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Russia, but looked very bad. Viscount Motono knows Russia very well. He is profoundly sympathetic with the Russians.

The policy that Japan must pursue, as Count Terauchi, Viscount Motono, and Japanese statesmen of that class are well aware, if she is to take high place among the nations of the world, is a policy open and above-board from beginning to end. Nothing would hurt Japan's position among the nations of the West more than a move toward territorial aggrandisement in the Russian Far East. Japan knows that—or at least those at the head of her affairs know it. In spite of the fact that she is not a democracy and that none of her statesmen who are in office to-day is democratic, in spite of her record in China, Japan will be most punctilious in any action that she will take in Siberia.

Japan will play the game. Never mind what ideas many Japanese have held before. Never mind what ideas some of them hold now. Japan will play the game in Siberia. To do so will be the strongest move she can make toward strengthening her national security. The big men in Japan know this—and it is her biggest men who control her policies and politics to-day.

Furthermore, it is Japan's best opportunity for increasing the scope of her industrial development