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FARMERS ALL RIGHT

Dr. H. C. Alexander, president of
the State Farmers' Union, has issued
an interview in which he says that
he did not criticize the draft act,
that he did not say it was uncon-
stitutional to send American troops
to France and that he did not urge
young men to resist and therefore
place themselves in position to face
a charge of treason and the possi-
bility of death.

The doctor was rather slow about
correcting the alleged false reports
of his Salisbury speech, but the
public should be willing to give him
the benefit of any doubts. Any one
who had criticized such unpatriotic
utterances, this paper is glad to set
him straight.

About the same time Dr. Alexan-
der was denying the accusation, Dr.
Clarence Poe, editor of the Pro-
gressive Farmer, was coming out in
a strong and unequivocal endorse-
ment of the administration and
pleading for loyalty, at the same
time declaring that the farmers of
North Carolina are loyal. Dr. Poe
has taken a strong American posi-
tion from the start, and he has done
much to make the farmers realize
the justice of the American cause.

We have never doubted the loy-
alty of the farmers. We see
numbers of them every day and they
are as patriotic as any men who
live. Some of them may be fooled,
as some town men may be, but the
bulk of them is as sound as a dol-
lar.

Of finance most newspaper men
know little enough, but they do know
that if one spends all the time he
will be in a bad way sooner or lat-
er. This is the case with the warn-
ing nations. Those of the entente
group, including the United States,
have arranged to pay for their part
of the war by taxation as far as
possible, but the other group, of
which Germany is at the head, made
their calculations on the assumption
that the other crowd would be forced
to foot the bills. One can readily
see what the finances of the cen-
tral powers will come to if they do
not win the war. And they won't
win it.

The Canadians will establish an
aviation camp in Texas (and the
New England senators are expected
to protest because the Canadian cli-
mate is about like that of northern
France.

The News and Observer's Wash-
ington correspondent writes that
there is a belief in Washington that
Claude Kitchin will run for the sen-
ate against Chairman Simmons—and
he will get there too like "Brother
Bill."

According to the liberal newspa-
pers in Germany, the changes in the
ministry mean simply that the bur-
crats desire to strengthen their
hold.

A gentleman who has just return-
ed from New York said he saw
about 24 large ships tied up in the
river because they were unable to
obtain cargoes. These vessels were
the property of those neutral nations
which have been supplying Germany.

Catawba county people are taking
the draft in the same spirit as they
took the registration. Everybody
is philosophical and nobody is com-
plaining.

Nature has been good to this sec-
tion, and the best crops that ever
flourished are reported from every-
where. They will be needed.

"Conspiracy, Not A Strike"
Philadelphia Record.

Either through ignorance, or
anarchistic notions, or—as is con-
fidently affirmed by some—through
the procurement of German interests,
a large number of foreigners have
been moving from place to place in
the far west interfering with pro-
duction. They have stopped coal
cutting, and are now trying to stop
the canning of food. The canners'
league of California says the inter-
ruption of its business is "not a
strike" but a conspiracy. It calls
for energetic action by the govern-
ment, state and nation.

A Mischievous Peace Movement
Springfield Republican.

No doubt the organization calling
itself rather too ambitiously the
"people's council of America" means well
in its peace efforts advertised on
another page, but if the movement
had any weight it would do harm.
Its appeal is to people still living in
a world of catchwords, but three
years of war have in some measure
opened the eyes of most of us to
the realities that lie behind ab-
stract phrases. These pacifists
demand immediate general peace
based on the Russian formula, no
forcible annexations, no punitive in-
demnities, free development for all
nationalities. They have apparently
not the least notion that this is
what the war is about and that the
way is to get these things they de-
sire is to win the war.

Every movement of this kind,
great or small, is vigilantly observ-
ed and reported to the German gen-
eral staff, which would gladly sup-
ply the \$50,000 propaganda fund
for which the "people's council"
asks, or many times that sum for a
movement calculated to weaken the
force of America in the war, and
to increase by so much Germany's
hopes of "holding out," which
means not letting go of its booty.

The war aims of the allies are now
pretty well known, and are to be
reformulated soon to meet new con-
ditions, there has never been any
mystery. Meanwhile Germany stub-
bornly refuses to state its aims,
holds on to Belgium, and declines to
pledge itself to destore indemnity
it or to abandon the occupied French
territories. If the people's council
can induce the kaiser, Chancellor
Michaelis and Gen. Hindenburg to
adopt its excellent paper program
the movement for peace will make
rapid progress; peace propaganda in
countries already pacific only
strengthens the hands of the
war lords. Germany considers it-
self the victor and entitled to vic-
tor's terms; so long as that is the
case it will hold on to its plunder
while plotting for a German peace.

The one sure way to get a peace
which is not a disaster is by stand-
ing firmly together and getting on
with the war. The sooner the war
lords realize that this country is in
grim earnest the sooner will they
come round to the program which
the "people's council" desires. "You
must pay for peace" say its solici-
tous funders. More than that, you
must in Grants' phrase conquer a
peace. The obstacle to the sort
of peace desired lies not here but
in Berlin.

PARIS FOOD CONSUMPTION
By the Associated Press.
Paris, Aug. 7.—Paris apparently
is consuming more food products
and using more raw materials than
last year. The city tax upon all
such articles brought into the city
amounted to 3,600,000 francs more
during the first half of the year than
during the same period of 1916.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING IS-
SUANCE OF STREET IMPROVE-
MENT BONDS.

"Whereas, public safety and con-
venience require the permanent im-
provement of the roads, streets and
highways, including the sidewalks,
of the "City of Hickory;"

(a) That the city treasurer has
filed with the city manager, ex-
officio city clerk, a statement of the
debt of the "City of Hickory," pur-
suant to the "Municipal Finance Act
of 1917," and that said statement
is now in the office of the city man-
ager and is open to public inspec-
tion.

(b) That the average assessed
valuation of property subject to
taxation by the "City of Hickory"
for the years nineteen hundred
fourteen, nineteen hundred fifteen
and nineteen hundred sixteen is two
million, one hundred eighty-one thou-
sand, six hundred forty-two dollars
and sixty six and two thirds cents
(\$2,181,642.66 2-3), as is shown by
said statement.

(c) That the average assessed
valuation of property subject to
taxation by the "City of Hickory"
for the years nineteen hundred fif-
teen, nineteen hundred sixteen and
nineteen hundred seventeen is two
million, two hundred ninety-six
thousand, two hundred forty-nine
dollars and thirty-three and one-third
cents, (\$2,296,249.33 1-3), as is shown
by said statement, and that the years
nineteen hundred fifteen, nineteen
hundred sixteen and nineteen hundred
seventeen are the three fiscal years in
which taxes were last levied.

(d) That the amount of the net
debt of the "City of Hickory" out-
standing, authorized and to be autho-
rized (including all proposed bonds)
is two hundred two thousand, eight
hundred forty-three dollars (\$202,-
843.00), as is shown by said state-
ment.

"The street improvement bonds
of the maximum principal amount of
seventy thousand dollars, bearing a
maximum rate of interest of five per
centum per annum, be and are hereby
authorized to be issued by the "City of
Hickory," a municipal corporation in
Catawba county, State of North Car-
olina, entirely for the purpose of
paying that portion of the cost of
permanent improving, constructing
and reconstructing the surface of
the city's roads, streets, and high-
ways, including the contemporaneous
permanently improving, construct-
ing and reconstructing of sidewalks,
curbs, gutters and drains, that has
been and is to be assessed upon prop-
erties benefited.

"That the maximum period within
which the street improvement bonds
aforesaid shall mature is and shall
be twelve years, the probable period
at the end of which the last install-
ment of the assessment will have
been in arrears for two years.

"That special assessments upon
properties benefited and a tax suffi-
cient to pay the principal and inter-
est of the bonds aforesaid shall be
annually levied and collected.

"That this ordinance shall take ef-
fect upon its passage and shall not
be submitted to the voters.

The foregoing ordinance was pass-
ed on its first reading on the 17th
day of July, 1917, and was passed
on its second and final reading on
the 23rd day of July, 1917, and was
first published on the 24th day of
July, 1917.

Any action or proceeding question-
ing the validity of said ordinance
must be commenced within thirty
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