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The Alleged Warlike Preparations in the United States.

(Summary)

Referring to the special telegrams from New York published in the issues of yesterday and the day before yesterday, the Tokyo Asahi takes the liberty of denying the rumor that any preparations are going on in the United States for a war with Japan. Japan would not accept the challenge should the United States be seriously preparing for a war.

Mr. Hearst is free, says the Asahi, to start any sensation by means of President Roosevelt's plans for dispatching a battle-ship squadron to the Pacific, but Japan is highly embarrassed on account of his representation that Japan desires a war. Of all the Powers in the world she is the last one desiring a war, and this fact is well known to President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft and ex-Ambassador Wright. The Asahi hardly thinks that Mr. Hearst is unaware of the fact, but we must not forget what party politics means to him.

Would the immigration question lead eventually to a war? Could not the civilization of the West be assimilated with that of the East? Moreover, Japan is after the Philippines and Hawaii no more than the United States is after Formosa and Kyushu. If any warlike preparations are going on at all in the United States, they will indeed be something like Japan's preparations for her autumn manoeuvres that are to take place in the near future.