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Irresponsible Newspapers.

(Summary)



While the Jiji does not usually take too seriously wild utterances of the American press, it can not refrain from denying the report that the Japanese people have become quiet since the announcement of the coming of the American battleships. The San Francisco question has been settled amicably, and it is only certain American newspapers that indulge in irresponsible utterances, which are detrimental to the interests of the United States. The Jiji endeavors to point out the absurdity of the remarks that the United States has succeeded in intimidating the cockey Japanese people by announcing that she will send a battleship squadron to the Pacific. While admitting the freedom of expression on any subject which the American press enjoys, the Jiji is anxious to have the American people understand that Japan finds nothing strange in the coming of American battleships. It is natural that the United States should arrange a long voyage for her battleships, because they need practice. America's vast commercial interests in the Orient must be protected. Not a single Japanese is scared by the coming of the American battleships, for, says the Jiji, the object of their coming is clear to the whole nation. Should the American squadron come to these shores, the only impulse of the Japanese people will be to receive the officers and men as visitors from a friendly nation with whom this country has been on the best of terms for half a century.