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(Hungarian Loyalty League)

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### Hungarian-American.

Under the leadership of Alexander Konta, prominent Hungarians in the United States are organizing an "American Hungarian Loyalty league," the object of which is to give formal expression to their sympathy and devotion toward the ideals of the American republic. One of the organizers declares they have formed the organization because they deem it appropriate "to demonstrate to the world that America's faith in us—in not having classified our nationals as alien enemies—has not been misplaced."

Alexander Konta addressed the delegate meeting of Hungarians in Cleveland two weeks ago, emphasizing the identity of aspiration possessed by the native American and the Hungarian-American in the direction of human liberty. "The success of Austria-Hungary in this war," he declared, "would mean that Austria would be second fiddle to Germany—that Hungary would be a German vassal. It would mean goodbye forever to the dreams of Kossuth. It would mean the national degradation of Hungary."

So the Hungarian-Americans organize to give concrete expression to their loyalty to the land of their adoption. And in voicing their principles they touch unerringly upon the bond of sympathy that unites Hungarians and Americans—the love of liberty which animated Kossuth and his followers as it has animated American warriors and statesmen since the foundation of the republic.

There is room in this country for the children of every land, provided they bring to America the right point of view—provided they become Americans. This Hungarian loyalty league illustrates the point precisely. In their case "Hungarian" is descriptive merely of their origin and not of their present state of mind. In testifying to their complete devotion to America's cause in the war they not only do America a favor; no less, they do Hungary a favor.