

T. R. Says Kaiser and King Have No Control Over Him

Roosevelt Insists Lodge Make His Position Clear to British Royalty.

Bologna, June 10, 1905. Dear Theodore: I see by the newspapers you are trying to bring about peace. Heaven speed you. But it looks as if Russia was hopelessly stupid and bound to rush on its doom. Japan would do well to be reasonable.

Thanks for instructions as to what I should say to the king—just what I wanted to know. I hope that Reid will remember about it and that my object is not curiosity but business. I like Durand too well to say anything to hurt him. But I will let fall some judicious observations about Springy which may do him good.

Edith says you have come back looking 20 years old, of which I am indeed glad, but I do not like this widening the gap between us in age. I am far too old now.

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some days later, as the president tells Lodge about various moves in the Russian-Japanese peace negotiations subsequent to June 15.

WHITE HOUSE, Washington, June 16, 1905. Personal and Private. Dear Cabot: I hope you will tell the king exactly my relations with the Kaiser. I want to remain on good terms with him; there are certain things I admire about him; but it is preposterous to say that I am under his influence.

Now as to the peace negotiations here. I have been having endless difficulties. Russia has been guilty of double dealing more than once, and Japan's course has not always been satisfactory. Perhaps you will be interested in knowing exactly how I handled the affair, so I shall now give it to you, documents and everything.

Many of the documents quoted in this letter to Lodge have become historic. These heretofore unknown are reproduced either in full or in part. When the president first broached peace to the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, this was what happened, as described by T. R. to Lodge.

I then saw Cassini and Cassini answered by his usual rhapsody, to the effect that Russia was fighting the battles of the white race (to which I responded by asking him why in that case it had treated the other members of the white race even worse than it had treated Japan); that Russia was too great to admit defeat, and so forth, and so forth. However, I spoke to him pretty emphatically, and he said he would communicate my views to his home government and find out if they were agreeable to my request.

Meanwhile I had been keeping in touch with Speck and Jusserand (German and French ambassadors), and suddenly received an indication of what the Kaiser was doing. I sent you a copy of his telegram in my last letter. Partly because of this telegram, and partly also because I could not be sure that Cassini would really tell his home government what I had been doing or that Lansdorff (Russian foreign minister) would tell the czar of what I wished, I made up my mind to have Meyer (American ambassador) see the czar in person, and I sent him the cable about which I wrote you in my last letter.

I then had a perfectly characteristic experience, showing the utterly loose way in which the Russian government works. On June 6 Cassini showed me a dispatch from his government in which they declined my proposition; or rather did not answer it at all, but said that they would not ask either peace or mediation, but asked me to exercise a moderating influence on the demands of Japan and find out what these demands were.

The next day Meyer sent me a dispatch, which of course directly reversed Cassini's action. (In Meyer's dispatch it was shown that the czar voiced ideas against peace at any price.) But the czar consented to Roosevelt's proposition on condition that it be kept secret and that Roosevelt should act on his own initiative in approaching the Japanese.

Cassini was notified of this and insisted that Meyer had misquoted the czar and got his words wrong. I had this statement cabled over to Meyer, who got the authority of Lansdorff (Russian foreign minister) to say that he had quoted the czar correctly and that his (Meyer's) dispatch, which was shown to Lansdorff, was an accurate account of what had been said.

Meanwhile I published my identical note. (Here is quoted the text of the note from President Roosevelt to the Russian and the Japanese governments, saying that the time has come in the interests of mankind to end the war, and that he urges a meeting of delegates from the warring nations, without any intermediaries. He offers his services in arranging the conference, if such services are needed.)

Then Cassini must have been told by his government what had happened, for he called upon me and notified me that the Russian government thanked me and adopted my suggestions. I am inclined to think that up to the time he had received the message which he then communicated to me, his government had told him nothing whatever as to their attitude toward peace.

(President Roosevelt here quotes the Russian foreign minister's reply to his identical note in this reply Japan accepts Roosevelt's proposal and expresses its willingness in the interest of the world and of Japan, to negotiate directly with Russia on the question of peace.)

Cassini in his verbal statement to me accepted just as unreservedly, but after he had thus accepted I received the following dispatch from Lansdorff through Meyer:

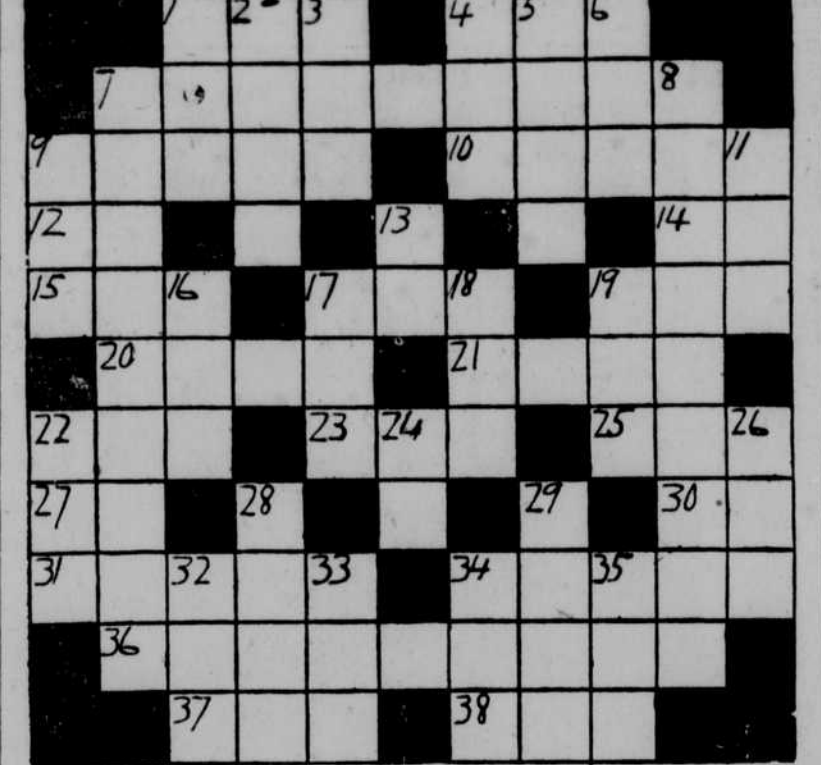
"June 12, 1905. The following note is just received from the foreign office, which I transmit in full: 'I did not fail to place before my august majesty the telegraphic communication which your excellency had been pleased to transmit to me under instructions of your government; His Majesty, much moved by the sentiments expressed by the president, is glad to find in it a new proof of the traditional friendship which unites Russia to the United States of America, as well as an evidence of the high value which Mr. Roosevelt attaches even as his imperial majesty does to that universal peace so essential to the welfare and progress of all humanity.'

"With regard to the eventual meeting of Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries, 'In order to see if it is not possible for the two powers to agree to terms of peace,' the imperial government has no objection in principle to this endeavor if the Japanese government expresses a like desire."

(To Be Continued.) Chicken Roostee Raided. Beatrice, April 15.—Chicken thieves have been busy in the Killie vicinity the past week. One woman reports the loss of 12 purchased hens at her place, and another lost 18.

The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY.



- Horizontal. 1. A cereal. 4. A fish's steering gear. 7. Sets apart. 9. A closed car. 10. To prevent. 12. Otherwise. 14. Perform. 15. In no manner. 17. An antelope. 19. The sheltered side. 21. At that time. 22. Charge for services. 23. To unite. 25. Belonging to it. Vertical. 1. Worn. 2. An expression of disappointment. 3. Twenty hundredweight. 4. Temporarily new. 5. An individual memorandum. 6. To ensnare. 7. An apparatus for weighing cases. 8. Sluggish. 9. Male child.

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. PATHOLOGICAL BREEDS ALOE PALM PLAIN STOKER AORTAE TO DEISM LA ARGENTITE ALEE FTOAD WHO SLY ROW FAEON ELOWE F SKETCHERS T EH SATIN LE SALUTE REMAIN TIER LIVE AGEE SLANTS SPROUT (Copyright 1925)

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- 11. Small deer. 13. Upon. 14. A digit. 17.—To procure. 18. Indian tribe. 19. Rumanian money unit (plural). 22. Obesity. 24. Enclosed. 25. Bashful. 26. Dried leaves of a South American herb. 28. Numerous. 29. Not old. 33. A small stream. 34. Remote. 35. Frozen water.

ALLIANCE SEEKS NEW CITY MANAGER

Alliance, April 15.—At the first meeting of the new council J. S. Elin was chosen president and ex-officio mayor, C. E. Wills, a holdover councilman, was chosen vice president and Mrs. George Nation, city clerk. Carl Rockey, who has been superintendent of the city, was chosen city engineer.

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