



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

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sent hundreds into the hospitals who never neared the firing line. Their more scientific sanitation is an augury of the success of the Japanese over the Russians.

Our cartoon shows with striking vividness how in time of war law abdicates its seat, gives place to the arch-enemy of mankind, who converts God's eternal canon against human slaughter into an injunction to kill by the thousand. How, like a hideous dream, will the higher civilization of the future, foretold by sage and seer, look back upon the menace and misery of the long ages of rapine and blood!

Surely the time for seeking peace has come. With the fall of Port Arthur, and the checkmate at Shakhe River, the Russians may well give up the cruel conflict. Let the Czar appeal to the tribunal he himself created. The Hague court of peace can surely adjudicate the matters at issue as well now as after another sea of blood has been shed. It would have saved Russia infinite loss of prestige and treasure and lives if the appeal has been made to this court a year ago. All that then could have been demanded was the fulfilment of her pledge to evacuate Manchuria. Now she must surrender

Korea, Port Arthur, and the whole Manchurian littoral as well.

THE PIRATE FLEET.

Not since the famous Trent affair of forty years ago has the British public been so stirred as by the murderous outrage whereby English fishermen, plying their peaceful calling, were wantonly assailed by the great ironclad fleet of Russia, some of their frail barks sunk, others riddled with shot, and some of the fishermen barbarously slain. The Russian warships have proved their prowess in both Japanese and British waters by sinking unarmed fishing-boats. The Mistress of the Seas demands a prompt apology and reparation for this colossal crime, or colossal blunder, whichever it was.

THE PEOPLE'S WILL.

It is a curious coincidence that in so many countries general elections have taken place early in November—on the 1st in Newfoundland, on the 3rd in Canada, on the 6th in Italy, on the 8th in the United States, and a general election in Britain, and possibly in France, where the Government escaped defeat by only four votes, are probably not far distant.

It is the finest outcome of our modern civilization that the government of the people, for the people, by