

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
TOKYO.

Despatch No. 414.

September 18th 1907.

To The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:-

Since my Despatch No. 394 of the 30th ultimo there has been little in the Japanese press directly touching American-Japanese relations. The reported plans for the cruise of the "Battleship Squadron" continue to be the subject of rather numerous telegrams but now cause little comment. Short reports of an interview with Senator Stone have made the round of the newspapers (enclosed clipping from the "Japan Times" of the 8th instant) stating that Japan harbours considerable ill feeling to the United States. An article from the "Deutsche Tageszeitung", an extreme Agrarian organ, has been reprinted in many papers (enclosed clipping from "Japan Times" of the 8th instant) in which the German paper states that it considers it a duty to draw the attention of our Government to the system of Japanese espionage. These opinions have however received little attention here. I enclose an article from the "Japan Times" of the 8th instant entitled "The Absurdity of it all" in which the paper comments on the various subjects just mentioned, the character of its comments being obvious from the article's title. An article from the "Japan Daily Mail" of the 9th (also enclosed) complains of the sensational nature of press telegrams apparently sent from Japan about the "Battleship Squadron" and more lately about the reported raising of the Japanese flag on Pratas Island (Despatch No. 405).

Mr. Wright is reported to have declared in an interview that Japan did not seek war. Some articles have also appeared in

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Newspaper comment on American-Japanese relations.

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Refers to his #394 of the 30th ultimo, and states that since that time there has been little in the Japanese press touching American-Japanese relations.

Encloses newspaper clippings on the subject of the cruise of the battleship squadron, and also in regard to the visit of the Secretary of War to Japan, and other matters bearing on the relations between the U.S. and Japan, particularly in reference to the occupation of Pratas Island by the Japanese. (Rec'd October 14, 1907.)

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in regard to Mr. Secretary Taft's approaching visit to Japan
(*Chu-o* summary of article in "Japan Times" of 10th instant en-
closed) anticipating that he has been entrusted with a mission
to conclude some new agreement in regard to the immigration into
the United States of Japanese labourers.

Various recent occurrences indirectly touching American-
Japanese relations, as the recent expulsion of Chinese coolies
from Japan, and the anti-Japanese outbreak in Vancouver, have
been reported in separate Despatches.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Munroe Dodge

Chargé d'Affaires.