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## IMPRESSIONS OF JAPAN

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A land of contrasts, surely; the outward bustle and activity of her industrial people stimulate no reminiscences of the quaint old, dreamy Japan of just so many decades ago. The spirit of Japan is restless, anxious to forge ahead and to better herself constantly as a civilized nation of the first rank. Oh, it was good, I tell you! — and how I was inspired and impressed as I saw the workings of the "spirit of Japan" through the eyes of a present-day American who appreciates Japan and "things Japanese."

And what is this dynamic "spirit of Japan," do you ask? One finds it difficult to picture in words such an intangible thing. Some one said that in "the sun-warmed perfume of the mountain cherry" we could recognize it; but no — to me it means something akin to "progress," industrially, mentally, physically, and morally. Japan is shaking off her dreamy lethargy and is anxious to be up and doing. To me the "spirit of Japan" is — a school boy studying in the shade of an ancient temple.

## THE ORIENTAL MIND

Y. Tsurumi, whose brilliant article on Japan and America we commend to our readers some time ago, now publishes another equally interesting article in the Saturday Evening Post of July 18. This time, he writes on "the mysterious Oriental mind."

Mr. Tsurumi complains that the whole of Asia is summarily called the Orient, and its people are oriental but what we of difference among those so-called Orientals. In fact, there is not one Oriental mind, but many Oriental minds. In some respects the Japanese are more like Americans or French than like the people of India. History, geography and national habit have combined to give the Japanese some idiosyncrasies which are different from those of their continental brethren.

"With all our love of abstraction, we have not produced great systems of philosophy as in China, nor a sublime system of religion as in India. And why? Simply because the Japanese mind could not dissociate metaphysical thought from actual conduct. Wing Yang-ming is a Chinese philosopher but he has a greater number of followers in Japan than in China. His whole tenet of philosophy was 'To know is to do' and it fitted extremely well with the Japanese mentality. The Japanese outlook on life is based on the theory of conduct and not on that of existence. The Japanese were pragmatists before the days of William James. This makes a Japanese rather inclined to expression. It has had a handicap on the Japanese in international affairs. 'He talks' has finished quite a number of public men, and eloquence has never flourished in politics. That diffidence in expression has again handicapped the Japanese in international friendship. It has given an uncomfortable impression of reserve to outsiders."

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turies of training to suppress our emotion has given us the veneer of quiet appearance, but underneath it all there is a strong optimism surging throughout our whole life. Seven hundred years of feudalism was sad and gloomy experience for the majority of the people and the marks still prevalent. But sixty years of emancipation is bringing to the surface the dominant note of optimism.

If the West could penetrate through the apparent coolness of the Oriental mask into the inner sanctum, it would discover to its amazement that the Japanese mind is surprisingly cheerful and practical. Japan lies between Asia and America; so does her mind."

## CURRENT COMMENT

How far is the incoming Mexican problem for the United States? According to the State Commission on Immigration and Housing the Mexicans in the Southwest have reached the following numbers:

Arizona	60,000
California	250,000
Colorado	60,000
New Mexico	180,000
Texas	550,000

Irregular, seasonal employments in these States now depend largely on the Mexican. The Section on Immigration (in the Commonwealth Club of California) is trying to find out whether the situation is good for the United States or for Mexico, and will give its conclusions at the December meeting of the Commonwealth.

It was Leo Karakhan, present Soviet Ambassador to China, the man that was ejected from Germany immediately after the war, who first hit upon the idea that the fruitful field for red propaganda in the Far East was among Chinese student classes.

Soviet Russia had tried it in Japan, but Japan has a strong government and a stronger police system, and Japan would have none of Moscow's efforts to create unrest.

Irrespective of the destructive tendencies of Karakhan's theories when put into practice, it is generally admitted now even among the foreign legations in Peking that his mission to China has been a remarkable success. He got a quick response from the student class although he failed to get any substantial response from the laboring classes.

The abolition of extra-territorial rights is certain to come. It also is certain treaties will be revised between China and the world powers — Clifford Fox in San Francisco Chronicle.

## CABLE NEWS FROM TOKYO

Special to The Japanese American News

Plurality of Yasugoro Sasaki, who won the by-election in Tokyo over his opponent Shimada, is reported as one thousand five hundred. The supporters of Sasaki were so elated over the victory that they shouted "banzai" causing a fierce fist fight between the two factions.

Toyohiko Kagawa is returning from England bringing with him plans for the organization of a labor party, agrarian league, labor banks, and cooperative labor union.

The scandal at the Fukuoka University Hospital is enlarging.

A terrific storm has forced about 1500 climbers to take refuge in the stone houses on the summit of Mt. Fuji.

Supply of the Japanese seamen is becoming scarce on account of the great demand coming from the British ships whose Chinese crews have quit.

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