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LOYALTY TO U.S. AT ST. PAUL MEETING

Austro-Hungarians Are Admitted to Membership in Kriegerbund

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 1.—The Kriegerbund of North America today sanctioned admission to membership of former soldiers of the Austro-Hungarian army, after a heated and at times disorderly debate elected Henry Overman, Cincinnati, president, and adjourned with the tentative agreement that the next meeting would be held at Columbus, O.

All determined but outnumbered forces of insurgents fought the resolution to admit the Austro-Hungarians.

They insisted that whatever may be the feeling of the Germans now toward the Austro-Hungarians, things might change in the next few years. It was finally voted to admit the Austro-Hungarians who can read and write German.

WILSON AND NEUTRALITY

Franz Karling of St. Paul in a speech declared that whatever may be the outcome of the relations between the United States and Germany, those Germans living in this country would be with their adopted land to a man. He said that while President Wilson may think he is maintaining a neutral attitude, the Germans in this country reserve the right to decide that matter for themselves.

"Profound disgust" at the "monu-

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mental egoism" of Theodore Roosevelt in "attempting to represent neutral Americans" is expressed in resolutions adopted by the Federation of Associations of German Veterans and Former Military Men which met in conjunction with the Kriegerbund. He is dubbed the "loquacious expolitician of Oyster Bay" and "his insensate selfishness against the German people" is condemned.

Efforts against the traffic in arms from this country to the belligerents is made in the resolutions. The administration also is asked to hold to local accountability the pro-English press, which the resolution says is trying to arouse hatred among the citizens of this country.

Max Witteler, of Milwaukee, was elected president of the federation. The next meeting will be held in 1917 at Philadelphia.