

The Japan Daily Mail.
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JAPAN AND AMERICA.

It is evident that not a few people in America are determined to construe the eastward voyage of Admiral Evans' Fleet as a demonstration against Japan. The San Francisco correspondent of the Tokyo *Asahi* wires that Rear-Admiral Coghlan describes Japan as making preparations with all speed. We do not know where the gallant—may we not say "notorious"—Admiral obtained this idea nor do we place implicit confidence in the report of his statements, but if it should turn out that he really said anything of the sort we trust that he will be called to sharp account by Washington. The battleship squadron, as it is commonly called, is a magnificent assemblage of ships, and the feat of taking such a huge fleet nearly all round the world may well excite a sentiment of spread-eagleism in the breast of patriotic Americans. But why on earth they should assume that Japan, which has never given them the slightest cause of offence, is the objective of the fleet, no level-headed person can divine. The fact is that there are all sorts and conditions of folks in America, and unfortunately it is the truculent and thoughtless people who make themselves most conspicuous in the States as they do everywhere else. From San Francisco above all other regions these foolishly defiant utterances have to be expected, but in Japan we trust and believe that they will be allowed to pass like an idle wind. The only really serious subject of regret is that such untoward occurrences, however little diplomatic importance attaches to them, can scarcely fail to constitute a little rift in the lute of the two countries' long and perfect amity.

MR. TAFT'S SPEECHES.
Washington, October 2.

All the newspapers of America welcome the speeches given by Mr. Taft in Tokyo with a view to explaining the relations between Japan and America. Previous to the departure of Secretary Taft for Japan, the American Government gave him instructions not to touch on the Japanese affair in American unless the Japanese Government asked for negotiations.

JAPANESE AGRICULTURISTS IN TEXAS.
Mr. K. Ishii, Director of the Bureau of Commercial Affairs, is investigating Japanese agricultural work in Texas.

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AMERICA AND JAPAN.

The *Kokumin Shimbun* prints in heavily leaded type what professes to be an account of an interview that took place at the Shiba Detached Palace between Mr. Taft, the United States Ambassador and General Edward, on the one side, and Count Hayaishi and Baron Chinda, on the other. Some such conference had naturally been expected by the public, but the expectation had been accompanied by an idea that the occasion would be seized by these statesmen to discuss the draft of an immigration treaty. Our contemporary denies, however, that this topic was broached at all. It affirms that the sole object of the meeting was to bring about a full understanding of each other's views between the Governments of Washington and Tokyo. The Secretary of State for War came to Japan entrusted with an exact statement of the President's opinions, and was therefore in a position to speak with the utmost authority. Of course the *Kokumin* does not undertake to say exactly what passed, but it positively affirms that every cloud was removed from the official horizon of both Governments, and that Mr. Taft's speech, subsequently delivered at the Imperial Hotel, was intended to remove every cloud from the horizons of the two peoples.

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OBJECT OF MR. TAFT'S VISIT.

The *Post's* Washington's correspondent learns on good authority that the principal object of Mr. Taft's visit to Japan was to inform the latter that unless a check is put upon the flow of Japanese coolie emigration into America an exclusion bill will be introduced into Congress during the coming session.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

The *Kokumin*, which proved to be most enterprising in connection with U.S. Secretary Taft's visit, learns on high authority that on the occasion of the reception of Mr. Taft on Wednesday His Majesty the Emperor accorded him almost unprecedented treatment and had a prolonged, frank talk with him. Mr. Taft subsequently repaired to the Crown Prince's Palace at his special invitation to receive him.