

Kokumin Shimbun,

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Estrangement of International Friendship.

(Summary.)

Referring to a Breslan paper's suggestion for a German-American alliance summarized in the New York Times, the Kokumin surmises that the suggestion is to set up a powerful combination against the Anglo-Japanese alliance. The Kokumin is also inclined to regard it as a means of encouraging the anti-Japanese feelings in America.

The paper is not in a position to determine the real motive of the German suggestion, but it will do no good to the United States or Germany even. The Kokumin fails to see how the estrangement of Japan from America can be beneficial to Germany. Japan and America have been friends ever since the opening of the former country. The friendship between Japan and Germany, which was disturbed somewhat after the Japan-China War, has been growing in intimacy. The Kokumin is confident that the suggestion of the German paper referred to does not represent either the will of the Kaiser or the German people in general. Some critics are trouble makers, some newspapers are irresponsible; but the Kokumin believes that the friendship existing between Japan and the United States cannot be shaken by any intrigue of a third party.

