

port system is still in force, and a man may not change his residence, or even his boarding-place, without notifying the police.

The citizens of Japan are not hampered by a passport system, and are at liberty to go where they like, read what they choose, think and talk as they please, and act freely within the widest possible limits of law.

3. Individual and national integrity. Every war in which Russia has been engaged, since her struggle with the Allies in the Crimea, has shown the dishonesty of her officials, and the general corruption of her civil service. The frauds that were brought to light during the Crimean War filled the Russian patriot Aksakoff with disgust and despair, and one of the prominent nobles of the court of Nicholas I. invited the latter to his house in order to show him a life-size picture of the Crucifixion, in which the Emperor himself appeared as the central figure, hanging on a cross between two thieves. At the beginning of the Russo-Turkish War, thousands of bags, supposed to contain black rye-flour, were transported beyond the Danube, and upon being opened there were found to contain sawdust mixed with earth.

In Siberia I had personal knowledge of many corrupt agreements made with contractors by Russian officials of high rank, and in one case the person involved was the governor of a province. Everybody in the Far East who had commercial dealings with Dalny and Port Arthur before the war knows how Russian army and navy officers were accustomed to defraud their own Government by means of false bills. So general is the dishonesty in Russian bureaucratic circles that one is almost ready to give credence to the report from Berlin that eight million rubles have been stolen from the treasury of the Russian Red Cross.

Turning now to the Oriental empire, I am very well aware that there is fraud in Japan. At the same time, business upon an immense scale is being carried on honestly, and there are no public scandals, at least in connection with the Government service.

When it comes to a comparison between Russia and Japan in the matter of political truthfulness, sincerity, and honor, the Asiatic power stands far higher than the European. Japan has never resorted to the deliberate falsification and mistranslation of documents, as Russia has done many times before in political trials at home. The Mikado has never broken his promise and violated sacredly pledged honor, as the Czar did in the case of Finland; and the Japanese Foreign Office has never dealt with a diplomatic question as dishonestly as Admiral Alexieff and his supporters dealt with the question of the evacuation of Manchuria.

4. Modesty, morality, and humanity. The comparison that I purpose to make under this head is not intended to comprise the peoples of the two countries *en bloc*, but merely the officials, on each side, who compose or represent the State, the subordinates whom they have trained, and the newspapers that reflect, more or less accurately, the opinions and feelings of the ruling class. The world does not hold a more ardent lover and admirer of the Russian people than I; and I wish to make the sharpest possible distinction between that people and the Church and State by which it has been oppressed, misled, kept in ignorance, and, in part, corrupted. The Russian bureaucracy is not Russia; on the contrary, it is Russia's greatest enemy.

To an observer who has had an opportunity to compare the official statements and the newspaper comments of the two combatants in this