

TOKYO, FRIDAY, JAN. 4, 1907.

**INACCURATE REPORTS FROM
SAN FRANCISCO.**

LONDON "TIMES" CORRESPONDENT'S
STATEMENTS.

The report that a Japanese paper published at Berkeley, California, has advocated the assassination of President Roosevelt, the man highest in the estimation of all Japanese, may very well be doubted. Similarly, sensible men doubted the report of the *Times* correspondent that people in San Francisco were advocating the adoption of "Jim Crow" cars for Japanese, and even doubted the wisdom and good sense of the correspondent when he forwarded such reports as that if a 1,000 Japanese labourers were imported into San Francisco there would be 1,000 murders. It might even be argued that this correspondent was doing his best to cause greater trouble. The *San Francisco Chronicle* publishes a full summary of the offending article, under the headings "Libellous story of a Writer," "Sends to London Misleading Statements of the Situation." The summary from London reads as follows:

Widespread discussion by the press and public has been caused by a San Francisco dispatch to the *Times*, in which the correspondent describes the situation as grave. He says the opponents of the Japanese, not content with excluding them from the public schools, are now trying to induce the railways to provide separate cars for them, similar to the "Jim Crow" cars, in which the negroes in the South are compelled to ride.

He further says public meetings have been held to denounce President Roosevelt's message and that prominent men are predicting an early outbreak of war with Japan.

Continuing, the correspondent says: "The Japanese situation is intimately connected with labour unionism. I asked a labour union leader what would happen if a thousand Japanese were set to work to clear away the debris. He replied: 'A thousand murders,' and yet San Francisco needs labour desperately. Returning here eight months after the earthquake and expecting to see considerable progress in rebuilding the city, I find that in one or two thoroughfares a great deal has been done, but most of the burned districts remains the same. On the whole the situation is very discouraging, and though what has been done shows that the city will certainly be rebuilt in time, it looks as though that time is far distant.

"For this disappointment San Francisco has to thank the labour unions, which have broken all the promises they made after the fire. Even skilled workmen with union cards arriving from other states are refused permission to work."

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**THE ANTI-JAPANESE AGITA-
TION.**

The anti-Japanese agitation in San Francisco is growing, and it is probable the Japanese will be excluded from the schools of Oakland.

It is thought that Californian members of Congress have forced a demand for the exclusion of Japanese labourers.

The San Francisco Press is virtually threatening rebellion if the Federal Government endorses President Roosevelt's attitude.

THE SAN FRANCISCO AFFAIR.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—A stir has been caused in Californian official circles by the attack on the so-called Japanese socialists. An instruction from Washington is waited for, but there will be no alternative but to send them to Japan. But the writers having come to America more than three years ago, it is legally impossible to repatriate them. The writers are all unworthy people, and their statement deserves no notice.

London, Jan. 1.—A San Francisco telegram states:—The Congressmen from California, driven by the popular sentiment of the same state, will start a special anti-Japanese movement. The various newspapers are as ever advocating the rejection of Japanese labourers. The general tone of the Press is that if the Government of the state of California approves the President's attitude a popular uprising will be inevitable.

London, Jan. 2.—A San Francisco special to the *London Times* states that Californians believe in the inevitableness of a war with Japan. They believe that Japan is prevented from taking the Philippines and Hawaii, only by her financial circumstances. The reason why the Japanese are hated in San Francisco is because they have superior commercial and industrial abilities. They have succeeded in keeping restaurants, dealing in provisions, and in tailoring, horticulture and plantation. Some American capitalists have admitted the uselessness of competing with the Japanese, and altered their own method of business.

The *Times* editorially commenting the San Francisco affair states that the question now waiting for decision by the President is a very serious one and it is a grave mistake to belittle its importance. In the question is involved a great dispute relating to the relative importance of the rights of the Federal Government and those of the State Government. It can be hoped that the difficulty may be avoided by the goodwill of the United States and sagacity of Japan.