, Senator Bowers and Senator Lee J. Hartzell, of Ft. Wayne, were given the opportunity to extol the German language and the German people.

Then the majority permitted the bill to be killed.

NEED NOT SUPPORTED.

When the bill was called down for third reading Senator James J. Neill of Indiana moved that it be made a special order of business for Thursday afternoon in order that "the birthday" of George Washington might not be desecrated by consideration of the bill.

Senator Neill's motion was carried. Senator Bowers was given the floor and he talked for half an hour, alluding to each member of the Senate for debate.

"You have all had an opportunity to discuss this measure pro and con," Senator Bowers began. "Your action today will be taken after deliberation and thought. I hold no brief for any man because of his opinion. I don't believe this is a political measure. I don't believe it will affect half a dozen votes either way."

"We had a war with Germany. It had been brewing many years. People left Germany and came to this country and they would be free from military domination. They did not come here to spread their culture, but to be free. They became citizens as many of you have sprung from them. They brought with them language."

CRAVENS MOVES ADJOURNMENT.

At this point Senator Joseph M. Cravens, Madison, introduced a motion to adjourn "in the honor of Washington and of patriotism and loyalty." The motion was defeated by a vote of the majority side.

"If my purpose were to induce and if I were attempting to foist on you something unpatriotic and if the people I am speaking for were not 100 per cent American I would not come before you today," Senator Bowers continued. "I did not foist this bill upon you. You have had time to consider it. The newspapers published it before it was introduced and they have opposed it every step of the way. If we had taken time to consider the education bill passed two years ago this bill would not need to have been introduced. It was introduced after a patriotic speech by Lieutenant Governor Bush and Senator Franklin McCray and passed under a suspension of rules. I voted for that bill with reservations."

"The Lord knows I hold no brief for the Kaiser. The first three Allen County boys who were shot in the war were Germans who spoke the German language."

Senator Bowers declared that important things like the German language are being taken out of the schools and that "kindergarten stuff" is being substituted. He declared that he had heard the American Legion is against the bill, but he expressed the opinion that the Legion is divided on the subject. As proof he read a statement from the publication of a post of the Legion favoring the bill.

WORKS FOR BILL AS APOLOGY.

"The statement is being made that this bill is German propaganda," Senator Bowers continued. "You know my status. I am not a German. The big taxpayers of this country are of German descent. The hell that is raised in this country is not raised by the people who speak the German language. I am not working for Germany. I am working for this bill as an apology to one of the best elements in this country."

"Does that apology apply to the disloyal as well as the loyal?" Senator Cravens demanded.

"The disloyal need no apology," Senator Bowers replied.

"They say the Allen County bunch is behind this bill," he continued. "I don't



BONNET AND COAT.

It is mutual admiration, one can see that, but the snowman has more to admire in the little mite done up so warmly in the dret of laine and ermine fur. Little ruckings in the quaint bonnet make a dainty frame for a baby face. The color is Chinese red with buttons of smoked pearl.

believe half a dozen votes will go either way as a result of this action on the bill. I wish to answer the assertion that this is German propaganda. Don't you think propaganda could be better circulated in English? The worst element in this country speaks English. Germany was not obliterated by the war. Only the Kaiser was obliterated. We are breaking our necks now to get their business.

"I am glad action on this bill was not put off until day after tomorrow because this is the birthday of one of the greatest Americans."

CITES HEAVY OF UNIVERSITIES.

Senator Bowers declared President Stone of Purdue University and President Bryan of Indiana University have declared the bill eliminating German from the schools should have been passed. He pointed out that only Indiana and Louisiana took such action. He said the American Legion is trying to make Indiana the mosty of states, but that he was in favor of making Massachusetts, where they have freedom, the model.

"Fifteen hundred Germans for every State in the Union are coming to this country," he continued. "I would prefer that Indiana's 1,500 be sent to Allen County, where the schools and churches would Americanize them."

"The people don't want to go back to Germany as a medium for teaching. The present law would be all right if immigration ceases, but you will never limit immigration from Germany."

At this point Senator Bowers was informed that his allotted time for debate had expired and Senator Hartzell was given the floor.

He declared there is scarcely a woman or man opposed to the bill who has studied it.

"If it is wrong to insult the colored man by preventing him to belong to the militia it is wrong to insult a white man," he said. "Ninety percent of the voters in Marion township, Allen County, are of German extraction and gave their last full measure of devotion. The first name on the Allen County memorial to men who died in the war is that of a German."

"One hundred and twenty days after the armistice was signed this Legislature enacted a law which was an insult to every person in whose veins runs a drop of German blood."

"Every State but Indiana has gone back to the teaching of German," Senator Hartzell then protested against the motion which had been introduced by Senator Cravens.

Senator Cravens immediately entered an objection.

"To what do you object?" Senator Hartzell asked.

CROWD MAKES DEMONSTRATION.

"I object to inferring that the only people who are loyal and true are Germans," was the reply.

The large crowd which had gathered to hear the debate made such a demonstration that the Lieutenant Governor threatened to clear the galleries.

When Senator Hartzell ceased speaking Senator Moorhead was given the floor. He said the education committee had been told by a representative of an Allen County church that the bill would permit the teaching of German in the parochial schools. He pointed out that the American Legion had approved the law at its State convention in Vincennes and that similar action was taken at the national convention in Cleveland.

He then introduced his motion to indefinitely postpone and it was immediately carried by a five vote vote.

After the vote was taken Senator Hartzell called for a division but the Lieutenant Governor informed him it was too late.

Society

Mrs. Warren T. McCray entertained the women of the Indiana Assembly Club with a delightful tea in the Spink Arms Hotel this afternoon. French baskets of spring flowers, combined with feathery ferns, were attractively arranged through the rooms. In the receiving line with Mrs. McCray were Mrs. E. Branch, Mrs. Ed Jackson, Mrs. C. S. Lesh and Mrs. Russell Beldgood of Lafayette.

Mrs. William H. Meyers, 2902 North Alabama street, will entertain the Mystic T Club tomorrow in honor of the seventeenth anniversary of the organization. Mrs. A. A. Wise is in charge of the program.

The Indiana Woman's Assembly Club will hold a business luncheon tomorrow noon in L. S. Ayres restaurant. Plans for the future of the organization will be discussed. Mrs. Russell Beldgood of Lafayette will preside. Friday afternoon the club will be entertained with a tea at the Woman's Press.

A Washington's birthday party was given by the Calendar Club this afternoon in the parlors of the Victor Memorial Church. Flags and festoons of ribbons in red, white and blue were used in the decorations and a patriotic program in charge of Mrs. Charles Nagle was presented.

Mrs. A. A. Banta, co-taunted as Martha Washington, and Mrs. O. M. Richardson, as George Washington, gave a little sketch, and various patriotic musical and dramatic numbers were given.

Mrs. and Mrs. T. C. Clapp, 2433 North Delaware street, will go to Westport Friday to pass a few days with Mrs. Mahala Rodgers.

Miss Mary Hawkins and Mrs. George Settles entertained yesterday with a luncheon in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Settles' mother, Mrs. Anna E. Leach. Baskets of red carnations and sweet peas, combined with Southern snail, were

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