



STRANGERS ONCE, BUT LOVERS NOW.  
—Brooklyn Eagle.

again in her statecraft as well as in her arms. Now, why will not Germany, France, and Great Britain unite to do the same service for Europe, and thus insure the permanent peace of the world."

The French desire to see their Russian allies and their English friends come to an agreement on questions of mutual concern. What they are anxious for is that they themselves, at the same time as Russia and England, should be left in peace to attend to their own business without perpetual interference from Berlin.

#### HISTORY IN CARTOON.

The clever cartoonists of the press often put into a thumb-nail sketch the whole political situation better than it could be described in a column of editorial. Naturally, the end of the war calls for congratulation. But the game of beggar-my-neighbor has brought with it tremendous burdens which the Japs and Russian peasantry will have to bear for many a long year, as is shown in one of our cuts.

There is one debt which never can be paid—the countless lives which have been lost, the empty homes in Russia and Japan, robbed of their bread-winners, and the nameless graves upon the slopes of Port Arthur and the plains of Mukden.

Out of the conflict the Czar comes with tarnished lustre and depleted purse. Having forced the campaign, he must pay the penalty. Kings and potentates

should weigh well the consequences before they enter upon the dreadful game of war. After all it is not the Czar or Mikado who feel the cruel brunt of war, but the maimed and halt and crippled soldiers, so many thousands of whom leave their lives or limbs on the field of battle.

Great praise is given President Roosevelt for the tact and skill and persistency with which he brought the combatants together, and in spite of innumerable obstacles attained a reconciliation.

The Czar Nicholas has a tremendous task before him in giving representative institutions to the great chaotic mass of mujik, artisan and land-holder. The sternly repressive measures in Moscow and the great centres do not augur well for the new liberties promised the people, but the sun of modern progress will still shine brighter and brighter despite the efforts of the Czar to blow it out.

While business in Russia has almost collapsed, while strikes and lockouts paralyze the industry of the nation, the business in Japan has shown a remarkable increase. The little Island Empire possesses recuperative powers which her colossal rival seems unable to exhibit.

It is a curious irony by which the Czar summons the second Hague Conference. It was President Roosevelt who announced his intention to ask the powers to meet in such a conference immediately after



FIRING THE FOREIGNER.

The East threatens to adopt more "Western methods."

—Warren in the Boston Herald.