Anti-German Hysteria In Wisconsin

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Newspaper Article

"Banking House Changes", Wausau Record Herald, 1/19/1918



National German American Bank Becomes American National Bank of Wansan

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At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the National German American bank, held last evening, it was decided to change the name of the institution to The American Na-tional Bank of Wausau. The vote for the change was unanimous, all of the 2,614 votes cast being in the affirmative.

firmative. The matter was brought before the stockholders by Benj. Heinemann, president of the bank, who said: "Our next order of business will be the election of directors, but be-fore proceeding to that business, a resolution wil be offered to you af-fecting a change in the name of this bank. Before this resolution is of-fered, your President feels it his daty to say a few words on the subject." "We are unhappily at wat with

to say a few words on the subject. "We are unhappily at wat with Germany, a war which may last for years. This is much more unhappy from the fact that a great many jof our citizens either came from Ger-many or are of German descent, but as President Wilson has wisely said; "We are not warring against the Ger-mans, but against the German Dyna-ty and its Junkerdom, which is over-bearing and insulting and ar domi-hearing and insulting and ar domi-nearing party, on which account they are much hated by the German's in Germany, as well as by people an other countries."

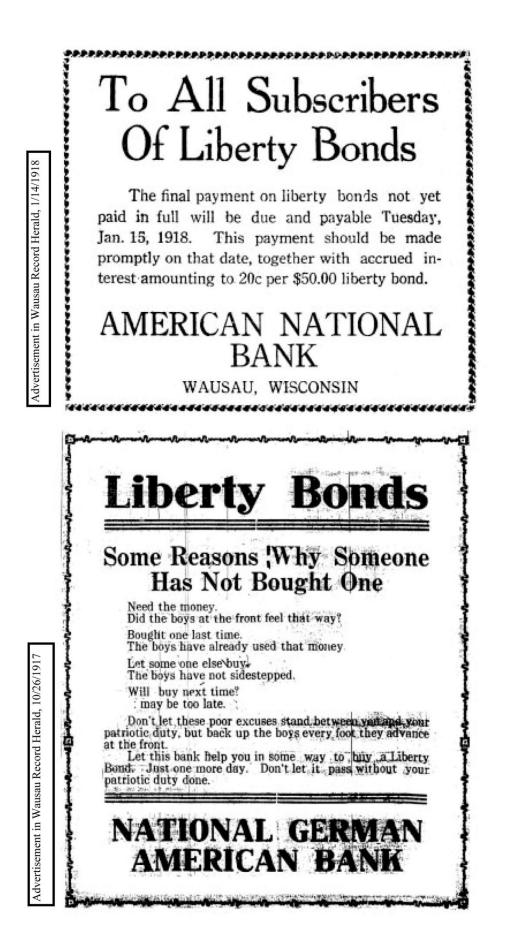
"I was born near Heidelberg and "I was born near Heidelberg and parents, always lived there. I emi-grated to America in 1869 at the age of ninetcen years. After an absence of forty-five years. I visited my did home in 1914. I was caught in the war and was in the city of Frankforr on the Main, when war was declared with Russia and France. and withit on the Main, when war was declared with Russia and France, and within a day or two every hotel sign, busi-ness sign or firm bearing, Russiary, French names were either obliterated or covered with some cloth or 'Inken down or demolished. "War was declared by Ronada against Germany a few days later and I remember of going to the station to zet_gallread accommoduling the station to zet_gallread accommoduling the station to zet_gallread need to America Ahotel. demanding the sign 'Entries hotel. demanding the sign 'Entries Hotel' be removed.

Hotel' be removed." "These acts were not only com-mitted in Germany, but in all other countries against the sheiny country. It is very creditable to this country that no such demonstrations 'have taken place here. 'In a Minerican ba-tion coming out of the incluing on of all neatons. Is by mature a very generous nation.





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