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YOKOHAMA, TUESDAY, JAN. 15, 1907.

The Japanese Training Squadron.

SPECULATION ON ABANDONED TRIP.

Speculation is rife as to the reason for the abandonment of the proposed visit of the Japanese Training Squadron to San Francisco. One is that the visit might furnish the anti-Japanese agitators with an opportunity for instigating further hostile feelings, and that the Japanese officers and men might be discourteously treated by the hoodlums of San Francisco. Another version, which traverses the above supposition, says that the opinion in naval circles is that as a squadron under Admiral Ijin is to be specially sent on a visit to America after obtaining the approval of the Diet, the despatch of the Training Squadron is no longer necessary. It is also added that the present change in the cruising route was due in some measure to apprehension that, if the Training Squadron were despatched, the chance of obtaining an appropriation for the cost of the despatch of the Ijin Squadron would be endangered.

Vice-Admiral Saito, Minister for the Navy, will come down to Yokohama this morning in order to take final leave of the Commander and officers of the Japanese Training Squadron, leaving Shinbashi by the 7.80 train. The Squadron will leave the port the same morning on a cruise in Pacific waters.

Naval Visit to England and America.—The *Jiji* would avail itself of the opportunity of H.M. Prince Fushimi's mission to England to advise the sending of a fleet on a visiting tour to the country of our allies. It thinks it idle to dwell upon England's moral encouragement to our men during the last war, and on the Royal good-will in the shape of Prince Arthur of Connaught's Garter Mission in response to which the Imperial Prince is now to be sent to the Court of St. James. But the best token of national appreciation of the good-will of our allies would be the dispatch of a fleet in escort of the Prince. Much as we felt the honour of a visit from the British Squadron on the China Station this would be only a due matter of etiquette. The *Jiji* proposes the same expression of appreciation of the friendly support of America. Some section of the Americans are indeed stubborn in their anti-Japanese resolution, but we may, in our generous recognition of America's friendship in the past, ignore the local prejudice, by pleasantly responding to the invitation to the Jamestown Exposition extended to our navy. The Government is advised to send in bills on the subject to the Diet, as the paper is sure of its acceptance by both Houses.

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YOKOHAMA, MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1907.

THE TRAINING SQUADRON.

It has been decided that the training squadron, which is to leave Yokosuka on the 15th for a voyage lasting until the 10th of July, will proceed to Honolulu, the Fiji Islands, Australia, Batavia, Singapore and various places along the Chinese coasts. The squadron consists of the *Itsukushima*, the *Matsushima* and the *Hashidate*, and its voyage will extend to 18,920 miles. No American ports except Honolulu will be visited lest the procedure should be misinterpreted as a demonstration. This training squadron is not to be confounded with the special squadron which is to sail in February. But the Special Squadron also will avoid American ports. That seems much the wisest plan in existing circumstances. Nothing is easier than to engender misunderstandings.