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"Japan Times", September 8th 1907:-

JAPAN AND AMERICA.

London, Sept. 6.—According to a New York telegram, Mr. Wright, the former Ambassador to Japan, declares that Japan to-day does not seek war.

Senator Stone has returned to San Francisco from the Far East. He says that keen attention must be paid to the condition of Japan.

The Powers in Europe and America will have to cope with a serious situation on account of Japan. He has heard and witnessed that Japan harbours considerable illfeeling towards America.

The American Department of Marine announces that the battleship squadron will return to the Atlantic after it has demonstrated the possibility of transferring the Atlantic Squadron to the Pacific.

It is untrue to say that America contemplates organizing two more battleship squadrons.—*Asahi*.

A GERMAN VIEW.

The *Deutsche Tageszeitung*, the mouthpiece of the Agrarians and of the Pan-Germans, considers it is fulfilling a patriotic duty, says the Berlin correspondent of the *Morning Post*, in publicly drawing the attention of the United States Government to the system of Japanese espionage. The Japanese, so the Pan-German organ asserts, are born spies; they consider espionage as a peculiar right of their own and become angry when prevented from using it. They have used the consideration and hospitality shown them by Western Powers to ferret out and employ to their own advantage business and other secrets, and are especially adept in acquiring information that will stand them in good stead in times of war. This was seen clearly enough by the intimate knowledge they possessed of their enemy's resources in the late war with Russia, and "Americans may be sure that the Japanese are most fully and accurately informed of every detail of their Army and Navy, as to their ships, ports and coast defences."

The *Tageszeitung* recalls the circumstance that before the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war a number of Japanese officers rode through Siberia, ostensibly in the interests of sport, but in reality for reconnoitring purposes. Now, it continues, "Admiral Yamamoto is returning home, after placing large orders in England and Germany. He does not however, adopt the most obvious means of reaching his own country, viz., by fast steamer or even by the Siberian Railway, but of course travels via the United States. He must, of course, learn the real feeling among the Americans, and see with his own eyes San Francisco and the Golden Gate."