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THE SAN DIEGO INCIDENT.

In reference to the rumoured arrest of a Japanese military officer at San Diego on a charge of having taken a photograph of the batteries at the place an officer of the General Staff is reported to have made the following statement:—

"I deny the report as quite groundless. The Japanese Army has never dispatched military officers, except military attaches to the Embassy, to America, which is in truth a commercial and not a tactical country. Japan scarcely needs to learn anything of the American system of fortification and who would dare to commit the folly of taking photographs of the batteries when such action is strictly forbidden by all the Powers? That the report is unfounded is quite evident and admits of no question. Since the outbreak of the San Francisco affair various unfounded rumours are published and spread by the American press and this is surely one of such groundless reports. Of late a lot of military and naval reports is pouring in from America one after another, none of which is, however, trustworthy."