

# Roosevelt Says He's Too Poor for Vice Presidency

## Lodge Tells Colonel His Candidacy Is Inevitable, But T. R. Fails to Agree.

(Washington, D. C., Jan. 5, 1900. Personal.)  
My Dear Theodore:  
I am going to have a talk with the president and a very frank talk as soon as possible about both the vice presidency and the Philippines. You know the direction in which I should like to see you go, but if you want to go to the Philippines, my one desire is that you should have what you want. I have great faith in your own instinct as to what you prefer, and there is no question that there is great work to be done in the islands, although I should rather see you take the chance of something bigger at home. I am inclined to think that the vice presidency would be an open road in either direction, but I can tell you more after I have talked with the president. I heard in a curious way the other day that the president intended to send you as governor-general of the Philippines, but that you knew nothing about it.

Always yours,  
H. C. LODGE  
Jan. 7, 1900.  
Private and Confidential.  
Dear Theodore:  
I had yesterday afternoon a long talk with the president. I asked him point blank whether he was thinking of sending you as governor-general of the Philippines. He said not at present; that when civil government was established there under act of congress, or otherwise, and a governor-general was authorized, he thought that you were the ideal man to be the first pioneer governor in those

islands, that there was no one whom he thought so well fitted for that great work, but that the war was still going on, and that he did not think it wise at present to divide the military and civil power, that it would not be fair to you to send you out there as civil governor until the situation had altered and the civil government could have control in everything.  
The force of this I, of course, saw myself and admitted; in fact, I have not believed from all I could learn that it was wise at present to appoint a civil governor. It will come along, however, before very long, and I cannot see why the vice presidency would not be as good a bridge as any other.  
I talked with him also about the vice presidency. He is evidently perfectly content to have you on the ticket with him, and realizes that if your name is brought forward you would be nominated with a rush. I think now I know the whole situation, and that you do, too. I am clear in the opinion that the time has come when you should make up your mind whether to refuse to be a candidate for vice president and run again for governor of New York, or let your name be brought forward for the second place on the national ticket and remain quiescent in regard to it—which, of course, would be taken as a willingness to accept it—is all that would be necessary, in my opinion, if with you would let me know your course you desire to follow. I am not going to urge you one way or the other, but I think the trend of events is steadily making your acceptance more desirable. You have, however, better means of knowing than I, and I have great confidence in your instinct. I wish you would let me know the vice presidency, New York will have lost it. This, Platt does not want to happen, and the attitude of the organization, which has now come around to desire you to take it, is something to be considered.  
I should say you had very handsomely in the Payne case, and your canal report is evidently a great success. Nevertheless, I think the vice presidency the better road to the future, as well as the safer one.  
Always yours,  
H. C. LODGE.  
Hon. Theodore Roosevelt.

able feeling against my resigning. Of course, there should not be, as the succession is arranged in the secretaryship of state.  
I am extremely pleased at the conversation you report with the president. It is quite needless to say that I absolutely agree with the theory that until the war is over, we should have the military authority not merely supreme but alone. It would never do to have a divided authority, and it would not be worth while for a really good man to go out there with divided authority. In public life it seems to me that the blue ribbon part is of very small value. The point is to get hold of some job really worth doing and then do it well. The governor generalship of the Philippines, especially the first generalship, would be exactly such a piece of work. I should approach it with very serious sense, not only of its importance, but of its difficulty; but as far as I can see among those who are likely to be considered as candidates, I would be quite as apt to do as well as any.  
As soon as I can, I will see Senator Platt and then let you know. It would be idle for me to thank you, old man. As I have said before, if I began to thank you I should have to take up so much time that there would be very little time left for anything else. You are the only man whom, in all my life, I have met who has repeatedly and in every way done for me what I could not do for myself, and what nobody else could do, and done it in a way that merely makes me glad to be under the obligation to you. I have never been able to do, and never shall be able to do, anything in return. I suppose; but that is part of the irony of the Payne matter, seeming I have won out; by dint of comeliness of life in this world.  
lining inflexible determination with extreme good nature, and resolutely refusing the advice of Godkin, Parkhurst, and of the various small fry, Chapman, Villard, etc. who wanted me to quarrel with the machine, in which case I should have had about six votes out of 50 in the senate. These gentlemen's opponents are too fond of calling them impracticable; heaven knows they are impracticable; but they are also eaten up by vanity, hypocrisy, mendacity and mean envy.

in fact, they combine with great nicety the qualities of the knave and the qualities of the fool.  
How I have gone over them! Whatever comes hereafter, it is a great pleasure to feel how I have trodden them down.  
And on the other hand, I have made the machine act with absolute decency and have never yielded one hair's breadth to it on a question of morality or principle. I can say quite conscientiously that during my term the governorship of New York has been managed on as high a plane as the governorship of Massachusetts.  
What a terrible time the English are having! There is no question that the Boers outfight them. I am heartily ashamed of (Senators) Mason, Hale and the other men of their stamp who show the particularly mean attributes of jumping on England when she is down. But of course those who have been entirely against their own nation cannot be expected to have any sense of propriety in dealing with another nation which was friendly during the war with Spain.  
With best love to Nannie.  
Ever yours,  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.  
\*The excitement to whom he referred was known as a champion of reform of one kind or another. The last name, Oswald G. Villard, had come into possession of The New York Evening Post.  
Fifty Per Cent of Winter Wheat in Gage County Dead  
Beatrice, April 1.—Farmers in all sections of Gage county are drilling oats in their wheat fields where the crop appears to be dead, and for that reason the oats acreage will be much larger this year than last. It is estimated that fully 50 per cent of the wheat crop was killed out during the early fall and winter.  
Girl Victim of Wardens' Bullet Leaves Hospital  
Esther Bloom, 14-year-old girl who was shot by game wardens on her father's farm near Ashland several days ago, will leave Lord Lister hospital next Saturday for her home. The girl recovered from her wounds rapidly, and for the last few days has been able to walk around the hospital.

### URSULINE CONVENT PRINCIPAL IS DEAD

York, April 1.—Mother Mary Rose, 65, died at the Ursuline convent Saturday after an illness of about 10 years. Before entering the convent she was known as Anna Wagner. She was born in Dueren, Germany. She entered a convent at Peoria, Ill., in 1800. She has been mother superior of several schools in Nebraska and principal at York.  
She is survived by one brother, Joseph Wagner, a publisher in New City. Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. Joseph's church.

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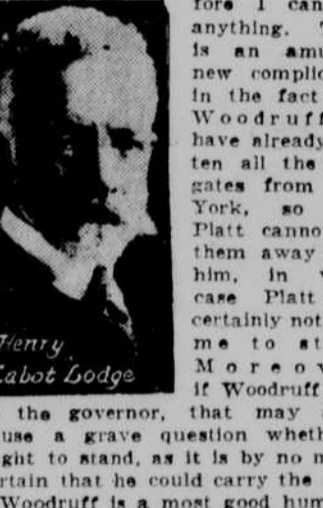
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STATE OF NEW YORK EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
Albany, Jan. 30, 1900.  
Senator H. C. Lodge,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cabot:  
I have just received your letter and it has given me much food for thought. I shall have to see Senator Platt before I can say anything. There is an amusing, new complication in the fact that Woodruff may have already got ten all the delegates from New York, so that Platt cannot get them away from him, in which case Platt will certainly not want me to stand. Moreover, if Woodruff is to be the governor, that may again cause a grave question whether I ought to stand, as it is by no means certain that he could carry the state. Woodruff is a most good-humored, friendly fellow, wild to have me nominate him for vice president, which I suppose for my aims I might have to do (not if I can help it), and he is amusingly and absolutely certain that nothing can prevent his nomination. He is a great worker, and he has had rather a remarkable success in getting nominations and handling the machine here, and he is absolutely confident that he can get the vice presidency. He had a long and frank talk with me the other day, though I told him I could not speak as frankly in return. He explained that he did not want the governorship; that he had seen Black cut his own throat from ear to ear, and seen me keep the machine from cutting its throat (and mine too) by main force, and at the constant peril of a break which would have been just as fatal and which could not be averted by the incessant exercise of resolution and sleepless judgment; and that he did very much want the vice presidency, chiefly because he had plenty of money and could entertain, and he knew he could act as presiding officer of the senate.

The money question is a serious one with me. As you know, my means are very moderate, and as my children have grown up and their education has become more and more a matter of pressing importance, I have felt a very keen regret that I did not have some money making occupation, for I am never certain when it may become necessary for me to try to sell Sagamore and completely alter my whole style of life. As governor, I am comparatively well paid, having not only a salary but a house which is practically kept up during the winter, and thanks to the fact that the ideas of the magazines now wish to pay me very large prices for writing, on account of my temporary notoriety, I was enabled to save handsomely last year and will be enabled to do so again this year.

Not Financially Qualified.  
But great pressure would come upon me if I went in as vice president. I could only live simply. Of course, I could not begin to entertain as Morton and Hobart have; and even to live simply as a vice president would have to live would be a serious drain upon me, and would cause me continual anxiety about money. If the place held out a chance of doing really good work, I should not mind this, for I must try to carry out my scheme of life, and as I am not to leave the child much money, I am in honor bound to leave them a record of honorable achievement; but of course the chance for a vice president to do much of anything is infinitesimal. I suppose I should have leisure to take up my historical work again, but that is about all. If the vice presidency led to the governor generalship of the Philippines, then the question would be entirely altered, but I have a very uncomfortable feeling that there will be a strong although entirely unreason-

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