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TOKYO, THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1907.

(FROM THE "TOKYO ASAHI.")

AMERICAN NAVAL ACTIVITY.

London, July 2.—New York wires that according to the *Globe* correspondent who is believed to be well-informed in official matters, the American Government will dispatch a powerful armoured cruiser squadron and a fleet of 16 battleships to the Pacific Ocean within 12 or 15 months.

The Japan Times.

TOKYO, SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1907.

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THE "NICHU NICHU.")

THE BATTLESHIP CANARD.

London, July 3.
The report that the American Government is sending battleships to the Pacific is denied officially.

TOKYO, SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1907.

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THE "DAILY JAPAN PRESS.")

U.S. AND JAPAN.

Berlin, July 5.

The U.S. Secretary of the Navy confirms the report that a great part of the Navy will proceed to the Pacific this winter, but this change has no warlike significance.

The private secretary of President Roosevelt opposes the war rumours and says America has the very best relations with all Powers.

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THE AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS.

London, July 5.

Secretary Metcalf states that 18 American battleships are going to the Pacific next winter, and adds the cruise is of no significance as it is planned for practice purposes.

U.S. FLEET FOR THE PACIFIC.

London, July 4.—The Washington correspondent of the *New York Evening Post* is convinced that the plans of the Naval Headquarters have been approved by the Federal Government authorities; only the date wants to be decided for the concentration of 16 battleships in the Pacific.

(FROM THE "TOKYO ASAHI.")

JAPAN AND AMERICA.

London, July 5.—Speaking at the Independence Day Banquet, the American Ambassador to England emphatically stated that the policy of America was aimed to promote peace. In reference to Japan, he said that there was no denying that the destruction of the restaurants was a regrettable incident, but the Japanese and American people would never quarrel upon such a trifling question. He further contradicted statements by the *New York Herald*.

This paper is becoming more anti-Japanese day by day. It says that there is no room for doubt in that the decision of the President to transfer the battleship from the Atlantic to the Pacific is due to the Japanese embroglio, though the Washington Government endeavours to contradict it in order to allay the feeling of the Japanese. If this be not true, there is no reason why such activity should be shown in the naval circles at Cavite Philippines.