

Roosevelt Joins Rough Riders as War Is Declared

Resigned Assistant Naval Secretary Boasts His Regiment Is Best Outfit in Service.

NAVY DEPARTMENT OFFICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WASHINGTON September 24, 1897.

Dear Cabot: Now don't be abused and speak of yourself as critic or critic in comments on me. I perpetually fear that your very great over-precipitation of me may lead you to minimize, or rather to overlook entirely, my very obvious faults.

Long's is just a dear. The Herald piece did not make me a little uneasy because I was so afraid it might represent some feeling on his part that I was usurping a position to which I was not entitled.

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with the patronage. I got on all right with the Grand Army men in New York, and indeed I think with the congressmen there and Senator Platt—at any rate so far as I know; but in Norfolk a G. A. R. man got drunk and was absent for a week (which he himself stated in his telegram now on file) and before he could be removed he resigned. Twelve days afterward the commander of the local post demanded his reinstatement. I refused, stating the facts, and he then wrote me a grossly impertinent and abusive letter, to which I simply responded that when he learned how to write a proper letter I should answer it and not before. I have kept the correspondence complete.

What creatures those Pennsylvanians are! Even so good a fellow as Bingham is almost impossible to deal with and Boies Penrose is worse. They have almost had epilepsy over a promotion from a \$1,200 to a \$1,400 clerkship, made under the rules in accordance with the recommendation of the commandant, just as we have made promotion after promotion in Brooklyn and Boston.

It never occurred to me to consult them about it any more than I would have consulted you or Platt about similar affairs, for, of course, I knew nothing of the man's record and simply acted on the recommendation of the commandant. But this procedure very nearly gave them a fit. I have just had Bingham to lunch to smooth him down.

Indeed New York politics are in a muddle. Low was exceedingly foolish while he was away, and to decide all these things myself, even where I have written him that I was going to decide them in a way that I doubted whether he would altogether like; and I have at times been a little nervous in the effort to steer the exact course between bothering him on the one hand, and going ahead with something too widely divergent from his views, on the other. However, on the whole I think he has been satisfied with these two months during which I have had charge of the department. He is a man of whom one really becomes fond, and I am looking forward to his return.

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men and the like. I am glad I am out of it. I would have no heart in a campaign against my own organization; and yet I could not with self-respect support men who have done everything they could to nullify the work I did for two years, whose triumph would mean the undoing of much of that work, who have declined to endorse Strong's administration, and whose role would be but one degree better than that of Tammany while 19 out of 20 of my staunch supporters are on the other side.

Yours, T. R. P. S. As for the election, no man can now foretell which candidate will come out ahead. Van Wyck has the call.

NAVY DEPARTMENT OFFICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY October 29, 1897.

Hon. H. C. Lodge, Nahant, Mass. Dear Cabot: Word has just come over the telegraph that Henry George died this morning of apoplexy. This greatly complicates the New York fight. I believe the bulk of his vote will go to Van Wyck and Low. As you say, the conduct of the Low people and of Low in not insisting upon some kind of union with the republicans was not merely stupid, but from the civic standpoint, almost criminal.

The explanation they all give is that they have been betrayed so often and lied to so often when they have tried to go in with Blatt, Quirk, Lauterbach & Co., that they were afraid to have any dealings with them. There is a great deal of truth in this, but the fact remains that they unquestionably ought to have taken the risk. It was the only thing to do. Some of the machine men might have knifed them, but they would have gotten the great bulk of the vote that will now go for Tracy; and though they would have alienated some tens of thousands of men they would have more than made up the difference. What a grim comedy the whole canvass is! The Low men hand in glove with Henry George, and making deals with him alone, refuse even to confer with the republicans on the ground that deals are immoral.

I don't see much hope in the situation in New York. The Citizens' union people are very foolish, and the unspicable scoundrelism as well as folly of the machine has alienated decent republicans more deeply than you could imagine.

There! All this you either will not care for or will know as well as I do, but I have to blow off steam. Give my best love to Nannie. THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

NAVY DEPARTMENT OFFICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY November 8, 1897.

Hon. H. C. Lodge, Nahant, Mass. Dear Cabot: It is a horrid muddle in New York and I am very glad you kept out of it. Of course, your hindsight is better than our foresight; but as things have turned out it is a real misfortune that Bliss should have so ostentatiously kept aloof. Of course, as always happens,

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Princeton, etc.—and almost as many southerners; the rest are men of the plains and the Rocky mountains. Three-fourths of our men have at one time or another been cowboys or else are small stockmen; certainly two-thirds have fathers who fought on one side or the other in the civil war.

Of course, a regiment cannot be made in a week, but these men are in it because they want to be in it. They are intelligent as well as game, and they study the tactics, talking all the movements over among themselves; in consequence we have made really remarkable progress. You would enjoy seeing the mounted drill, for the way these men have got their wild, half-broken horses into order is something marvelous. I am surprised at the orderly manner in which they have behaved; now and then a small squad goes to town and proceeds to paint things red, and then we get hold of them and put them into the guard house, but the great bulk of the men are as quiet and straight as possible. I am very confident there has been much less disturbance than there would have been with the ordinary national guard or the ordinary regular regiment. I have been both astonished and pleased at my own ability in the line of tactics. I thoroughly enjoy handling these men, and I get

them on the jump so that they execute their movements at a gallop. Wood is the ideal man for colonel. Woody Kane has risen to be first lieutenant, and Goodrich, the captain of the Harvard crew, a second lieutenant. The first major is a dandy—Major Brodie of Arizona—a grizzled old frontier soldier, who was in the regular army. — is a pitiful failure, between ourselves; and some of the other officers are very poor.

We most earnestly hope we can be sent to Cuba, and if for any reason Cuba should fall, then to the Philippines—anywhere so that we can see active service. Of course, if we do not see active service, I am left, but if we do, I shall feel amply repaid for the loss of what I like to make myself believe was a career in the Navy department.

Give my best love to Nannie. I wonder how Bay* is enjoying himself? I do not suppose either he or I will see much fighting.

If they begin to send troops to Cuba, I shall write you to see that we go. We are all ready now to move, and will render a good account of ourselves. I earnestly hope that no truce will be granted and that peace will only be made on consideration of Cuba being independent, Porto Rico ours and the Philippines taken away

from Spain. THEODORE ROOSEVELT. *My oldest son, who was in the Navy—volunteer officer of U. S. S. Dixie, commanded by his uncle, Capt. C. H. Davis, U. S. N. (To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

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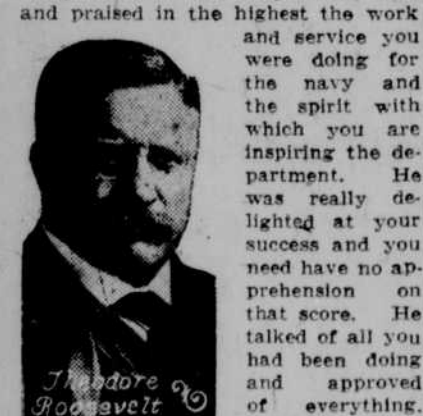
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