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THE SAN FRANCISCO QUESTION
AND
OUR DIPLOMATIC AUTHORITIES.

Director Ishii of the Commercial Bureau of the Foreign Office has given the following explanation of the San Francisco question.

1. Our Acting Consul at San Francisco has addressed an official communication to the Mayor of San Francisco concerning the rejection of applications for renewing the licenses of some Japanese employment agencies, but he has not yet received any reply. Of course the Japanese Government is not yet in communication with the United States Federal Government in this matter. The authorities concerned are not now in a position to say anything about the bearing of the proviso attached to Article 2 of the Japanese-American Treaty upon the present affair.

2. The communications between the Foreign Office, Ambassador Aoki and the Consul at San Francisco have resulted in the decision to bring a suit for damages. Attorney Devlin has been working in pursuance of the instructions of the Federal Government, but the Foreign Office has not yet received any official report, as views are now being exchanged with the barrister.