

Kaiser Suggests T. R. as Mediator in Russ-Jap War

Roosevelt Warns of Possible Danger From Japs to Philippines and Pacific Coast.

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(President Roosevelt followed the news of the Russian-Japanese war with avid interest until the time came to launch his peace proposals.)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 5, 1905.

Confidential.
Only you and Nannie must see this. Dear Cabot:
While we had thought that the probabilities favored Togo's victory, most of us, and certainly I, had thought that the fight would be close, that there was some chance for the Russians, and that at least there would be a terrible battering of the Japanese ships. No one anticipated that it would be a rout and a slaughter, rather than a fight; that the Russian fleet would be absolutely destroyed, while the Japanese fleet was left practically unharmed.

Both Takahira (Japanese minister) and Cassini (Russian ambassador) came to see me shortly after the fight. The Japanese evidently want peace, but only if they can get it pretty nearly on their own terms. The Russians hitherto seem helpless, and suddenly unable to decide what they want or how they are to get anything if they do want it. At the Japanese government's request, but to use their own expression "on my initiative"—that is, they desired the request made, but desired that it should be on my own motion and that they should not in any shape or way appear as asking it (and you are the only human being who knows that they have asked me except

Edith, though I shall have to in the end tell both John Hay and Taft—I told Cassini to say to the czar that I believed the war absolutely hopeless for Russia; that I earnestly desired that she and Japan should come together and see if they could not agree upon terms of peace; and that I should like to propose this if I could get the assent of Russia, and then of the Japan, which latter I thought I would be able to get. I could not be sure that Cassini would tell this to the czar, for he is afraid of saying what is disagreeable to his superiors; but I hardly know what to do else. Meanwhile I had found that Germany and France were both anxious that peace should be made, and both agreed with me as to how the first steps should be taken.

Takahira had also seen Speck (German Ambassador von Sternberg), and I think that one result—probably of an unexpected kind as far as the Japanese were concerned—appeared in the action of the kaiser as set forth in a cable to me:

"The president here quotes the historic cable in which the kaiser tells of urging the Russian-Japanese mediation. He also tells of his determination to send a cable to the czar, bidding him to call on the czar and present President Roosevelt's proposal of a peace conference between Russia and Japan, and to state the text of this cablegram to the German, French and British representatives in Washington."

I do not believe there is much chance of this bringing about peace, for I suppose the czar, who seems in a thoroughly Chinese mood, will refuse to do anything. If he does, then all I can say is that his blood must be on his own head. In a few months, more or less—certainly in a year or so—the Japanese will take every Russian army or fortress on the Pacific slope, and will practically drive Russia east of Lake Balkal. In any event, I have done what I could to help toward peace.

The paragraph refers to Sir H. M. Balfour, British ambassador, who is a high-minded, conscientious public servant and I like him personally. But he is very slow. In this crisis he has away at Lenox—which I have been glad of as O'Beirne is a really much more satisfactory man through whom to act. Do not do anything to hurt Durand, and do not express any opinion unless it is asked for; but if either the King or Lenox should ask as to what man we would think best, you might dwell upon the good qualities of Spring Rice. The only thing is, remember to be cautious, so that they cannot hold you responsible for making Spring Rice a success.

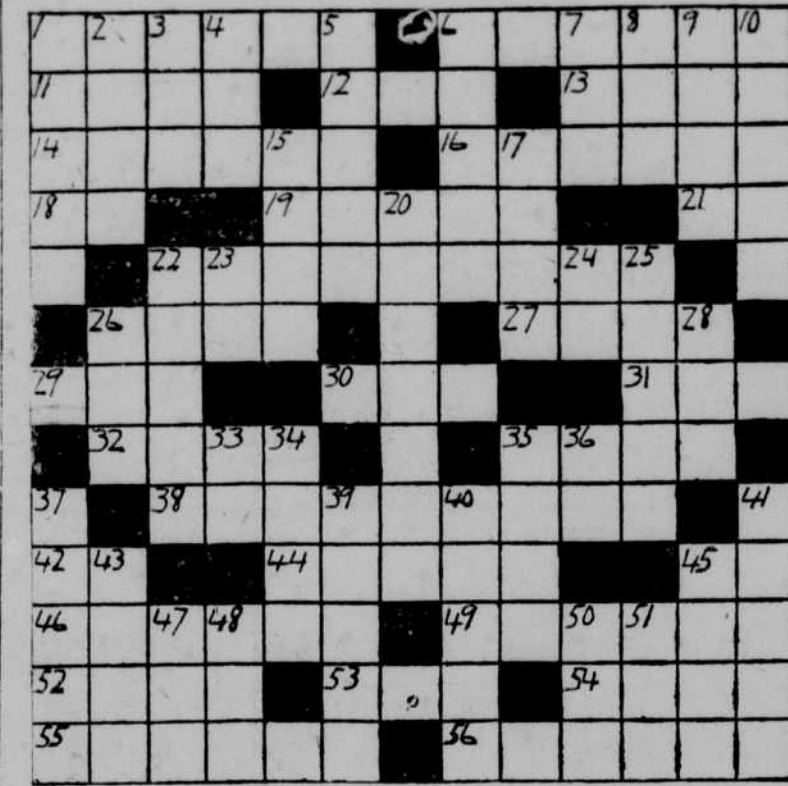
With love to Nannie, I am, in great haste,
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THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
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(In a newspaper of the above letter President Roosevelt recounts some anecdotes already published, of the negotiations between himself and the diplomats of Russia and Japan. He remarks that the Russian and Japanese envoys, and tells how cautious the Japanese have been in trying to sound out England's attitude toward a Russo-Japanese peace. The remainder of the postscript follows.)

I have no doubt that some Japanese, and perhaps a great many of them, will behave badly to foreigners. They cannot behave worse than the state of California, through its legislature, is now behaving toward the Japanese. The feeling on the Pacific slope, taking it from different standpoints, is as foolish as if controlled by the mind of a Hottentot. These Pacific coast people wish grossly to insult the Japanese and to keep out the Japanese immigrants on the ground that they are an immoral, degraded and worthless race; and at the same time that they desire to do this for the Japanese and are already doing it for the Chinese. They expect to be given advantages in oriental markets; and with besotted folly are indifferent to building up the navy while provoking this formidable new power—a power jealous, sensitive and warlike, and which if irritated could at once take both the Philippines and Hawaii from us if she obtained the upper hand on the seas. Most certainly the Japanese soldiers and sailors have shown themselves to be terrible foes. There can be none more dangerous in all the

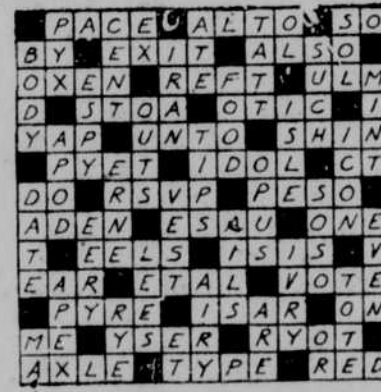
The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY.



- Horizontal.**
1. Tender feeling.
 6. Races or strains.
 11. A century plant.
 12. A chum.
 13. Moisture precipitation.
 14. One who puts by for a rainy day.
 16. Chief arteries.
 18. Toward.
 19. A belief in the existence of God.
 21. Louisiana (abbr.).
 22. Toward of silver.
 26. Toward the sheltered side.
 27. A jumping amphibian.
 29. Pronoun.
 30. Cute.
 31. A scrimmage.
 32. Eternity.
 33. Solitary.
 38. Artists.
 42. What?
 44. A dress material.
 45. The. In French.
 46. A gesture of greeting.
 49. To stay.
 52. A pile, one on top of another.
- Vertical.**
1. Adhesive mixture.
 2. Woman's musical voice.
 3. Also.
 4. Personal pronoun.
 5. A gay frolic.
 6. To water.
 7. To make a mistake.
 8. To take nourishment.
 9. A timepiece.
 10. A mean fellow.
 15. The margin.
 17. Neglect.
 20. To decline or conjugate.
 23. A bitter cathartic.
 23. In regard to—
 24. Toward.
 25. Merits.
 26. A sunk fence.
 28. Female kangaroo.
 32. All right.
 34. Habitation of a bird.
 35. Unspirited.
 36. Either.
 37. Nuisances.
 39. Chinese money units.

Solution to yesterday's puzzle.



40. Employed.
 41. Dogma.
 43. A salute.
 45. Stead.
 47. Grassy plain.
 48. A large vase.
 50. To deface.
 51. Past time.
- The solution will appear tomorrow.

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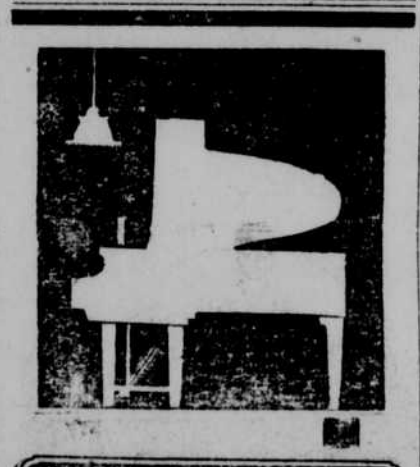
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