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AMERICA AND JAPAN.

We did not think it necessary to direct special attention to the San Francisco story about an alleged communication made by Mr. Taft to General Terauchi, still less did there seem to be any occasion for denying this obviously incorrect statement. The Secretary of War was supposed to have told the Japanese Minister that the only way to preserve the peace was for Japan to agree to an anti-emigration treaty, and that unless she did so President Roosevelt would ask Congress to legislate for the exclusion of Japanese labour. This was plainly one of the many falsehoods which have emanated from San Francisco's imagination during the past few months. It has, however, interested the Japanese newspapers sufficiently to make them seek contradiction or confirmation in official quarters, and they have all received an answer which they now publish, in the sense that not a word bearing even remotely such a construction issued from the mouth of Mr. Taft during his visit to Japan.

This opportunity is taken to repeat the assurance that the Japanese Government will not consent to conclude any such treaty as that alluded to above. Steps will be taken, however, on Japan's own initiative, to restrict the number of emigrants as far as possible, this course being dictated by respect for international concord.