

# TO STRIKE GERMANY FROM MAP OF U. S.

**N**OW is the time to put a quietus in America on German pride, sympathy, sentiment, and preferment, in the opinion of Representative J. M. C. Smith of Michigan. He has introduced in the House of Representatives a bill to change the names of municipalities, counties, townships, streets and highways from "Berlin" or "Germany" to "Liberty," "Victory," or some other patriotic designation.

"A blow at German sentiment is the purpose of the bill," Mr. Smith explained the other day. "When cities and streets were named 'Germany' and 'Berlin' it was with the view of expressing preference over any other names which might have been given them, or showing loyalty or devotion to the Fatherland."

The movement "to give expression to public sentiment and oppose Germany" is taking shape in the opposition to study of German in elementary and secondary schools, in the change from sauerkraut to "liberty cabbage," and in various branches of art. Mr. Smith's purpose has already taken definite form, for Portland, Ore., has changed the Teutonic names of several of its streets. Loyal Americans who possess forms of the German patronymic are striking them out, and similarly in the case of those who are becoming citizens.

A study of the Century atlas shows that there are twenty-eight places in the United States which have "German" or its variation as their name. There are thirty which are called "Berlin," or a term derived from it. The State of Ohio has nine comprising either appellation; Iowa, six; Pennsylvania, five, and Wisconsin, three.

Those with "German," or akin to it, are: German, New York, Ohio, West Virginia; German City, Iowa; Germania, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin; German Station, Pennsylvania; Germano, Ohio; Germanton, North Carolina; Germantown, Cal-

ifornia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin; German Valley, Illinois, Iowa, and New Jersey; Germanville, Iowa.

Those towns or villages with "Berlin": Berlin, Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin; Berlin Centre, Ohio; Berlin Cross Roads, Ohio; Berlin Heights, Ohio; Berlin Junction, Ohio; Berlin Mills, New Hampshire; Berlin Station, Connecticut; Berlinsville, Pennsylvania.

The bill of Representative Smith (H. R. 11,950) has been referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Its text is:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the names of all cities, villages, counties, townships, boroughs, and of all streets, highways, and avenues in the United States, its Territories or possessions, named Berlin or Germany, be changed from the name Berlin or Germany to the name of Liberty, Victory, or other patriotic designation.

Sec. 2. That the municipality where any of the above names occur shall forthwith upon the passage of this act take proper proceedings to make the changes above specified.

Sec. 3. That from and after the passage of this act all letters or mail matter addressed to any person residing in any municipality called Berlin or Germany shall be prohibited from transportation or delivery in the United States, its Territories or possessions.

Twelve towns in the United States are named "Bismarck." Those which honored the Iron Chancellor are: Bismarck, Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Texas, and West Virginia.

But there are no towns which have so honored Wilhelm, according to the atlas.