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RUSSIA AND ITALY.

The Russian collapse and the Italian reverses are bad for the allies. These defeats come just at a time when the British and French were driving ahead at full speed. They are the fortunes of war. No war was ever fought and won in which everything went smoothly, in which every battle was a victory.

Premier Kerensky is withdrawing from the war because he has to. The socialistic and anarchistic sentiment in Russia is strongly opposed to war. Kerensky is probably adopting the wise course, withdrawing from the war for the Winter when campaigning is not feasible, and hoping to restore civil order and discipline in the army so that campaigning may be resumed in the Spring when the United States will be on the firing line with France and Great Britain.

The small boy is beginning to dream of Santa Claus.

One woman in North Powder refused to sign the food pledge, which no doubt pleases her very much. No doubt she is always in such a hopeless minority.

The Observer's tobacco fund is growing. Now is the time to send the boys at the front a Christmas present. The Christmas tobacco will be shipped from New York about the 15th of this month.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON



The Rejected.

It gives my soul a wrench, that I can't join the boys, and excavate a trench, and make a warlike noise. I stick to my abode and do my daily grind, because I'm pigeon toed, knock-kneed and color blind.

back and lumpy jaws. I see the boys go by, with buoyant step and free, and shed a weary sigh—the march is not for me. I may not hear the drums, or join the gallant charge, because I've shriveled gums, because my waistline's large. Ah, well, a gent can do his little stunt at home, if he can't pot a few beyond the raging foam. By humping all the day, and buckling down like wax, methinks that I can pay each added wartime tax. By helping liquidate our Uncle's grievous bills, I'll keep my record straight, though shy of martial thrills. I'll pay up like a guy who wants to do his share; so when the boys go by, I'll get no stony stare. I cannot pack a gun, or wield a snickersnee, because I weigh a ton, and have the housemaid's knee; I'm troubled with the gout and falling of the hair, but that won't let me out—I still can do my share.

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SALE STARTS TODAY

Make your selection now while the line is complete—60 Suits to select from.

La Grande today is honored by being the host to the Vice-President of the United States and we give a cordial welcome to our distinguished visitor.

Seattle is making a great to-do over the question as to whether or not the city is infested with vice. Major General Greene says it is and Mayor Hi Hill says it is not. The best thing for Seattle to do is to follow the Major General's orders and clean up. Seattle's reputation for many years has been that of a wide-open town.

START BOOM FOR WALTER PIERCE.

While candidates for Governor are being discussed by both sides, and available Gubernatorial and Senatorial timber is being sought, we rise to suggest that the Democrats would make no mistake should they select Senator Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, for either place. Senator Pierce is one of the best known men in the state, a farmer and stockgrower, who knows the needs of Oregon from one end to the other, and has always been in movements which concern the public welfare. The Capital Journal believes that a state ticket headed by the name of Walter M. Pierce would command universal respect and receive very strong indorsement at the hands of the voters at the polls.—Salem Capital Journal.

Must Sleep.

It was nearly noon when the irate traveling man found the night clerk of the little hotel in a North Carolina town. "I told you to call me for the 7 o'clock train. Now I have to lose 24 hours' time. Why didn't you call me?" "I couldn't very well," explained the clerk cheerfully, "I just got up myself."

Read the ads for INFORMATION ABOUT COMMODITIES.

To hoard money, to be afraid to buy what you need, is to go on the plan that you live apart from the world, and are not subject to common conditions. If you want prosperity here on a great scale, do your bit. Buy what you need.

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A Religious Bill. Mr. Tucker had unexpectedly come face to face with Mr. Cutting, from whom he had frequently borrowed money. "Er—aw—what was the denomination of the bill you loaned me?" he asked nervously. "Episcopalian, I guess," said Mr. Cutting. "At any rate, it keeps Lent very well."—New York American.

Cottage Grove—The Brown Lumber company's mill here may be rebuilt soon.

COME THROUGH

The Woman Who Pays



by check instead of in currency escapes a lot of worry about money matters. She has an accurate record of where her money goes and a receipt for every penny she has paid out. Besides it's so much safer to have the cash in the bank than in the home. Our special department for women will be glad to give information.

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