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## MR. GREEN QUITS THE FARMERS' UNION

Because of the Repugnant Activities of Pres. Alexander, Mr. Green Resigns a Position to Which he Was Unanimously Chosen at the Last Meeting of the State Union.

To the Executive Committee N. C. Farmers Union:

At the last annual meeting of the State Union at Winston-Salem I accepted a unanimous re-election as orator-lecturer for the ninth time with minglings and only on the hope that the universal condemnation by the press of North Carolina of the States president's disloyal attitude in the greatest of all world struggles for human freedom, would at least make it undesirable on his part to receive further odious publicity and that sufficient amount of official silence would prevail to make it possible to proceed with the legitimate constructive work of the organization of its loyal members who are keeping their local unions alive and active in community co-operation under their own initiative and independent of the political activities of individual State officials, who have built for themselves a political program over which they became exceedingly enthusiastic and over which the bulk of the remaining membership are profoundly and admirably indifferent.

When I entered into the Farmers Union work in 1908 my greatest fear was that activities of those who were by nature more interested in political questions than in constructive co-operative efforts might ultimately have the effect of hastening a premature disintegration of the organization. My efforts from the beginning have been concentrated along constructive lines under the predominant idea of perpetuating the organization, making the local unions vital and active agencies, under strong and efficient community leaders, such as would make them strong and potent factors for the promotion of better farming and better living in the country. There are a few local unions of this kind existing now in this State, but they exist only under and in close community fellowship, which, in most instances, is active under its own initiative and independent of any counsel, political or otherwise, from State officials. The evolution in which the principle of self-government has become a strong element exemplified the need of organizing the Farmers Union on a basis of community co-operation.

The most expensive mistakes have been those that came through efforts to build structures from the top downward—efforts that were too often very much misdirected and with pronounced political "problem" of a general nature.

In view of the recent renewed repugnant activities of the State President and his part of the "advisory council," in which a hostile attitude is maintained against the Government's plan of financing the war by the sale of bonds, having assumed to themselves the privilege of repudiating the action of the State Union in its substantial endorsement of the Government's plan by instructing that ten thousand dollars of the State Union's funds be invested in Liberty Bonds, thus inviting more odious publicity through the press I would not be frank with you or true to my own conscience if I should not declare to you that it is not humanly possible for me to conscientiously ask any man to become a member of the Farmers Union under its present treacherously repugnant State leadership.

At the recent State meeting of the Farmers Union I recall a dramatic performance when a member read some socialistic literature then referred with approval to that party as an organization known as the non-republican league, which has been leading men to political office in the Middle West, and was suggesting that the time had arrived for us to throw our hats into the political ring, when he was called down by a gray-haired veteran leader, from one of the western counties and was finally ruled "out of order" by the presiding officer. It is a rather natural incident that the gentleman who wanted to "throw

his hat into the ring" is now nominally managing editor of that defensive personal organ of the president, known as the "Farmers Union Bulletin," which seems to be more or less under the eyes of the secret service men as possibly an undesirable publication to be transmitted through the mails.

But by far the saddest tragedy that resulted from the political caucusing at the Winston-Salem meeting was the sacrificing of Dr. Clarence Poe, of the Progressive Farmer, by presenting his re-election as a member of the executive committee, by a margin of a few votes—a place which Dr. Poe had never sought, but a position in which he had rendered more valuable services to the Farmers Union than all other officials in it. That such a thing could have happened in a Farmers Union convention in North Carolina seems strange and almost unthinkable to the membership, but it was no surprise to those who were acquainted with the political methods that were at work.

In tendering this resignation as State organizer-lecturer may I venture the suggestion as a temporary measure to make a martyr of an official who seeks re-election by holding out the idea that an attack upon him is equivalent to an attack upon the Farmers Union, may serve an immediate purpose, as it will do, but in the long run the dissemination of intelligence by rural mail delivery, the effects of that sort of campaigning can not be very far-reaching.

This severing of my official connection does not imply that I have any personal grievance whatever, or that I have in any way lost faith in the ultimate possibilities of rural organization directed along practical lines, or that my services, as far as practical, will not be available to communities interested in the rural organization. There has probably never been a more opportune time to begin to organize in the local organization and under a plan that will make the structure stronger at its foundation, as it should be.

J. Z. GREEN, March 30th, 1918.

Australian Farmers May Put Cattle on Wheat Land.

Recently there has been considerable discussion through the press and at public meetings in Australia as to the advisability of producing more beef cattle and sewing, and growing wheat, according to a report by the Department of Agriculture.

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What are you willing to do to save them?  
The murderer and the outrager are striking down your neighbor's family and starting for your loved ones. The soldier stands in and offers his life to save them.  
What are you willing to do to save them?  
On April 6th the nation will ask for an expression of your patriotism. That day you will want to know what you are willing to do. Behind the soldier as he goes "over the top," it will ask you on that first anniversary of our war, how many Liberty Bonds, the best security on earth, you will buy. Do not wait for a long drawn out campaign, but be ready on the opening day to stand in line, if necessary, to enter your subscription. — Manufacturers

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Only a slacker could stand idly by the sidewalk and criticize as the army of workers marches by.

## THE UNITED STATES TO PUT MORE THAN MILLION AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE BY JULY 1ST, 1918

Government to Take Strong Measures to Put Over More Than 1,000,000 American Soldiers at Once In spite of Hun Submarine.

If it be physically possible to provide the facilities for transportation the United States will put more than 1,000,000 in France by the first of July, and there are reasons today for believing that the Government will mobilize the necessary shipping.

The order has gone forth from the President himself to concentrate all the energies of the nation upon the movement of men to the battle line, and while it is still necessary to maintain the flow of foodstuffs and war materials to France, these shipments for the next few months will be subordinated to the troop movement.

President Wilson's decision to speed up the dispatch of men to France is the immediate result of the German offensive and incidentally, the agreement of the Allied Governments to place General Foch in command of all the forces in the field. The President feels that the hour has come for the supreme effort, that General Foch's military genius must be given full scope, and that every available man in the United States, France and England should be put into the field at the earliest possible moment.

National Guard to Go First.  
In line with this decision the United States expects to draw from every training camp in the country. The National Guard divisions will probably be moved to embarkation points first, being somewhat better trained and equipped. They will be followed, however, by the National Army, as units as they are assembled.

At the same time fresh levies of draft troops will be put into training. A new unit will be organized in every National Army Cantonment as soon as a trained unit is withdrawn for foreign service. This will result in calling to the colors in the immediate future tens of thousands more men than were anticipated a few weeks ago. The draft machinery is even now in motion to that end, and brigades may be sent over as rapidly as they are sent over as rapidly as they are sent over.

Another element in the situation which has been considered by the Government is the fact that Great Britain has herself suffered severe losses in men and France will likewise make great sacrifices once the whole French Army is in operation. The German losses, it is assumed, are really in excess of those of the Allies.

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## MOUTHING GERMAN DIES AT HANDS OF MOB.

Spoke Disrespectfully of President Wilson and Mob Gets Him. Officers Overpowered and After Three Minutes Prager in German He is Swung Up to a Limb.

A dispatch sent out from Collinsville, Ill., under date of April 6th, says:

Knelling with his arms crossed Robert P. Prager, who was lynched by a mob last night at midnight for alleged disloyal utterances, prayed in German for three minutes before he was strung up. It was learned today that Prager was a coal miner and yesterday at Maryville, Ill., in an address to the miners on Socialism, he said to have made remarks derogatory to President Wilson. Miners there became angry and when they threatened to do him bodily harm he escaped to Collinsville. His home in Collinsville, however, followed him, collected a crowd, took Prager from his home and led him barefoot through the street waving an American flag.

The police, fearing violence, took Prager from the crowd and placed him in the city hall. Later a large mob gathered in front of the hall and demanded the man. Mayor J. H. Siegel, counselled calmness, but the police force of four was overpowered, and Prager was found in the basement of the hall hiding beneath a pile of lingo. He was dragged down the street and beyond the city limits the crowd threatening to shoot if the officers approached.

One mile west of the city the rope by which Prager had been led was thrown over a limb of a tree. He was asked if he had anything to say. His answer was to drop to his knees and with arms crossed to pray in German for three minutes. Without another word he was pulled into the air ten feet and allowed to hang. The mob then dispersed.

The police said that Prager while in their custody had stated he was a registered enemy alien, that he was born in Germany, but that he had taken out his first naturalization papers and hoped to become an American citizen.

Collinsville is twelve miles east of St. Louis and is in that section of southwestern Illinois that of late has been active against disloyalty.

## THE FARMERS ARE NOT SLACKERS

Writes a Farmer to State Headquarters Who Says Farmers Must be Informed. They Will Do Their Part.

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 9.—"Don't put me in the class of farmers who say they want the war to last fifteen years longer so that they can make money," writes a farmer to State Headquarters. He says:

"I'm a farmer and it is true that farmers have made money since the war began, but it is not true that all farmers want to make money at the terrible price of life and blood shed that this war is now costing the United States. Some folks accuse the farmers of being overcome with prosperity and that they are letting down and selfishly enjoying their money. Others say that they are ignorant and don't know what is going on over the seas. Others say they are un-patriotic."

In answer to the charge of farmers being unpatriotic, I want to say—and I think I can speak for a large number of farmers—that we are as patriotic as any class of citizens in the United States. In every war—from the French and Indian down through the Civil War—the farmers have in the end borne their part of the brunt. However, I'm not going to dispute the charge that up to the present the farmers perhaps have not done their part toward winning the present war. And I admit that this delay is costing us the blood of our boys—the blood of heroes. But the delay of us farmers is not due to our lack of patriotism. It is due to our lack of appreciation of what is required of us. Not all farmers read the daily papers, nor do we get together and talk war as you city people do. Neither do we have the thrilling speeches of politicians who have been "Over There" and straight talk that you hear.

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## OFFICIAL NEWS OF WAR ACTIVITIES

Means of Interest Pertaining to the War and Training Camps Published Weekly in This Paper.

Ordnance Department Provides Standard Cars for Field Use.

Among the standard motor vehicles now being provided by the Ordnance Department are the following:

The 15-ton artillery tractor and the 120-horsepower artillery tractor will be supplied in limited numbers. They are of the track-laying type similar to those used by the French and British Governments and are for heavy loads which are not subdivided for transportation.

Other standard motor equipment consists of the rest and fire-control truck with a four-wheel drive truck chassis and rear wheels replaced by caterpillar tracks of accommodation, and a 1-ton truck capable of a speed of from 30 to 40 miles an hour; the light repair truck, weighing about 2,400 pounds; the 1 1/2-ton trailer for anti-aircraft guns; the 3-inch field gun trailer, which is utilized for hauling ammunition, as well as the 3-inch mortar.

Tanks and other armored land vehicles are designed, procured, and maintained by the Ordnance Department.

There has been a constant effort to keep the variety of vehicles and parts to a minimum. Only one size of tire is used on all the heavier trucks and trailers, this size also being used on similar vehicles by the Quartermaster Corps, Signal Corps, and Engineers. The same magnet is used on all types of ordnance vehicles. All types of ordnance truck bodies are interchangeable on all trucks.



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