

Roosevelt Asks Japan to Grant Short Armistice

Root Succeeds Hay as Secretary of State in Cabinet of T. R.

WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON Oyster Bay, N. Y. July 11, 1905. Confidential.

At Russia's request I asked Japan for an armistice, but I did not expect that Japan would grant it, although I of course put the request as strongly as possible. Indeed I cannot say that I really blame Japan for not granting it, for she is naturally afraid that magnanimity on her part would be misinterpreted and turned to her account against her.

Taft is a great big fellow. He urged me to bring Root into the cabinet. Of course the papers with their usual hysteria have for the moment been all about Taft, whom they were all booming violently up to three weeks ago, and are now occupied with their new toy, Root. They are sure that he has come into the cabinet for the purpose of making himself president, and the more picturesque among them take the view that he stipulated this before he accepted and that I in effect pledged him the presidency—omitting the trifling detail that even if I had been idiot enough to feel that way, he would not have been idiot enough to think that I had any power in the matter.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Hon. H. C. Lodge, Care Curtis & Co., Bankers, London, England.

WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON Oyster Bay, N. Y. July 18, 1905. Personal.

You and I felt exactly the same way about Root, and to my delight I found that Root was glad to come back as secretary of state. If the opportunity arises, I believe he will be the greatest secretary we have ever had, or at any rate as great a secretary as we have ever had. Of course, he has not the peculiar literary distinction which gave to John Hay's dispatches their charm, but he is a very great man, and what is more important I believe he will get on well with the senate. It is eminently desirable that the state department shall be in such close touch with the leaders and the senate committee on foreign affairs that they shall be able to agree in substance in advance upon what shall be done in treaties, and we shall be spared—and that without regard to which side is at fault—the irritation and indeed the humiliation of starting to negotiate treaties, of committing ourselves to them in the eyes of foreign people, and then of failing to put them through, and what is even more important, prevent treaties which are important from the standpoint of national policy from getting into such shape that the one country or the other refuses to ratify them. I do not want to start anything the senate won't approve.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Hon. H. C. Lodge, Care Curtis & Co., Bankers, London, England.

Venice, June 18, 1905. Since you wrote, the agreement to have negotiations must have been concluded. When they do meet I have grave doubts whether anything will come of it owing, not to the excessive demands of the Japs, but to the hopeless, sullen stupidity of the Russians, who either will not or cannot look facts in the face but think that they can win by lying without limit to themselves as well as others, a scheme which never has and never will succeed either for men or nations. Russia is held by a set of desperate adventurers who care nothing for the country but only for their own place and power. Therefore you can not reason about them as about most people charged with the government of nations. They are autocrats with-

out intelligence, the sole thing which can excuse the existence of autocracy for a moment. But whether this negotiation fails or not you have achieved an immense success in bringing it about.

It is a great glory to you to have played such a part and hence to you, I am very proud of you. You have managed it all, as it seems to me, with great skill.

I am more pleased than I can say by all you have done in this complicated and most tortuous business and do not see how you could have improved on it. The request of Japan will remain with me a dead secret and ought to remain so altogether. The attitude of the Pacific slope toward the Japanese seems incomprehensible at this time from every point of view. We must treat the Chinese more civilly, too. I am heartily in favor of barring opium labor whether Chinese or Japanese, but it must be done discreetly and reasonably—in fact there is no other way in which it can be done.

My very best love to Edith, Nannie's too, to you as well. Ever yrs., H. C. Lodge.

Paris, July 2, 1905.

I had hardly finished reading your profoundly interesting letter of June 16 when the news came of John Hay's sudden death. To us both personally it is a great loss. He was ever a devoted and loyal friend and adviser to you. It will be hard to fill his place—in the eyes of the world impossible at this moment, for he held a great position in the opinion of Europe. My best love to Edith, Nannie's love to you both. Ever yrs., H. C. LODGE.

Paris, July 8th, 1905.

I cannot resist sending you an article from Le Matin and calling your attention to the last paragraph. You will see from that the confidence they have that when Root runs wild there is a strong hand to hold him in check. Over here they know where the real conservative force of the administration is. I think this should be brought to Root's attention. It may help to make him careful.

I cannot tell you how I rejoice over his acceptance (as secretary of state). It was what I wanted above everything and I hardly dared to hope for it. He is of course the one man for the place, and I rejoice for you. Personally it is to me one of the greatest of pleasures. You know how fond I am of Root. He is one of the few men now extant for whom I care more—whose affection and friendship mean much to me and in whom and whose capacity for great service to the republic I have the deepest confidence.

You know how I have always believed that France was our natural ally and belonged in our system and not with England. The Kaiser has done more in a month to drive her toward us than 20 years of effort. For this reason I want to cultivate and cement the relation and they will value words of appreciation from you enormously—from you personally as well as officially.

Best love to Edith. H. C. LODGE. (To Be Continued.)

Plattsmouth Debaters Defeated by Blair Team

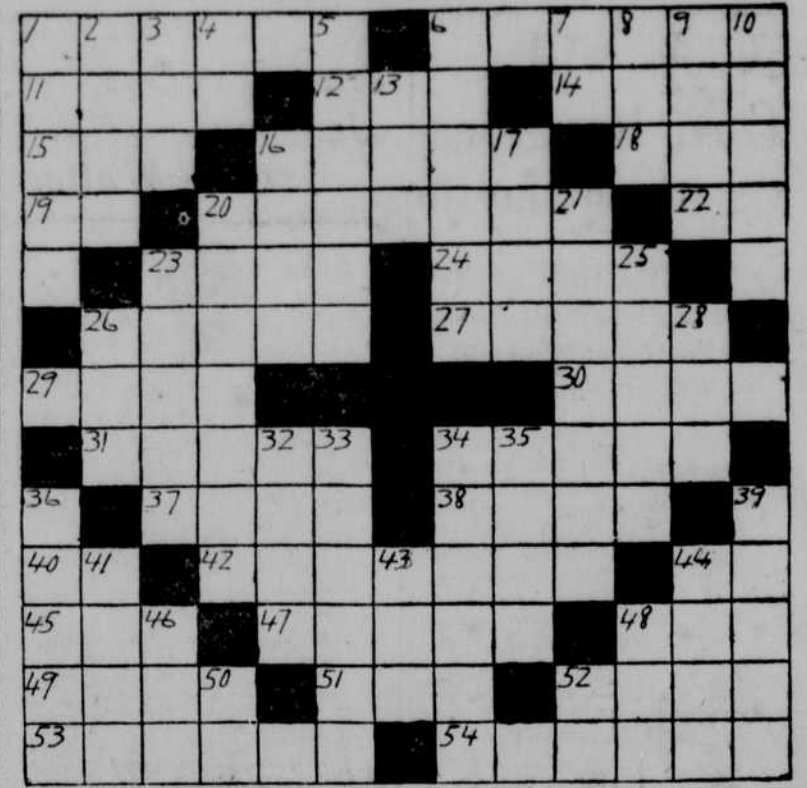
Plattsmouth, April 17.—Plattsmouth High school debaters lost to Blair in the last home debate of the year. M. Eaton, of Omaha, and Coach Strimple, of South High's debating team, were the judges.

Nehawka Mill Burned.

Plattsmouth, April 17.—The Nehawka roller mill, ancient landmark for many years owned by C. D. St. John, was destroyed by fire this week. No insurance was carried and the mill will not be rebuilt. For some time it has not been operated steadily, the owner shipping in the greater part of his flour and foodstuffs for resale to Cass county merchants.

The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY.



- Horizontal**
- Anything living, not a plant.
 - An unmarried woman.
 - Variety of bean.
 - A unit.
 - Part of a fork.
 - Hish mountain.
 - Positive end of a galvanic battery.
 - Chief executive of a state.
 - Concerning.
 - To rise.
 - Musical note.
 - Pertaining to the mouth.
 - Erudition.
 - March.
 - The click of a latch; a snap.
 - Metric unit of weight.
 - To cut with shears.
 - In spirited opposition.
 - The evil one.
 - Case for carrying small articles.
 - To connive at wrong doing.
 - River in Italy.
 - Placed on the statute books.
 - In place.
 - I have (cont.)
 - A bracelet, armband or hoop.
 - Worthless leaving.
- Vertical**
- Warning of danger.
 - African river.
 - Mischievous child.
 - Mother.
 - Sad.
 - Badges of honor.
 - Prisoner.
 - Excavate.
 - Son of Seth (Bib.).
 - The highest mountain in Great Britain.
 - Abbreviation for the 9th month of the Roman calendar.
 - Wing-like.
 - Collegiate town in England.
 - A hermit.
 - Built.
 - Egg-shaped.
 - Brilliantly.
 - Period of time.
 - Relations.
 - Goddess of the months.
 - Headresses or ornaments.
 - Ridicule.
 - The first man to be slain by his brother.
 - Backbone.
 - To aim, intend or try.

Solution to yesterday's puzzle.

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Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm has resigned as executive of the Nebraska Tuberculosis association. She is now in New York on a leave of absence which expires in September.

Miss Alice Marshall has been acting executive in Mrs. Edholm's absence. New York is Mr. Edholm's home state. She has been taking work in English at Columbia university this last winter under Prof. John Erskine. Her daughter, Camilla, is a candidate for her master of arts degree from Columbia in June.

Mrs. Edholm and her daughter will not open their cottage at Lake Minnetonka this summer, but will divide their time between Mrs. Edholm's brother's summer place at Beachwood, N. J., and the Adirondacks.

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