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RUSSIAN EMPEROR IS THE GREATEST SALGON PROPRIETOR IN THE WORLD

All the Liquor Shops in the Czar's Vast Domain Now Are flings it into the street. The bottle con-

nillions of roubles a year and that at the same time the poverty and wretchedness of peasant and workman have increased to an awful extent. He quoted figures to prove that for the nine years preceding the institution of state grog shops the quantity of alcohol consumed in Russia remained stationary despite a continuous increase in the population. M. Tchelyseff maintains that this drink question is the most vital one that confronts Russia. And seen those whom temperance "leaves that the has brought to light."

even those whom temperance "leaves calm" admit that he has brought to light terrible condition of affairs which, if not remedied, must involve Russia in

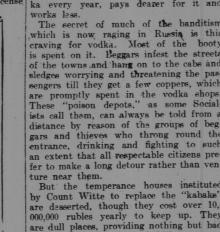
Things have been growing from bad to worse ever since the year 1893, when Alexander III., the "Hero-Czar." as Reactionaries call him, was on the throne. He and his ministers saw that the contents

and his ministers saw that the contents of the Treasury were dwindling in an alarming manner. Oppression, war and mismanagement had reduced his empire, so rich in resources, to a state verging on bankruptey. He appealed to his Minister of Finance, Count, then plain M. Witte, for some way out of the difficulty.

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"The amount of drunkenness in the empire is appalling," he said. "Everybody who keeps a kabak (grog shop) adulterates the vodka and by making it cheap induces the peasant to drink too much of it.

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ONE OF THE CZAR'S VODKA SHOPS. Its Position Is Shown in the Photograph by a Cross. The Shutters Have Been Closed for Fear of a Socialistic Attack. The Two Itinerant Knife Grinders on the Adjoining Doorstep Are Customers Who Have Seated Themselves There to Enjoy Their Drinks.

monopoly of the sale into your own hands. The Treasury will have enormous profits and the public pure vodka."

The "Hero-Czar" was enchanted with the proposal. Witte dilated on the horrors of drunkenness to all who cared to listen and cried that the kabaks must be closed. The kabak was a Russian institution which the future generation can scarcely expect to see. It was always in the largest cottage of the village and the keeper of the grog shop usually was a money lender as well. He rented his kabak from the Lord of the Manor and got his vodak from the manorial distillery. He wore a long dirty coat, white stockings, low shoes and a flowing beard. He was a musical man and his children played on different instruments for the delectation of the customers. His exected ally was the village pop (orthor priest), who is the lottle with a deftness born of long to the who could devise some method the public pure vodka."

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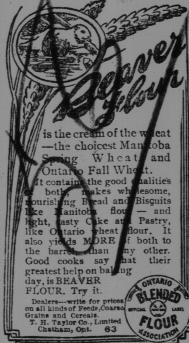
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With her sister, the Dowager F press of Russia, the Queen has be among the most regular inquirers as to the health of the premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and one day she made a personal visit to Dowing street and received the doctor's report at first hand. The premier was naturally much gratified at this mark of royal sympathy.

On St. Patrick's Day the Queen, the Empress Marie, and Princess Victoria paid a visit to the Union Jack Club, founded by public subscription a couple of years ago for soldiers and sailors. The visitors were conducted all over the building, and there were shown to them the small sealed noggins in which whisky is sold to the members. The rule of the club is that a seal must be broken in the purchaser's presence as a guarantee of the quality of the whisky.

"Oh, what a good idea!" exclaimed the Queen. "I must buy one of them."

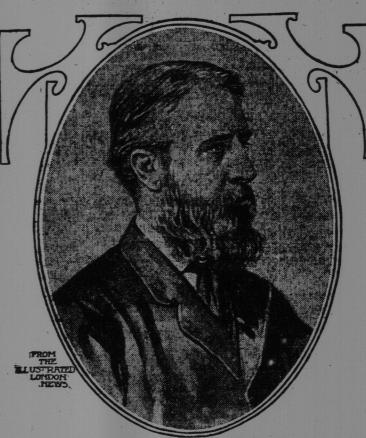
Her Majesty was asked to accept a noggin, but insisted on paying her tup-pence, exactly like an ordinary club member. The Empress and Princess Victoria entered into the spirit of the thing, and a noggin was purchased by each of the three, the Queen choosing Irish whisky and her companions laughingly proclaiming their preference for Scotch.

Under the excise law governing clubs liquor can be sold only to members, and as the royal visitors were not strictly members of the Union lack Club they are particlpes crimines.

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DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE DEAD



There's a b g difference in the police force now to what it was, in the early days," remarked the aged man, reminiscently, "And—sh-h! whisper-you may not believe it, but it's better now than it was then."

Double Tracking Intercolonial.

Moneton, March 28—The work of deuble tracking the I. C. R. between Moneton and Painsec Junction is to be resumed about April I. Reil Medansus, of Memrancook, now has charge of the work.

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UNCLE SAM WANTS

Washington, March 78—Minister Russell has made a brief cable report about the Tacoma mail incident to the state department, the despatch having been taken by the Tacoma from La Guarira to Curacoa, the cable station. The substance of Mr. Russell's despatch as made public by Secretary Root was that three mail bags containing mail for the officers and men of the Tacoma, were tampered with in the La Guarira post-office and that the seals on these mail bags were broken. The explanation made by the Castro government was that this was done inadvertently.

Until full advices are received by mail from Minister Russell, no action will be taken by this government regarding the integration on the Charlottetown-Pict u route.

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powers of the world would not be able to put an equal squadron on the sea.

ONTARIO NAVIGATION COMPANIES MERGE

Hamilton, Ont., March 25—The rumored merger of several local navigation com-