

NATIONAL GERMAN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1918.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, D. C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to the call of the chairman, at 2.30 o'clock p. m. in the room of the Committee on the Judiciary in the Capitol.

Present: Senators King (chairman), Wolcott, and Sterling.

Senator KING. The committee will be in order.

You may proceed, Mr. Ohlinger.

TESTIMONY OF MR. OHLINGER—Resumed and concluded.

Mr. OHLINGER. Before going further, I wish to make some corrections in the testimony. I have not gone through the transcript, but from the notices in the press it is possible that I was misunderstood.

In the testimony last Saturday, in translating the German word "Deutschtum," which is used repeatedly in the Official Bulletin of the Alliance, I used the word "Germanism." I have here a dictionary published in Berlin, Muret-Sanders Encyclopädisches Wörterbuch, and the equivalent of "Deutschtum" is given in this dictionary as "German nationality or patriotism". Possibly that would be a better translation of the word than my translation of Saturday.

Senator KING. Has not the word "Deutschtum" been used by the Pan-Germanic League of Germany, particularly in the propaganda in Austria, to mean more than that?

Mr. OHLINGER. It does mean more than that. It has acquired a greater meaning than that, and this larger meaning is the sum of German racial, national, political, and cultural aspirations. I think I can fairly say that is the present meaning of Deutschtum; but lest I go too far, I have brought this dictionary here, which is an authority, published in 1903, in which the word is translated "German nationality or patriotism". That word occurs repeatedly in the Official Bulletin of the National German-American Alliance and was the word used in the report of the speech of ex-Congressman Bartholdt which I read last Saturday.

Mr. E. L. SCHARF. Mr. Chairman, will you allow me to make an explanation—

Senator KING. No.

Mr. SCHARF. With regard to the word "Deutschtum"?

Senator KING. No; you may be heard later.

Mr. SCHARF. I just wanted to explain on that point about that word.