

GERMAN-AMERICANS FINISH.

Alliance in Brooklyn Gives Up Organization for Country's Good.

The German-American Alliance of Brooklyn was formally disbanded last night, following a meeting of its Executive Committee and fifty delegates, representing a membership of about 12,000 in Brooklyn and vicinity. Henry Weismann, who was President of the State German-American Alliance and its subsidiary organization in Brooklyn, issued a statement, in which he said that the Legislature ordered the organization disbanded.

"The German-American Alliance here is a thing of the past," he said. "It has not been charged with disloyalty. The Legislature took the course it did as a precautionary measure, and we bear it no grudge, but accept the situation in the spirit of brotherhood and with the resolve to preserve our unity as a nation and our internal harmony at whatever cost. It is for the welfare of our community that this course be pursued, and experience of recent days dictates that it must be pursued.

"The public mind is in a state of tension as to things German, and easily aroused by those who think they render a service to the country by assailing those who, before the war sympathized with Germany. Recognizing this condition, which is inseparable from the passion aroused by the war and mindful of our duty to promote American unity and amity between and with our neighbors, we have decided not to continue the alliance and thus invite further misunderstanding.

"The alliance, ever since our country went into the war, has practically ceased all activities, and the patriotic work of our societies can be done effectively through the Liberty Loan and similar committees. No separate Liberty Loan or other war organization as German-Americans is advisable, no matter what the name."

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