

The Reason for Changing the Schedule of  
The Training Squadron.

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There are some circumstances connected with the twice repeated postponement of the sailing of the training squadron. The original plan was changed yesterday, and the training squadron is not to visit the United States at this time.

It is not difficult to conjecture the reason why the authorities concerned have taken this step. The school question at San Francisco has now reached <sup>the</sup> point where neither President Roosevelt's noble and just spirit nor the sympathy of the majority of the American people are able to settle the trouble. On the contrary, the anti-Japanese agitation has grown more intense, and the situation is such that we can not but feel uneasy about the outcome. No matter how unbiased and quiet the training squadron may be on its visit to San Francisco, it is not unlikely that the anti-Japanese agitators will take advantage of the presence of the squadron to intensify the public feeling. Furthermore, should the officers and other members of the squadron be insulted by irresponsible people when they go ashore, it might lead to serious consequences. We presume that this is the reason for abandoning the contemplated visit of the training squadron to San Francisco. There is another conjecture, according to which the visit to San Francisco does not particularly suit the purpose of the cruise of the training squadron. It is quite proper that the squadron should go in any direction provided that the cadets have a chance to practise what they have learned. Instead of going to

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San Francisco at the risk of causing further trouble, the training squadron seems to have chosen the side of caution.