

Roosevelt Eyes 1904 Campaign for Presidency

Teddy Hears Nelson A. Miles Seeks Second Place on Democratic National Ticket.

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Senator Lodge's letters from London show how he chafed at the delay of the British on the Alaska boundary commission. The appointment and objects of that tribunal were described yesterday. Joseph H. Choate, our ambassador, gave much aid in straightening out the differences. As the Secretary of State John W. Foster, the United States agent before the commission.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY TRIBUNAL
Thomas' Hotel, London
July 23, 1903.

Dear Theodore:
The cause of delay that threatens is apparently in the argument of counsel. Choate feels that there is no need of long arguments, and I fully agree with him.
On the whole I am encouraged so far as hoping to get through in season to let Root and myself get home, but from what Choate said I am not over sanguine that we shall reach any agreement. I doubt very much if Lord Alverstone will part from the Canadians and decide the case on the evidence. Choate regards both their case and counter case as extremely weak and has presented no case at all. Always yours,
H. C. LODGE.

WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
Oyster Bay, N. Y.,
August 15, 1903.

Dear Cabot:
I am sorry that you think no English or Canadian commissioner will take a rational and fair-minded view of the case. (Alaskan boundary dispute.) If they don't, I hope our three men will make their report as strong as possible. I shall, of course, have to deal with the subject in my message. I shall endeavor to speak as mildly as is compatible with firmness. I shall make no threats, and shall try to use language that will prevent trouble.
But in some shape or way I shall have to say that the effort at an agreement is now at an end and that the whole territory in dispute is our own; that we now occupy it; that we shall not surrender it or hereafter discuss its surrender. I shall then gradually and unobtrusively, but firmly, reduce to occupation the few salient points that are not now occupied.
Give my love to Nannie.
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Hon. H. C. Lodge,
Alaskan Boundary Tribunal,
London, England.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY TRIBUNAL,
Heidelberg, Aug. 29, 1903.

Dear Theodore:
The mail today brought me Sifton's letter suggesting postponement and Foster's reply, which is excellent. The Times announced yesterday that the commission would meet on September 2, so I think so far all is well and that Foster's letter and my representations have been to that degree effective.
I do not share your anxiety about Cleveland, as you know, but I can see a great deal of annoyance and trouble as you point out if they make Miles head of the Grand Army. If he is then made democratic candidate for vice president, it may do some harm but it will also bring a reaction against such violent change of party to get a nomination. He has always been a bitter republican, as you know. That would not affect him but would affect others.
The German papers say that England is extending fortifications and naval provision at Esquimaux and is adding 32 big guns to those already there. I wonder why, for the only thing I feel reasonably certain of is that England will not go to war with us and that, slavish as it is to Canada, it will draw the line there.
Best love to Edith and remember us to the chicks. I do not want Archie to forget his old God-father.
H. C. LODGE.

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Alaskan boundary tribunal in 1903. Secretary of State John W. Foster was the United States agent before the tribunal.
Hon. Nelson A. Miles.
ALASKAN BOUNDARY TRIBUNAL
Heidelberg, Aug. 23, 1903.
Dear Theodore:
I forgot entirely one thing about Miles. He may make trouble for us as commander of the G. A. R., but he will never run on the democratic ticket. The south will never nominate or support the man who put Jeff. Davis in iron. Gorman knows this and can only hope to make Miles an element of mischief as head of the G. A. R.
So having freed my mind which has been full of you today, I have only to say best love from Nannie and myself to Edith and all your household.
Ever yours,
H. C. LODGE.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY TRIBUNAL
Paris, Aug. 30, 1903.
Dear Theodore:
I think it is quite clear that we can expect nothing whatever from the two Canadians and that seemed to be the accepted opinion in London. The only question is whether Lord Alverstone will go with us on the main points, which it seems to us the evidence and the facts demand. Very possibly he will, but England is in such mortal terror of Canada that I feel more than doubtful in regard to it. It seems as if it could force England to do anything short of going to war with us, and at that point England will draw the line. As it will draw the line on that point, the Canadians' insistence on a disagreement is excessively stupid. I leave for London tomorrow and shall continue to hope for the best.
Give Edith our best love.
Always yours,
H. C. LODGE.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY TRIBUNAL
Thomas' Hotel,
Berkley Square, London,
Aug. 31 to Sept. 1, 1903.

Dear Theodore:
I met Lord Alverstone at Choate's at dinner on Wednesday and had a full talk with him after dinner about the meeting of the tribunal. He is entirely obliging and not only willing but anxious to forward matters as much as possible.
There is no trouble at all with the English part of it. The whole difficulty comes from the Canadians, and they are as timid about the Canadians as can possibly be; they are so afraid of injuring their sensibilities that they hardly dare say anything. The British counter case is extremely weak. I have read that and our own since I wrote you and our own is very strong. At the same time I have not much hope of reaching an agreement, for I do not think they will have the courage to decide against the Canadians, and the Canadians are so perfectly stupid about it that they seem to fall utterly to see that a disagreement deprives them of their only chance to get out of the matter creditably and leaves the land

In our possession, where it will remain.
It is very pleasant to me to find how much they all admire you here and how highly you stand with everybody. They all ask me anxiously if you are going to be rejected and seem much pleased when I assure them that you are.
Our best love to all your household. My love to Edith.
Always yours,
H. C. LODGE.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY TRIBUNAL
Paris, September 5, 1903.
Personal.
Dear Theodore:
We were somewhat disturbed by the gentlemen who came up to Sagamore Hill with the view of shooting at you, and Root has probably written you that the only criticism we had to make upon your conduct was that instead of exhibiting yourself in the strong light, where you made an excellent target, you ought to have gone out and arrested the man yourself and taken the pistol from him. Seriously, a thing like this is very alarming, and shows the necessity of the utmost care, something which I suppose you will never possess in regard to yourself.
Give our best love to Edith.
H. C. LODGE.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY TRIBUNAL
FOREIGN OFFICE,
S. W.
Sept. 29, 1903.

Confidential.
Dear Theodore:
Your letter of the 15th sounds very blue and it made me rather unhappy to read it. There have been worrying things this summer, and a good many of them, but I do not think any of them are going to affect the result, unless we should have very bad times next year, and especially next summer. The Miles business and the labor business, which I am sure, blow over. As for the postoffice matter, I am glad to hear that the thing is getting worse. I thought the worst was known before I left, but in any event that is not an issue which I fear politically, for it is so perfectly clear that the wrong

doers were not of your creation and that, on the contrary, you have been the man to probe the sores fearlessly and cut out the affected parts. My own belief is that that will help rather than hurt.
You will, of course, be reminded with hearty acclamation. I feel confident of the election. I do not in the least underestimate the gravity of some of the occurrences of this summer, but I think they may easily seem worse to you than they really are.

I think you are fundamentally just as strong as you ever were. You are always so buoyant and fearless that everybody thinks that you are one of the most sanguine of men. I am one of the two or three people in the world who know better. I know that you are, and always have been, a pessimist in regard to yourself and your prospects, and though this does not in the least affect your spirit or your courage it does make you see things sometimes too darkly. I am by no means an optimist by nature; I am rather inclined to see difficulties often when they do not exist, but I have great confidence in my judgment in regard to you and the future. I am very far from saying that events may not occur which would put the election in peril, but I do say that they have not occurred yet, and I feel an unchanged confidence as to the result.
I do not suppose that either Root or I could have been of much help to you in the troubles which have gathered this summer, but I do think it might have been a relief if you had had one or both of us to talk to. I feel sure I could have been of some help to you, and that makes me very anxious every moment I am kept here.
Love to Edith.
Always yours,
H. C. LODGE.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY TRIBUNAL
FOREIGN OFFICE,
S. W.
Sept. 29, 1903.

Dear Theodore:
Of course we can yield on the Portland Canal islands if Alverstone goes with us on the main contention; that is, on the line being drawn around the heads of the inlets. Looking through Vancouver's maps, I have no doubt myself that he supposed the mountains ran in a parallel chain within, and well within, the 10-league limit, and of course the boundary was drawn on this theory. I have always felt that the geographers put the boundary in the exact place they did because it was impossible to say exactly where there were mountain chains parallel with the sea within the 10-league limit, and they simply drew it all on the 10-league theory with the idea of altering it when it should be actually shown where there were ranges nearer the sea. As you say, we must have an absolutely defensive ground upon which to go when our decision is made. You, Root and Turner are, of course, far more familiar with the maps, text and general evidence upon which you make

up the decision than I am. I know you feel exactly as I do, and I trust your decision implicitly.
If, as I understand, there is one of these islands at the mouth of the Portland canal an American cannery, its rights must be guaranteed in case a change is made. On the Sitken river I do not think under any circumstances we should go below the line which we have already occupied and which was set by the Canadians themselves thirty-odd years ago.

The plain fact is that the British have no case whatever, and when this is so, Alverstone ought to be satisfied, and indeed must be satisfied with the very minimum—simply enough to save his face and bring an adjustment. Rather than give up any essential we should accept a disagreement. I am glad you, Root and Turner all feel alike, that you cannot yield on Alverstone's proposition about the mountains until you see the actual line he proposes and are sure that it is a line which we can accept with justice to our people. We must not weaken on the points that are of serious importance.
It is really unnecessary for me to say this, for you all three feel it quite as strongly as I do, and you know infinitely more about the situation than I do.
In great haste,
Faithfully yours,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Hon. H. C. Lodge,
Care of American Embassy,
London, England.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY TRIBUNAL
WASHINGTON,
OCTOBER 23, 1903.
Dear Cabot:
Just a line to greet you and say how glad I shall be to see you. You have rendered one of those great substantial benefits to the country, the memory of which will last as long as its history lasts. I congratulate you, old fellow.
With warm love for Nannie, and congratulating you and her on the new grandson, I am
Ever yours,
T. R.
Hon. H. C. Lodge,
S. S. Cedric,
Care Collector of the Port,
New York, N. Y.
UNITED STATES SENATE,
Committee on the Philippines,
March 7, 1904.
Personal.
Dear Mr. Loeb:
I enclose two letters, one in regard to an autograph and the other in regard to the president giving a few minutes to a Mr. Barry, representing the Dorchester Heights association, to say a few words to a phonograph record to be reported on evacuation

day in Boston. If it is possible for the president to see Mr. Barry for a few minutes on any day I should be much obliged. If you can arrange a day and hour for this I will let Mr. Barry know. Sincerely yours,
H. C. LODGE.
Mr. William Loeb, Jr.

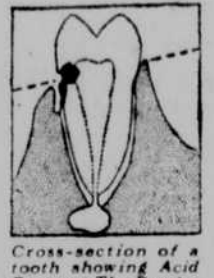
Chapter of Walton League
Organized at Tekamah
Tekamah, April 9.—J. E. Boggs, national field representative of the Izaak Walton league, has organized a chapter here with 50 members and it is estimated that 100 more will join soon. Temporary officers were elected and committees appointed for the next meeting which will be held April 28. A banquet will be held on that date.

Cheyenne County Wheat
Crop in Good Condition
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Farmers Holding Grain.
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