



WILLIAM THE MEDDLESOME.

the Peace of Portsmouth, but the great peace-maker gracefully waived this privilege to the great war-maker. The cartoonists poke all sorts of fun at the situation, but doubtless much good will come of it in the still further defining the rights of neutrals. The repeated seizure of British and German vessels by the Russian fleet, which was much more valorous in the capturing of unarmed vessels than in meeting the Japs, demands protective measures for the sea-borne commerce of the world.

The cordial relations of John Bull and La Belle France, so largely due to the diplomatic tact and skill of Edward the Peacemaker, form the theme of an ingenuous cartoon. It is not beyond the bounds of probability that these recently estranged countries may be again united in an alliance like that of the Crimean campaign, but we trust a more peaceful one.

For a long time the United States and Western Canada, too, have practised a ruthless boycott on Chinese emigration. Not merely was the Chinese coolie excluded from the country, but men of high rank and college students were held up in a filthy pen and subjected to most offensive indignities. The Chinese boycott of American goods touched Uncle Sam on that sensitive point, his pocket, and will doubtless lead to a revision of the Exclusion Act. The employment of the boycott against British goods is also being adopted as a political movement in Bengal. It is a knife that cuts both ways, it injures the hand that uses it and the object attacked. Surely the resources of civilization can find some better *modus vivendi* than this.

The secession of Norway from Sweden is the theme of numerous cartoons. One of these indicates the disgruntled attitude

of William the Meddlesome at what he considered would be the prerogative of the American President. The truculent attitude of the Kaiser in urging his Morocco demands upon France in her supposed isolation is shown in humorous cartoon. But happily the firmness and diplomatic skill of the French, aided by the moral support of Britain, enabled the republic to emerge from the embroglio with undiminished prestige, which is more than can be said of Germany.

#### THE LITTLE WAR ON LAKE ERIE.

We are glad to note that the United States Government is commissioning a revenue cutter to prevent the poaching of the Erie fishermen in Canadian waters. Having destroyed their own fishing grounds they now try to destroy ours. If not prevented there will soon be no fish in the lakes worth catching. Yet if blood were unhappily shed in guarding our fisheries much bad feeling would be aroused. The best way is for each country to see that its own fishermen do not trespass on its neighbor's fights.

The tendency of the age is towards integration. This is seen in the unifica-



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