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WILL BUY BONDS YET

We have heard a good deal about
the loyalty of the American farmer,
in most places he has been slow to
subscribe to the Liberty Loan, but he
had his reasons. Probably he had
debts to pay or improvements to
make. He did not realize the invest-
ing worth of the bonds, and city folks
would not either if the proposition
were not facing them every time
they turned round. We believe the
farmer, with his bank roll on hand
this winter, will take a shot at the
next issue of bonds, and as the Char-
lotte Observer says, will be the re-
serve.

The Record realizes some of the
hardships and difficulties that have
confronted the farmers for many
years. Things that they had to
sell brought very little, and the prof-
its of forward-looking farmers were
small. Statistics prove this. It is
just in the last two years that the
farmer has been able to turn his
surplus into heavy profits, and we
are glad that luck has come his way.
The farmer has felt, let us bear in
mind, that the law of supply and de-
mand has stung him coming and go-
ing. In the face of need most farm-
ers have recoupled their efforts to
make big crops. In Catawba
county, as we happen to know, many
farmers have been driving their
plows late at night—making a des-
perate effort to save what they have
grown and sow for another big har-
vest. A glance at the country on
any public highway these days will
show how the farmers have worked;
the fields of wheat are proof. The
tremendous yields this season declare
the patriotism of the farmers—and
they have not had any strikes.
If the rest of us would do our bit
as well as the farmer has done his,
we would win the war in a hurry.

Capt. Edmund Jones and Represent-
ative Doughton are indulging in a
lively newspaper controversy over
the latter's support of the president
in the war. Mr. Doughton was a
sort of Yates Webb, but we have no
idea he was opposed to the forces
fighting for all free people.

Morris Hilquit, alleged Socialist
candidate for mayor of New York, is
worth \$500,000, lives in an apart-
ment that costs him \$2,000 a year,
drives a big touring car and is a
corporation lawyer. Once in a while
you find a fellow who can coin money
in politics.

The Record believes in law enforce-
ment and is opposed to mob violence,
but it cannot get around the fact that
rough treatment for a scamp every
now and then does a community good.
The trouble is that the mob goes too
far.

We never start a criticism with-
out recalling what Adison said many
years ago, that there is too much crit-
icism of public men by obscure
scribes. At the same time we have
our opinion of the allies for allow-
ing the Germans to crush the Itali-
ans.

Drafted men are said to desire to
get at the kaiser. Those boys who
have gone to training camps from
Hickory like the work, hard as it is,
and they are ready to show that they
have the goods. That is the Amer-
ican spirit.

The best soldiers in the world have
been known to break and run, and
cowardice cannot be imputed to the
Italians because a battalion of a few
divisions made for the tall.

The one best bet of the allies is
to rejuvenate Russia and then strike
across Rumania and cut off Bulgar-
ia and Turkey. Sarraill's army at Sa-
loniki could help in this operation.

At the same time, it must be re-
membered that the German victory
in Italy will butter no turnips in
the fatherland this winter.

If anybody thinks Tar Heels are
not loyal, let him start something.

There will be another issue of
bonds early next year, and every man,
woman and child who has not pur-
chased some of the last should be on.

In other words the Germans and
Austrians are "Forward with God"
against the Italians, because the kais-
er loves 'em.

Democracies can fight, but they
cannot see very far ahead. Belgium,
Serbia, Rumania and Italy are cases
in point.

INSANE MAN KILLS WIFE
AND TWO CHILDREN

Statesville Landmark.

In Alexander county Saturday af-
ternoon about 3 o'clock, Mr. Carl E.
White, a farmer 32 years old, killed
his wife and two small children. The
deed was the result of a violent at-
tack of insanity. Mr. White had
not been normal for some time but
only a day or two before the trag-
edy did his condition become alarm-
ing. Saturday members of his fam-
ily had been called to his home to
take some action with reference to
him.

Victims Brained With Gun

The killing occurred at the home
of Mr. White's father, ex-State Sen-
ator W. E. White, in Ellendale town-
ship, Alexander county, about two
miles from All Healing Springs and
eight miles from Taylorsville. The
mother and two little children were
struck with a gun, the skulls being
crushed. The brains of one of the
children exuded from the wound. The
insane father fired the gun once, but
none of the shot took effect on the
bodies of his victims. Both the chil-
dren were girls, one 17 months old
and the other five years. After he
had killed them the father placed their
bodies beside that of their mother, on
her arms. It was evidently his pur-
pose to kill other members of the
family, and he looked for his father
and mother, but they escaped. Mr.
and Mrs. White had five children. The
others are boys, the youngest younger
than the older of the girl victims.

After the tragedy Mr. White was
overpowered and taken to jail at
Taylorsville. It was necessary to
use force in taking him. He was
knocked down and slight injuries in-
flicted, but he was not seriously hurt.
An effort will be made to commit
him to the hospital for the insane in
Raleigh as soon as possible.

Buried in Watauga

Mrs. White was about 30 years
old. She was Miss Lola Watson, the
daughter of Mr. Tom Watson, a
well known citizen of Watauga coun-
ty, and her remains and those of her
children were taken to Watauga Sun-
day morning for interment near Vir-
gil. Her father was notified Satur-
day evening of the tragedy. He
came to Alexander and took the bod-
ies to Watauga, the transfer being
made on an automobile truck.

Origin of the Trouble

Mr. Carl White is 32 years old. He
lived near the home of his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. White. Mr.
L. O. White of Statesville, former su-
perintendent of Iredell schools, is a
brother and there are five other
brothers and two sisters living.

When a boy Mr. White suffered
a severe fright which affected him
deeply and for a year he wouldn't
go into a certain room in his father's
home. While the incident re-
mained on his mind in his youth, it
seemed to pass with mature years
and there was no thought of im-
pairment of his mental condition.
Later the trouble came back in a mild
form but it affected him so little that
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was melancholy, went about little
and became excessively religious.
Thinking a change of environment
would help, his brother, Mr. Albert
White, who is in the banking busi-
ness at Stony Point, took him to Stony
Point to work. He made a good
worker and there was nothing notice-
ably wrong about him. At the end
of three weeks he went home, re-
fused to return to Stony Point and
his mental condition grew worse.
About a week ago his condition be-
came such as to cause uneasiness. Last
Thursday night he was up a part of
the night; said he couldn't sleep. Fri-
day night he was worse, was up all
night, prayed and wanted to talk on
the Scriptures all the time. Saturday
morning his father phoned for Messrs
L. O. and Arthur White to come
home, as something would have to
be done with Carl. Saturday fore-
noon the insane man had his wife
and children put on clean clothes
and go with his father and mother
to the home of his brother. Mr.
Parks White, in the same neighbor-
hood, for dinner. After dinner
Carl, Parks and their father and
mother, Mrs. Carl White and her chil-
dren went to the home of Mr. W.
F. White. Mr. White talked to
Carl, told him to quit his imagin-
ation and go to work and he would
be all right.

CAPTURED STILL

Deputy Collector P. P. Jones and
Posseman C. A. Moser raided a
blockade still in the famous Brittain
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southwest of Hickory, and after a
long search, found everything the
distillers had hidden in the weeds and
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Hickory this year, the actors appar-
ently depending on their physical
charm to delight the audience. The
show was common and does not de-
serve patronage. If the company
will give clean performances, its
presence in Hickory could be justified
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