

JAPANESE COUNTING ON WAR NOW

Nippon Newspaper Printed in Vancouver Urges Preparations at Once, as Fleet Will Be Here Before Long.

Comments on Fact That Mikado Could Not Rely on England for Aid and That France Would Be Only Friend.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Saturday, Feb. 8.—An interesting and very singular comment on the Japanese-American situation appears in an article in Japanese contained in the Canadian News, the Japanese newspaper of Vancouver. In part it is as follows:

"Minister Hayashi recently stated that the number of passports issued by his government had been greatly reduced of late, and promised that hereafter only the central government would issue passports. He demanded that the American government should guarantee that no exclusion act should be passed.

"Ambassador Thomas O'Brien replied that the President could not make such a guarantee, since it would be an act of discourtesy to Congress, but he would endeavor to prevent the passage of exclusion legislation. At present the negotiations are approaching a satisfactory conclusion, but the army and navy headquarters are preparing for possible emergencies.

"It is reported that the British foreign minister has given notice that in the event of a Japanese-American war Japan could not count on England's aid, and not only so, but it is believed in Washington that no nation but France would give aid to Japan. If Japan is to fight she must begin within the next ninety days or by that time the American fleet will have reached the Coast of California. But our state department declares that there is hope for a satisfactory conclusion of the matter."
