



POOR BEGGAR !

Bear—"Oh, I say, ma'am, don't be so hard—"

Madam la France—"Sorry, but not another penny."

—Punch (London).

"Though the mills of God slowly,  
Yet they grind exceeding small."

The long years of oppression and cruelty  
and wrong have brought their awful  
Nemesis.

#### A GLEAM OF HOPE.

But disastrous as this convulsion is, it carries in it the seed of a regenerated country, of a larger liberty for Russia and for Europe. For long decades the empire was the menace of peace and freedom in Europe. It oppressed its subject races, it moved remorselessly as a glacier from the Urals to the Sea of Kamschatka, from the Arctic Ocean to the Caspian. It threatened the khannates of Central Asia, the kingdoms of Persia and Afghanistan, and the empire of India. Now, thank God, that nightmare is broken. The nations may pursue their peaceful development without the terror of this great military despotism.

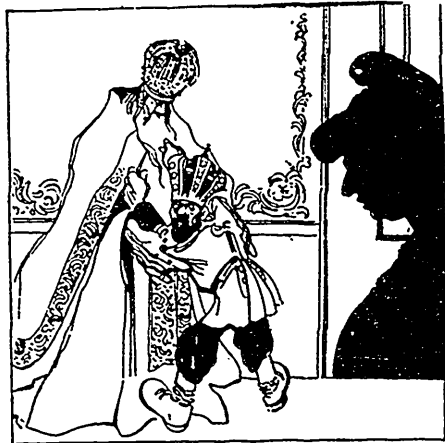
One can only regret that the debacle had not come in time to give the plucky Japs the reward of their valor in the possession of Sakalien and the eastern Asiatic littoral. De Witte's game of bluff succeeded at Portsmouth, but seems doomed to fail at St. Petersburg. But Russia's was a dear-bought victory. It revealed the government as honeycombed with fraud and gave the opportunity to saturate the army from Kamschatka to the Prussian borders with new ideals of

liberty. Even the Cossacks cannot be trusted to be the conscienceless weapon of autocracy.

It is a tremendous bombshell which the "Invisible Government" bring against the bureaucracy of squandering the nation's wealth in fraud and corruption, yet leaving the people without schools or roads and leaving the soldiers to starve. "The sooner the Government falls, the better," it asserts. Of course the papers that published this indictment were promptly suppressed and the leaders imprisoned, but you cannot imprison a whole nation. The revolt with fire and sword of the Baltic provinces, and the disaffection of the troops everywhere, except the Czar's bloodhounds, the Cossacks, is the answer. One need not put his ear to the ground to hear the rumblings of the earthquake that will overthrow czardom. Enceladus is struggling beneath his load.

#### THE NEW SOCIALISM.

The Socialists are carrying on their propaganda in France, in Italy, in Germany. They are sedulously, and sometimes by open appeal, urging the troops to refuse to fight. Should this feeling spread, as we believe it will, there will be an end to militarism in Europe. No longer will the sons of the soil submit to be dragged from the tilth of the earth or the work of their hands to become



COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

The Church—"Don't be afraid, Nicholas; God is with us."

The Czar—"Yes, but some cannon would be handy, too!"

—Fischietto (Turin).