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Secretary Taft's Mission.—The *Chu-o* is expectant of good results from Secretary Taft's projected visit to Japan on his way to Manila, judging from the evident anxiety in the Washington Government of bringing the various issues with Japan to a happy conclusion. The paper has not sufficient grounds to credit the reports on the progress of negotiations between the two countries. They are said to have begun with the American proposal to insert a prohibitory provision in the new treaty against the immigration of the Japanese, and rejection of the same by Japan. Next, the exclusion of the Japanese immigrants was demanded in exchange for granting the right of naturalization to the Japanese residents in America, on approval of Congress. This was also rejected. The last move was the offer of America's approval of the formation of the tariff union between Japan and Korea in exchange for the exclusion from America of the Japanese. For the third time Japan refused to comply. Though the paper withholds entire confidence in the Washington report, it would have expected the Government, in case such proposals were really made by America, to have acted in the manner stated. The Japanese immigration question should be given time and left to natural development of affairs for its solution, but solved somehow it must be in the manner that will give Japan unchecked scope of expansion in that direction. The paper feels keenly the disagreeableness of the exclusion sentiment still retained in parts of America, and growing in Mexico and Canada, but it would not accept trifling advantages in sacrifice of the national prestige and opening for future expansion. Mr. Taft's visit therefore is hailed as promising some rational grounds of agreement.