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THE ISLAND OF SAKHALIN.

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Sakhalin is part of Japan's system of islands, and should be part of her island empire. It is separated from Japan's northern island only by a narrow strait.

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Austria, Russia, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Italy the tax is not levied. In this country the tax is about \$1.75 a gallon, or nearly 1000 per cent of the original cost of the alcohol as distilled.

The greatest use of industrial or "denatured" alcohol would be as a motor fuel for automobiles, power boats and stationary engines, whose motive fluid is now gasoline.

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OREGON OZONE.

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SAKHALIN, AN ISLAND WAR PRIZE.

Russia Seized It From Japan, Nippon Has Won It Back By Force of Arms and Now It Figures as a Prize of Peace.

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THE PLAY AT PORTSMOUTH. Russia's diplomacy, if never honest, is at least always interesting, and the present case of the White Cape government, as played by Witte and his company of diplomatic performers, has in it all the cunning for which Russian statecraft is so well known.