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RIGHT OF TRADE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Concerning the alleged suspension of some Japanese employment agencies, a certain diplomatic official has made a statement to the following effect.

Though the Foreign Office is not yet in receipt of any detailed report on this question, yet the reports already received would indicate that the applications for renewing expired licenses of employment agencies have been granted. It is likely that the Police Office of San Francisco delays on various pretexts and does not seem inclined to grant the applications for new employment agencies. Whether or not the applications have been actually rejected can not be ascertained pending the arrival of a definite report. This being the case, it is doubtful at this stage whether the present question will become a subject for international adjustment. Is this a case of infringement of the Japanese right of trade as several foreign telegrams would have it? Granting it to be so, it is still doubtful whether or not the most favored nation clause in Article 14 guarantees the right of the Japanese people to engage in trade in all respects equally with the nationals of other countries. Careful deliberation and study are required in interpreting the proviso to Article 2 of the Treaty and to decide whether or not that proviso justifies the suspension of trade in a way

similar to the recent restrictions upon Japanese immigration. Even though the suspension of trade be established as a fact, it does not at once follow that the question is an international one.