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THE SEATTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Tokyo Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of the following reply to its letter to the Seattle Chamber of Commerce:—

July 30, 1907.

To the
Tokyo Chamber of Commerce,
Osaka Chamber of Commerce,
Kyoto Chamber of Commerce,
Yokohama Chamber of Com. &
Kobe Chamber of Commerce.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 29th in relation to certain disturbances in San Francisco affecting some of your countrymen dwelling there.

The disturbances mentioned in your letter are purely local. They have been greatly magnified and we should infer from your letter that the reports of these occurrences which reached Japan are out of all proportion to the actual facts. This is usual in such cases. Reports from a long distance are generally apt to magnify the event many times. Nevertheless all good citizens here deplore all such disturbances, however small. We believe that you will find, upon inquiry amongst your fellow countrymen here, that in Seattle the Japanese are treated with as much consideration as the people of any other country. On the other hand it gives us pleasure to be able to say that we have always found them to be industrious, law abiding and loyal residents of the Republic, and in Seattle we have uniformly treated them accordingly. We beg to enclose herewith a resolution of this Chamber of Commerce, which was adopted before your letter was written, and which clearly shows our attitude toward your countrymen.

In the future, as in the past, Seattle will always be found standing for justice and fair play for the Japanese, as well as for all other nationalities within her borders. For more than ten years Seattle has been the American home port of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the great Japanese Steamship Company. This Company has been a pioneer in opening up a profitable and friendly trade between the two countries. Commerce in our day is the most powerful and persuasive ambassador of peace and good will among nations. It brings the people of the world closer together, removes prejudices, and promotes national friendships. Not the least important mission of Chambers of Commerce, the spokesmen so to speak, of the com-

merce of their respective countries, is to co-operate with one another in smoothing away and composing the differences that inevitably arise from time to time between the people of different countries as between communities in the same country. In this spirit, and with this end in view, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce extends to the Chambers of Commerce of the cities of Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Yokohama and Kobe, its most friendly consideration, and trusts that the good relations which have existed so long between our cities as between our two countries, and with such manifest advantage to both, may continue unbroken into the far future.

Yours very respectfully,

J. H. McGRAW,
President.

C. B. YANDELL,
Secretary.

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