

THE YORODZU CHONO.

Tokyo, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1907.

THE TRAINING SQUADRON.

We greatly regret that the proposed visit of our Training Squadron to American ports has been abandoned, for fear that it might be construed as a demonstration against America. Although the people of Japan are not very well pleased with the anti-Japanese movement in California, yet they entertain no ill-feeling whatever towards the Americans as a whole. On the contrary, they have a deep-rooted sense of respect and friendship towards them. This, we think, we can assert without any fear of contradiction. We hoped that the visit of our training ships to American ports would be interpreted as an friendly act by the Americans and remove to a large extent whatever misunderstanding that may exist between the two nations. Our naval officers are mostly men of great intelligence and tact. We hoped that Rear-Admiral Tomioka, Commander of the Training Squadron, and his officers would convey to the Americans the warm feeling of our people, which has not been cooled in the least on account of that unpleasant little friction in California. It is a great pity that this hope is not to be realized now.