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People who know nothing about Russia will frequently declare that there is no such thing as public opinion in Russia. This is quite untrue. I have known public opinions to go through the most remarkable transformation there. But perhaps it may be as well to define what I call Russian public opinion. Where you have a population of 120,000,000, mostly peasants how can you be expected to attach any importance to the vague, unformulated ideas of these uneducated bucolics, who live purely animal lives, and are not supposed to be troubled with the modern course of introspective intellectuality? Where the proportion of the educated population is so small, people are often tempted to look upon it as negligible quantity altogether. This is a very great mistake. M. Taine, the French historian, has proved that countries are ruled, not by majorities, but by minorities. The small educated minority of the subjects of the Czar are quite as much entitled to be considered as the standard of Russian thought as our own educated classes. We have a large percentage of agricultural labourers, factory hands, tramps, old maids, music hall audiences and Hooligans, but we do not seriously attach much importance to their views. Now, in Russia it is quite true that people do not talk about public opinion as we do, but they talk about "society" (obshchevo) in a way which we do not. In the degenerate countries of the decadent West "society" means fashion and frivolity; it means a particular set of "smart" people in England, the "pschut de tout Paris," or "die feine," or "hoffahige Gesellschaft" of Berlin and Vienna.

But in Russia "society" means the educated middle classes, or, shall I say, the forces which give life and thought to the social organism, which make for culture? Hitherto Russia's great trouble had been that it had no legitimate national patriotic outlet for the intellectual energies of the middle classes—nay, it did not even possess a middle class. Under Nicholas I, the population of Russia could be roughly divided into three categories, the peasant, the gentleman, and the official. Today, it is possible, even common, to find gentlemen among the officials, but there are always Russian gentlemen. Now, in the days of Nicholas I, a man of culture and refinement would pose as a European; he would be French or English or German; the idea of a Russian gentleman had hardly been evolved. When Alexander II. gave impetus to education and culture he created a vast army of martyrs to new ideas.

These unfortunates, who were animated at first with a sincere but over-zealous desire to regenerate their country, finding that the economy of the Russian commonwealth could afford them no place, took finally to dynamite and Nihilism. M. Katkoff saw the pity of this. He had himself been more or less in sympathy with these ardent patriots in his early days, but had recognized that their theories could not help to advance his worldly prosperity, nor were they likely to benefit the country. With the aid of M. Pobedonostzeff, he practically invented a national and patriotic party which was to make harmless the enthusiasm of the youthful cultured person and turn it into channels which might at least benefit him, if not his country. The great Slavophiles, with their lofty ideals, were disgusted at the practical use to which Katkoff turned them; but Alexander III. saw the advantage of providing a legitimate outlet for the culture and enthusiasm of the youth of Russia, the "Intelligentsia," and so by giving his patronage and support to the "Rossia Irredenta" party, he virtually killed Nihilism.

Russian "society" twenty-five years ago was, roughly speaking, out of harmony with the State; it was atheistic, anarchist, revolutionary. Today, instead of being destructive, it is constructive; it believes in the Orthodox Church, or pretends to; it regards the autocracy as the only proper form of Government; and it looks to the regeneration of mankind by means of the Mir, or communal system of land tenure. In other words, the Russian Government has succeeded in finding a place for, and in giving a direction to, the intellectual forces of the country. But whence are these intellectual forces recruited? Principally from the ranks of the children of the priesthood and of the country gentlemen. They are, therefore, strongly conservative; they find employment mostly in the government service. Russia, with its vast territory, its millions of illiterate, uncultured, and, in some parts, semi-barbarous peasantry, requires an enormous army of officials to govern and keep in order these populations, and I am compelled to say, from personal observation, that the average executive officials are simple-minded, honest fellows, who may make mistakes, and very often do, but who cannot be described as either malevolent or criminal. These are not the people to whom the Emperor Nicholas II. is likely to look for support in the introduction of liberal reforms.

But there is another class of Russian society, which is, perhaps, more new and more useful to the State, although certainly not less national, and that is the commercial class. Before Peter the Great the people of

Russia were already divided into gentleman (Dvoryane,) and peasants (Christiane,) merchants (Kuptz,) and artisans (Mestchane.) Nevertheless the merchants were not encouraged, and were regarded with a suspicion and distrust which I am afraid did not argue well for their commercial integrity. During the last few years, however, the Russian commercial class has become a very powerful factor. Its principal centre is Moscow. It is strongly chauvinistic, aggressively protectionist, and although Russia in sentiment and aspiration, it is composed of the most curious international odds and ends, the German element predominating, the Scotch and English coming next, with a small admixture of French, Belgian, and Dutch, and a strong Jewish leaven. It is the Moscow commercial ring which is at the bottom of the expansion of Russia in Central Asia and China. It is they who have tried to bottle up the Caucasus, who have been the forces behind M. de Witte in urging the extension of the Russian railways system. Then commercial classes of Russia have a very much greater say in the affairs of the Russian nation than any other section of Russian "society." It is the commercial classes who are today "exploiting" the peasantry, buying their products when prices are low, selling to them when prices are high. That is political economy, but the peasants are too stupid to understand that. The enterprising merchants are cutting down the forests of Russia and running the country, building railways and telephones for which the peasant will have to pay in the long run, but by which he will not benefit immediately, or even within measurable distance. Will the Emperor have the courage and strength of will to improve the condition of his country in face of all these various forces which are making for a continuance of the present state of things? That is a very difficult question. It has been said that Alexander II. was murdered by Nihilists, because he was on the point of granting Russia a constitution, and that, therefore, the Nihilists were allowed to murder him. But if Russia is to be saved from utter ruin, something must be done to keep the peasant alive. Disarmament may be one measure, but it is not everything. A sound land system, for instance, is also very much needed, and it would be well to send the Emperor's Ministers to attend a course of political economy lectures in Adelphi Terrace.—Pall Mall Gazette.

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