

Ever since the European war began reports have come from Russia of legal restriction of the use of alcoholic beverages on an unprecedented scale.

Closing of vodka shops in places where thousands of men were assembling seemed probable in the interest of military discipline and public order.

Seven years ago Mr. Tchelisheff, then a Samara alderman, induced the city council to offer the imperial treasury a sum equal to the local profits of the vodka monopoly on the condition that the sale be stopped in that city.

Then came the war. With it came memory of the drink disorders of the mobilization of 1904, and the vodka shops were closed as a military measure for a month.

The restriction does not apply to malt liquors and wines, but only to distilled spirits. It is not a prohibition of all alcoholics but only of the stronger sorts, usually regarded as the more injurious.

QUEER TRADES FOR WOMEN.

Coal-Miners, Engineers and Boiler-makers in Britain.

The enterprise of the modern woman is strikingly illustrated by the facts and figures contained in the tenth volume of the British Census for 1911, which has just been issued after three years' preparation.

Le will probably surprise many people to learn that 3,185 women are employed in the coal-mining industry, 2,963 in the building trade, 1,710 on the railways, and 7,284 in the engineering, machine-making, ironfoundry and boiler-making trades.

The census reveals some interesting facts about the curious occupations of women. It appears that there are three grocers, one coachman, one coal heaver, one woman over sixty-five, one millwright, one slaughterer, sixty-five electricians, 394 gusshims, four swordmakers, three sandwichmen, three shipwrights, five tramway makers, and nine saw pilots.

Young Folks

The Fox and the Rooster.

Once upon a time a fox was hanging around a barnyard planning to catch one of the fowls to take home for his dinner.

"All right, air," said the rooster. "That pleases me; but you can visit where you are. Don't come nearer."

"Your suspicions hurt me," said the sly old fox. "However, never mind; I only wanted to ask you how many tricks you can do."

"That's nothing," bragged the rooster; "I can do that." And so the rooster crowed as loud as he could and flapped his wings.

"Very nice," said the fox, "but you didn't shut both eyes. I didn't think you could do the trick as well as my grandfather could."

"But I can," said Mr. Rooster, forgetting to be cautious. So he closed both eyes and crowed—and the clever fox leaped forward and grabbed Mr. Rooster by the neck.

"Mr. Fox," said the rooster, "my wife can run very fast, and if you don't want her to catch up with us and peck you I advise you to call back 'This rooster is not yours. He is mine.'"

The fox did not want to be pecked, and it was hard work running with the big rooster, so he opened his mouth to shout back to the hen that the rooster was his, when he let go his grip on the rooster's neck.

Ragged Rogers—I haven't had a bite for nearly a week, mum. Sympathetic Lady—You poor man! Have patience—a few weeks longer and you'll get frost-bitten.

FROM IRELAND TO BELGIUM.

Lieut.-General Macready Preserved Peace in Ulster.

Six months ago he was the most-talked-of man in the British army, as well as in many other circles during this regrettable war. He was mentioned in dispatches both by Sir George White and Sir Redvers Buller, and for his services he received the brevet of lieutenant-colonel, the Queen's medal with six clasps, and the King's medal with two clasps.

Winston Churchill is a very great admirer of Sir Nevil, and this is very odd, as their characters and temperaments are so essentially different; but whether one likes Winston or dislikes him, there is very little doubt but that he has an excellent eye for selecting a good man.

Many people would describe him as being very cold, very passionate, and only caring for work. He is now with Sir John French. He tells us in his despatches that "Lieut.-General Sir Nevil Macready has continued to perform excellent service as Adjutant-General to the Expeditionary Forces."

No Secrecy About Him.

There was no secrecy about his movements. He went on his way very quietly, but very busily. He went everywhere and did everything. He moved troops about, but gave no hint as to why they were being moved.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

GALLIO WAS INDIFFERENT

To "Words and Names," and the Dogmas of a Sectarian Fanaticism!

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, DECEMBER 13.

Lesson XI. The Great Commission. Matt. 28. 16-20; Luke 24. 36-53. Golden Text: Matt. 28. 20.

Verse 16. But the eleven—the statement of the number shows that all of the remaining disciples were true and full of faith.

Verse 17. And when they saw him—He was still some distance away; as the next verse says, He "came to them." Some recognized him at once and worshipped him.

Verse 18. Saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. As some of the disciples appeared doubtful at first, Jesus gave them a sign of recognition by repeating to them what they had heard him say before.

Verse 19. Go ye therefore—As Jesus had all power, and as he was ready to communicate this to his disciples, there was only one thing to do—spread this power over the whole world.

Verse 20. Teaching them—Not orthodox opinion, but right living. No opinion or creed can be orthodox if it does not constrain men to observe certain things whatsoever which Jesus commanded.

Verse 21. Unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem—The purport of the Scripture from the beginning was that the Christ message was to be without reference to race and world-wide.

Verse 22. And he led them out—Jesus did not leave his disciples alone as soon as he had given them their commission, continuing his companionship until they were over against Bethany.

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