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We have again to ask who is the criminally unscrupulous correspondent responsible for the telegrams sent to America about Japan's attitude. It must be confessed that some of the Americans themselves are showing a certain want of dignity and self-reliance. A country which knows its own greatness, which the United States ought to, does not constitute a field adapted for the circulation of such rumours as are now bruited abroad in America. Japan appears to bulk so largely in the vision of the strong men beyond the Pacific that they seem to have lost their sense of proportion, and even a journal like the *New York Herald* is too much perturbed to consult its atlas before publishing a blunder like its recent assertion that Pratas Island is in the immediate vicinity of the Philippines. As for Senator Stone, his assertion that he saw evidence of anti American feeling in Japan is too surprising to be worthy of serious comment. Through all the vicissitudes of her modern career Japan has never wavered in her uniquely friendly attitude towards the United States, and not even the untoward happenings in San Francisco affected her mood in any perceptible degree. Senator Stone must therefore have been looking designedly for what he affects to have discovered. But how are we to stigmatise the Yokohama correspondent who wired that Japan is about to establish a naval station on Pratas Island? It is almost impossible to believe that this correspondent credited his own story. Certainly he had no evidence whatever to support it. Can there be anything more hideously criminal than the action of a publicist who deliberately sets himself to injure relations between two great nations? Such a person ought to be picking oakum or walking a treadmill instead of serving as a newspaper agent.