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### MICHAELIS THE MILITARIST.

Just as we expected the turmoil in Germany is not a democratic ferment. It is really the tightening of the grip of the military party (the junkers) on the government. The Kaiser dismissed Bethmann Hollweg "with a heavy heart." No doubt. Hollweg was very satisfactory to the Kaiser. Now he has forced onto him a new man who will show the world junkerism in the extreme, militarism more rampant than the terrorism and submarining of Hollweg. The Kaiser occupies a position of extreme isolation. It is a question if he is the supreme ruler we imagine him to be, or the tool of the military party which directs the policies of the empire. Perhaps if the truth were known the Crown Prince and von Hindenburg are today the real rulers of Germany; they nod and the Kaiser acts. So perhaps the war on the Kaiser is rather too inclusive a term; maybe we ought to wage war on the military party, too, and on the Crown Prince and on von Hindenburg, and upon all those who cheerfully and willingly follow where the militarists lead. We fancy we understand the temper of the German people when we say that up to date the people of Germany approve of the acts of the Kaiser, approve of the sinking of the Lusitania, and of the unlimited submarining. While there has been a slight political upheaval we can detect no signs that the German people are dissatisfied with their rulers or with the conduct or objects of the war. This is what makes so difficult the slogan of this war, a war for democracy. It is difficult to enforce on a people a kind of government that they do not want. To our mind the German people have little idea of their plight; they are living on the information fed to them by the military class; they are accustomed to obedience and to discipline; to them the Kaiser really rules by divine right. How can a people accustomed to such thoughts and mentally schooled to unquestioning obedience receive and respond to the democratic impulse? Before Germany awakes, the love of liberty must arise in the hearts of the people. We can detect no signs in Germany of the ferment which produced the American or the French Revolutions.

### WHERE ARE THE BOOKS FOR THE SOLDIERS?

Please do not forget those books for the soldiers that you intended to take to the public library. Several people have made generous gifts, but La Grande will not make a very good showing until more come in. The librarian will forward all suitable books to headquarters when enough

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### The Evergreen Highway.

Portland, Ore., July 20.—(United Press)—The plans of the Evergreen Highway association were laid before the Portland Chamber of Commerce here today. A. J. Elrod, of Pasco, Wash., is a leading spirit in the organization of the association.

Backers of the Evergreen Highway association propose to open up a paved highway along the Washington side of the Columbia river to Pasco, thence along the Snake river to Lewiston, south across Idaho to Boise, then to Salt Lake City and on through Utah and Nevada to Southern California.

Representatives of the association will leave Portland for a trip south through towns on the route of the proposed highway.

A pass has been found of comparatively easy grades over the mountains between Boise and Lewiston, which can be traveled the year around, said members of the highway organization here today. The Columbia river highway will be a link in the proposed circuit, providing for crossing the river at Maryhill to the Washington side.

### Deposits Increase.

Salem, Or., July 20.—(Special)—Since a year ago, deposits in all the banks of the state have increased \$39,834,485.62, according to a statement issued today by Superintendent of Banks Sargent, to the close of business on June 20.

### Moros May Enlist.

Manila, July 20.—(Special)—Plans are under way for the formation of a full regiment of Moros, in the hope that eventually it will be attached to the American expeditionary force in France.

### To Speak at North Powder and Haines

Rev. Francis X. Miller, superior of the Redemptorist Missionaries of Portland, will speak at North Powder and Haines August 8.

are collected for shipment.

This work is being done in every state, under the direction of the library commissions, in cooperation with the Y. M. C. A. and other organizations. The books being collected now will probably be used in the various concentration camps. Later, it is the intention to organize large libraries for use of the men sent abroad. A moment's thought will convince anyone that special provision must be made for the thousands of men gathered in one place, in the big camps. The men themselves will not be in a position to buy and carry about any amount of books or magazines. Local libraries are not equipped to supply the extra books needed. In many places, as for instance, here in La Grande, the public library will not be conveniently near the camps.

There have been several offers of old magazines for this purpose. These will undoubtedly be called for later, but in the present state of organization, plans have not been made for caring for periodical literature. What is wanted is books; interesting and popular works, technical, scientific, historical or descriptive, or fiction. Do your bit.

E. W. Howe is quoted in the Remarkable Remark column of the current number of the New York Independent as saying: "I regard John D. Rockefeller as greater than Swinburne." We agree. John D.'s poetry jingles more musically to our ears, when we hear it.

The President pardoned the sixteen women picketers. It remains to be seen whether they will now have the decency to behave.

### WHY--

The Business Man and  
 The Banker should encourage and  
 The Farmer should practice  
**Diversified Farming**

(By Kenneth Gilbert. These articles are reprinted from the "Business Chronicle" of Seattle, Wash., by permission of the publisher. They appeared in serial form in that publication, Feb. 24 to April 21, 1917. A copy may be had by addressing the Union Pacific System.)

### The Farmer Who Does Not Grow Corn Is Not Up-to-Date and Is Probably a Failure.

As regards the average farmer's contention that the nights are too cold for corn growing, it is only necessary for the farmer to secure a hardy, early maturing variety of corn. Practical experience has demonstrated that in a few years, by proper seed selection, this variety adapts itself to the cool nights to such a degree that the corn matures perfectly.

With our fertile soil and long season between frosts, as compared with some of the norther and New England States, it is entirely practicable to produce a larger yield per acre of better corn than they are able to produce after an expenditure of \$3 to \$10 per acre for commercial fertilizer. Thus, while obstacles to corn growing exist here, they are much easier to overcome than difficulties encountered in other localities where corn has proved to be the most profitable of crops.

Thirty years ago it was declared that corn could not be grown in Minnesota. The objectors declared that Minnesota was too far north, its growing season was too short, and the early maturing varieties of corn too small, for Minnesota farmers to compete with such states as Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas, where corn grows naturally. And yet, in 1912, Minnesota had an 80,000,000-bushel corn crop, which proved to be much more profitable to the growers than their 45,000,000-bushel wheat crop.

There seems no reason why the history of corn growing in Minnesota should not repeat itself in Washington, or other states of Pacific Northwest.

The next time you meet a farmer who complains that he is making no headway, ask him if he ever tried growing corn. If he replies, "No," you need look no further for the reason of his failure as a modern agriculturist.

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