

city close to the Colorado.

Nov 14th blowing hard towards evening had to hoist the steam launch.

Nov 15th the Japanese fleet manoeuvring under steam.

" 21st Returned to Yokohama to our old anchorage.

" 24th a race came off between our cutter and the Colorado barge. Strait 5 miles the latter pulling 14 oars to our 12. \$500 a side and the championship of the east. the Colorado was determined to win the race. if not by fair by foul means. and were ably assisted in their endeavours by the chosen umpire and referee Lieut Com. G. Watson. our boat being very light the course was so shaped that the wind and sea were on the beam and the boats to pull in the trough of the sea. the barge had the advantage. our men were forced to pull their oars against their will. the first course picked out was head to sea but the Colorado knew very well that they had not the slightest chance to win. if they pulled this course. and although their coxswain was satisfied to pull. the barge crew objected and the umpire and referee with accustomed impartiality gave in to them and

selected a course to their liking. to which our crew objected but the umpire and referee with accustomed impartiality decided that they had to pull the course selected or forfeit the stakes (\$500) with all these advantages on their side the barge nevertheless would have been beaten if our off oar man had not crabled his oar so badly entirely stopping the head way of the boat and allowing the barge to pass. the barge won the race in 10 minutes 47 seconds. she beat our boat by 3 seconds. our men immediately challenged the barge to pull for the same amount and under the same conditions but the barge crew well knowing that they could not win another race refused to pull.

Nov 26th U. S. mail came in

" 27th Lieut W. H. Webb attached to our ship.

" 31 Lieut Com. Abbott detached from the ship being ordered home by a medical survey. Lieut Com. G. M. Chester took charge as 1st officer. Lieut H. L. Snow navigating officer.

Dec 6th Ministers De Long and lady paid a farewell visit to our ship previous to their leaving for the U. S.