

We went first to the office of the Attorney-General, a functionary who is merely the principal Crown prosecutor, all the administrative functions which in America are devolved upon the Attorney-General being here vested in the Minister of Justice. The Attorney-General received us pleasantly, but unfortunately he spoke no English, and I could exchange views with him only through the medium of my friend, Mr. Miyaoka, who speaks English with perfect fluency. The Attorney-General then escorted us to the chambers of Mr. Yokota, the presiding judge of the Supreme Court of the Empire, and the highest judicial officer in Japan. This court, which is properly known as the Court of Cassation, is composed of twenty-four justices, who sit in divisional courts of five justices each, to which cases are carried on appeal from lower courts, for review of errors of law only. The court sits *en banc* in certain exceptional cases of grave importance only. Chief Justice Yokota received us most cordially. He spoke no English, but was familiar with German, having studied jurisprudence in Germany. The judicial system of Japan is modelled on that of Germany, and a number of the judges have been educated in that country. Tea—the inevitable tea, which accompanies all ceremonies, from a shopping visit to a formal call upon high officials—was served, and after a chat about the differences between the judicial systems of Japan and the United States, the chief justice told me that, unfortunately, no branch of his court was in session, but that a number of the intermediate courts of appeal and the district courts were then sitting, and that he would accompany us in a visit to them. He added that it had been a long time since he had been in any of those courts, and that he would enjoy seeing them once more.

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So we left his room—a large, scantily, almost shabbily, furnished apartment—and proceeded to one of the intermediate courts of appeal, where some fifty or sixty of the rioters who picked up a row in Kioto a few weeks ago—and incidentally brought about the fall of the last ministry—were being retried.