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U. S. AND JAPAN.

AMBASSADORIAL STATEMENT.

Ambassador Viscount Aoki has issued a statement in which he says there is no difference or ill-feeling whatever between the Japanese and American Governments. All talk of trouble is a phantom evoked by irresponsible trouble-hunters.

July 12.

President Roosevelt's luncheon at Oyster Bay was attended by Baron Yamamoto and other Japanese naval men and U. S. Secretary of State Bacon.

At New York Admiral Yamamoto made a speech yesterday, saying he hoped the cordial relations of America and Japan would never be destroyed by trifling incidents. He appealed to leading Americans not to allow themselves to be led by sentiment from the paths of righteousness.

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Berlin, July 12.

Viscount Aoki, in an interview at New York given to a correspondent of the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, discredited the insinuations intimating that the controversy between Japan and America is due to the instigation of a third Power. The Japanese Government, he continued, knows positively that those rumours contain no truth and the Japanese nation likewise does not believe such reports.

These remarks of the Ambassador are evidently directed against the *Daily Telegraph*, whose fantastic Hague article is generally discredited.

Admiral Yamamoto, now in New York, as well as the Japanese delegates at the Hague, have expressed peaceful views regarding the American question.

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BARON YAMAMOTO IN AMERICA.

New York, July 11.—The arrival of Admiral Baron Yamamoto in America at the present juncture, has created a deep impression on the public. Interviewed by pressmen in a hotel yesterday, the Admiral pointed out the heavy responsibilities of journalists, and said that no American journal would be so careless and unscrupulous as to disseminate false rumours at the present moment, thus implicitly warning American newspapers against rash utterances. When the journalists asked him for permission to photograph him, he said, if they worked for the cause of peace, all right; otherwise he would refuse to be photographed. He made a deep impression word by word on the American journalists.

On the 11th at 12.30, a reception was given by the Japan Society at the Hotel Astor in honour of Baron Yamamoto. Mr. Russel made an opening address. Baron Yamamoto said that he could assure those present that the relations of America and Japan would be peaceful in the future as in the past. Many other important speeches were delivered by American admirals and generals. All of them dwelled upon the groundlessness of the warlike rumours and attacked the irresponsibility of the Press. They said that there should be no such unfortunate event between Japan and America. Admiral Yamamoto will visit President Roosevelt to-morrow at Oyster Bay. In the evening there will be a reception at the Japan Club.

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New York, July 12.—The local branch of the Japan Society at New York has given a luncheon in honour of Admiral Yamamoto, which was a brilliant success. In addition to the guest of the day, there were present, among others, the Japanese Ambassador, Viscount Aoki, Admiral Robley D. Evans, Admiral Coghlan, General Grant, E. H. Harriman, and the well-known banker, J. H. Schiff. The speeches were numerous and eloquent, and without exception bore testimony to the sympathy and friendship which exist between the two countries.