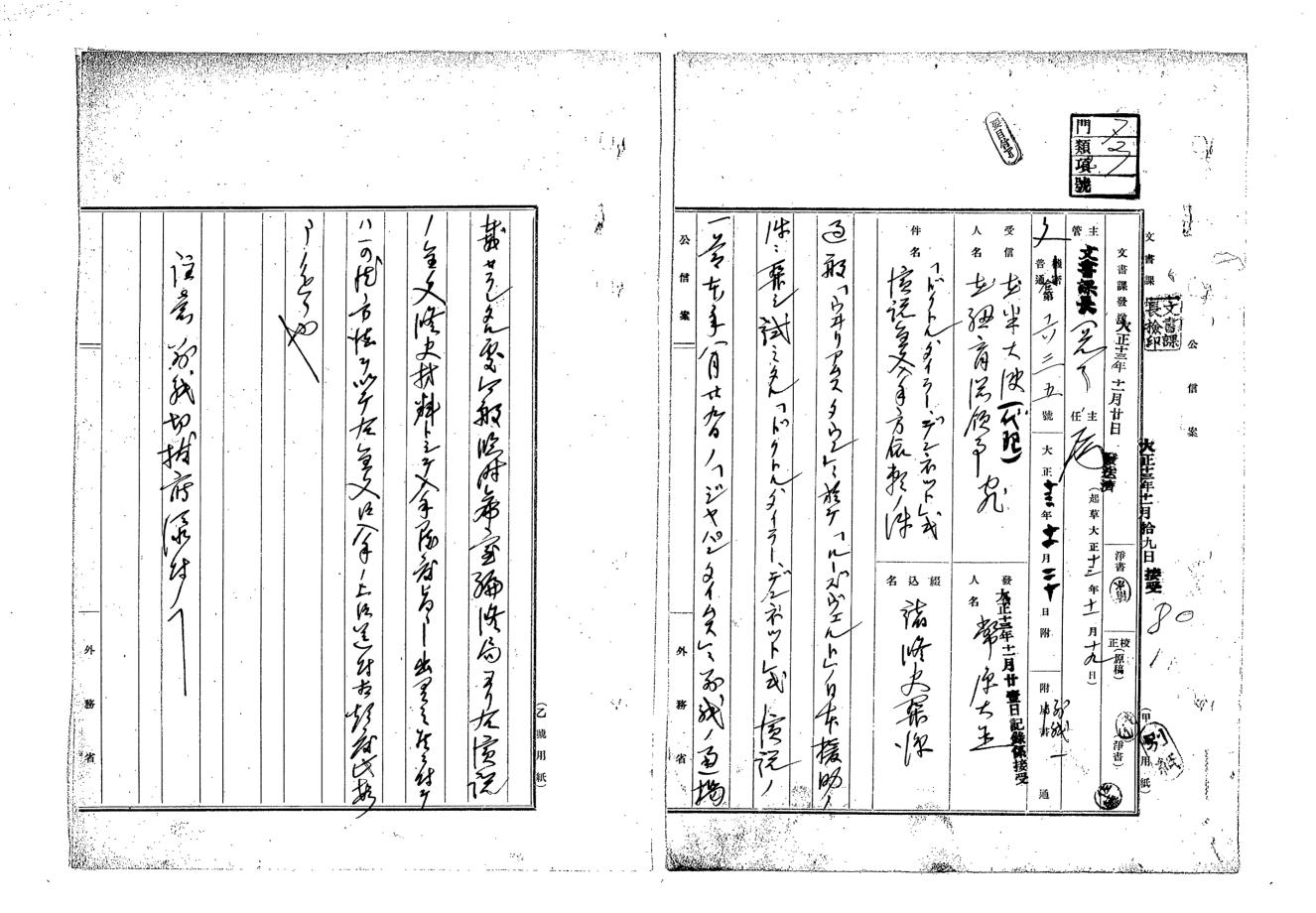


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clearly revealed in the private papers of President Roosevelt, as well as in the contemporary literature of the time, Europe was NAPOLEON'S LETTERS Priceless Find Made In Vienna dangerously close to the brink of a world war. France was allied to Russia, England was allied to Japan. Four powers were paired. Germany had urged Russia into the war with Japan, and her future policy was then a matter of doubt and grave, concern Recently VIENNA, Aug. 5—Treasures whose worth cannot be calculated, brought to Austria seventy years ago by Count Hugo Anton Bassano, second son of Duke Hugo Bernhard Bassano, were uncovered yesterday at Brunn. ture policy was then a matter of doubt and grave concern. "When President Roosevelt threw in the weight of his influ-ence by his warning to France and Germany, he localized the conflict ed yesterday at Brunn.

The find consists chiefly of documents which Bassano, Napoleron's Secretary of State; took from Paris 110 years ago. They include 217 letters from Napoleon to Bassano, of which 37 are in Napoleon's handwriting and most of the others bearing his signature, and letters to the King of England, the Emperor of Austria, King of Prussia, Czar of Russia and his prother Jerome Bonaparte. in the Far East and quite pos-sibly prevented the outbreak of a European conflict. It would therefore appear that the policy of co-operation with foreign relations in operation with foreign relations in international affairs cannot be called a partisan policy. It is one which has been as ardently advocated by Republican as by Democratic leaders. Drafts of campaign plans, letters to and from Talleyrand and many other documents of great historical importance are included in the find. One of the most interesting is a report containing Napoleon's own opinions of the Russian campaign; another treats of French foreign policy during the period of 1811 to 1814. The death mask of Napoleon, made by his personal physician and sent to Bassano at Napoleon's request, also was found. cratic leaders.

"Indeed we may wonder whether in years to come it will not be regarded as Roosevelt's greatest contribution to American statesmanship that he so perceived the necessity of American participation in European politics. The situation in the Suresian than the same and the same The situation in the Summer of 1905 is such as to make it seem quite plausible that if President quite plausible that if President toosevelt had not made this engagement with Japan and England it would have been far more difficult and perhaps impossible for him to mediate the peace of Portsmouth a month later."

Dr. Dennett said that the United States should continue to follow a policy of cooperation. Any lapse into isolation in the future, ne said would mean that we would have to fight or retire from the ited. Unless America cooperates, he said, the time may come when China will be closed against out trade, which would mean an industrial depression in this 溡 帝 室 編 修 局 dustrial depression in this country. 第 Dr. Dennett almitted that the Roosevelt policy was open to cri-號

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HOW "TEDDY" Helped Japan

Dr. Dennett, At Williamstown, Tells Of Secret Compact for Par Eastern Feace

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Aug.
—Quoting the private letters of
Theodore Roosevelt as his authority, Dr. Tyler Dennett of
Washington, D.C., a writer and
lecturer on the Orient, told the
China Round Table at the Institute of Politics today that President Roosevelt had entered into
a secret agreement with the Imperial Japanese Government in
195 to co-operate with Great Britain and Japan "for the preservation of the peace of the Far
East."

The "agreed memorandum," as Dr. Dennett called a document which he said had been "enthusiasucally endorsed" by the President after being drawn up by representatives of Mr. Roosevelt and the Japanese Government, also contained a statement that Japan had no unention of trying to take the Philippines away from the United States, and that Mr. Roosevelt's representatives declared that Japan would be justified in establishing a military protectorate over Korea and taking charge of her foreign affairs.

Dr. Dennett also asserted that he had seen a "brief letter" wruten by President Roosevert at the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese War, in which Mr. Roosevert warned both I rance and Germany that, if they went to the support of Russia, he would go to the support of Japan. In consequent of these two actions by the President, Dr. Dennett went on, the United States during the Roosevelt Administration was virtually "an unsigned member of the first and second Anglo-Japanese altiances" According to Dr. Dennett President, Roosevelt pre-

vented a world war by his warning to France and Germany.

Revelations Create A Sensation

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The Dennett revelations created a sensation among the members of the institute. In a discussion following the address, Dr. Dennett was hailed on one hatorical facts of far-reaching importance, while on the other hand he was challenged to produce proof of his assertions. Dr. Dennett replied that he had been working on President Roosevelt's private correspondence for months, and that the documents, he referred to were on file in the possession of the Roosevelt family. He said that he had in his possession a photostat copy of the "agreed memorandum."

In Chinese, Debate,
Dr. Dennett s. disclosure of the
Roosevelt agreement came at the
end of a discourse on American
policy toward China. His theme
was that the principle of cooperation by the United States
with the principal European powers in Chinese affairs was old
and deep-seated, had been expressed even in the open-door
letters of John Hay, and should
be continued.

Reaching the period of 1904 and 1905, Dr. Demnett cited President Roosevelt's attitude at the time of the Russo-Japanese War and the Portshooth Peace Conference as an example of cooperation, not only in the Far East, but in Europe.

Dr. Deniett went on as follows:

"I have in 'my possession the photostat of an 'agreement made on July 29, 1905, the effect of which was to place the United States during the period of the Roosevelt Administration as almost an unsigned member of the second Angio-Japanese alliance. This agreement took the form of an 'agreed memor andum,' and had the complete endorsement of President Roosevelt, "Although 'it was 'negotiated' through 'regular diplomatic channels of State, the substance of this agreement was as 'follows:

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"In the course of the conversation the American representative
of President Roosevelt remarked
to the Jupanese, I suppose that

you do not desire to take the Phillippine Islands away from us. The Japanese replied that he was glad to assure the American Government that Japan had no such desire or intention, and that Japan would, be best satisfied to see the United States remain in the Philippines and establish and maintain a stable government.

The Japan's View

'The Japanese representative then said in substance: You realize how difficult it is to preserve the peace of the Far East. There is danger that following the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese War, Korea will lapse again into a condition of anarchy. We are aware of the provision of the American Constitution which make alliances so difficult, but it seems to us as though it would be possible for the United States to enter into a secret agreement with Japan and England for the preservation of the peace of the Far East."

"The American replied that under our Constitution such a secret agreement would be impossible. However, he thought he could assure the Japanese Government that the American people would be glad to not with the Japanese and British people for the preservation of the peace of the Far Bast.

the Far East.

The Japanese representative then inquired of the American representative what, in his opinion, Japan should do with reference to Korea. The American replied that in his judgment Japan would be fully justified in establishing a military protectorate over Korea and in taking charge of her foreign relations.

Cites Warning To Germany
"This document was approved by President Roosevelt only twelve days before the formal publication of the terms of the second Anglo-Japanese alliance, and two weeks before the opening of the Portsmouth Peace Conference. This action of President Roosevelt did not stand alone.

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"At the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese War, eighteen monthsbefore, President Roosevel, had been so impressed with the possibility that France or Germany. or, both, might go to the support of Russia against Japan that, according to his own statement, in a brief letter which I have seen, he warned both Germany and France that if they went to the support of Russia he would go to the support of Japan and "take whatever steps necessary for her protection."

"It will be recalled that in the first Anglo-Japanese alliance, signed in 1902, this was the objection which had been assumed by England, We may therefore any that this warning, which came personally from President Roosevelt to France and Germany, had only the value which attaches to the personal declaration of the President of the United States. Nevertheless, the effect of it was to make the United States assume substantially the same responsibility toward Japan which England had assumed in the first alliance.

Putting together these two actions of President Roosevelt, we may see roughly that the United States during Resevelt's administration was, so far, as the action of the President could make it, an unsigned member of both first and second Anglo-Japanese Alliances, not binding on administrations and was in fact ignored by President Taft and Secretary Knox in the proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurain

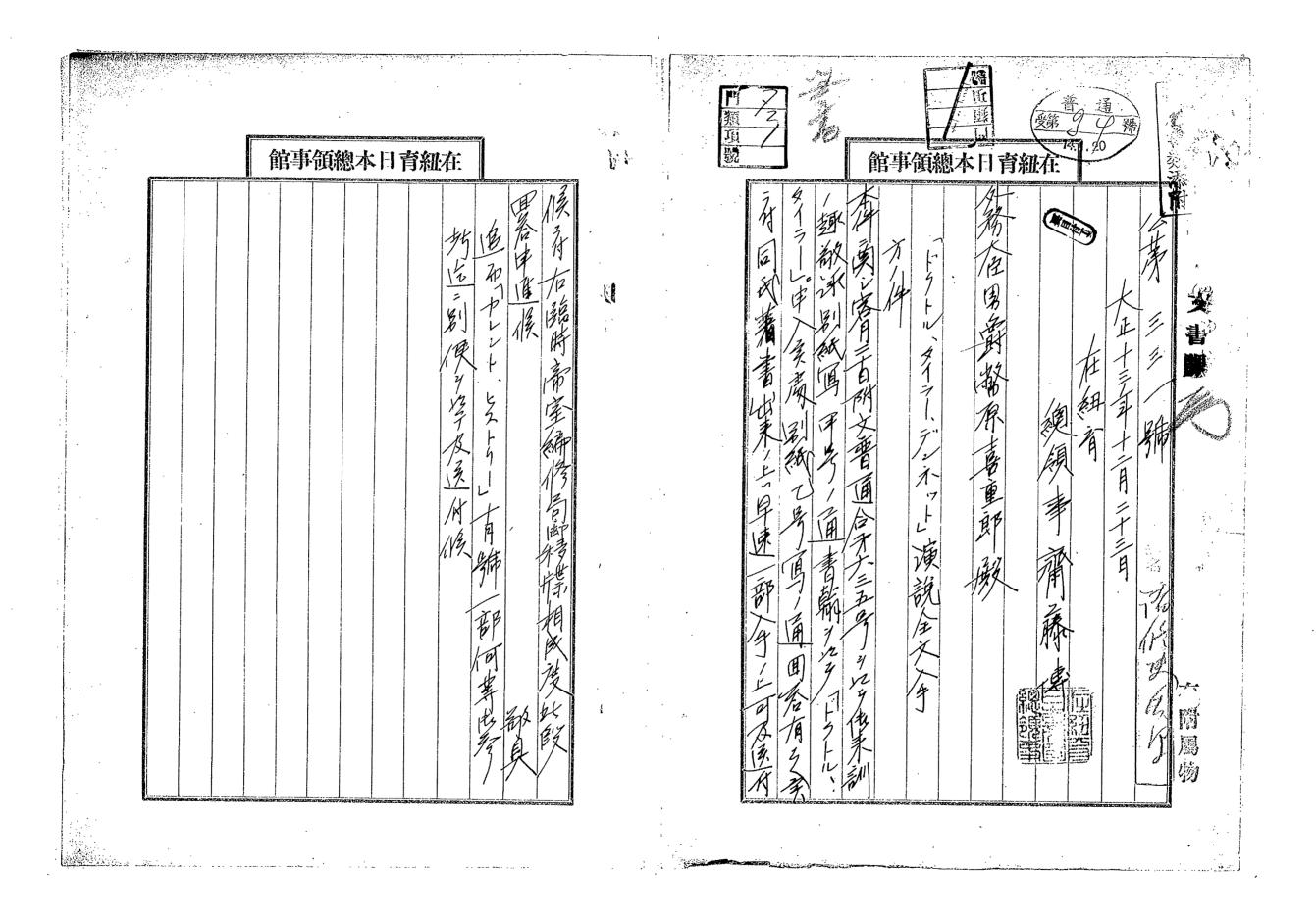
railways in 1910.

"This action on the part of President Rossevelt would appear to have very great significance on the part of the United States. President Rossevelt was perhaps the first American statesman, certainly the first sinco Sewald, to perceive clearly that the Far East question is largely a phase of European politics.

Rossevelt And Europe.
The Russo-Japanese war had its origin quite as much in Europe, as in the East. President Rossevelt appears to have realized that the most certain way to safeguard American interests in the Far East was to enter European policies and declare American willingness to bear its full share of responsibility for the preservation of the peace, not merely of the Far East, but of Europe and the world.
"At the beginning of 1904, as is

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JAPANESE CONSULATE GENERAL NEW YORK, N.Y.

December 17, 1924.

Dr. Tyler Dennett, Stoneleigh Court, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The Committee for the Compilation of the Annals of Emperor Meiji, a body organized by imperial order with Viscount Kaneko at its head, is desirous of obtaining a text of the speech delivered by you at Williamstown last summer on the relations between the late President Roosevelt and the Japanese Government at the time of the Russo-Japanese War, as it appears to be a valuable material.

Would it be possible for you to supply the above Committee with one copy? I am sending a copy of the October issue of the Current History which contains your article on the same subject.

Your courtesy in this matter will place me under a deep obligation to you.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) H. Saito.

Consul General.

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TYLER DENNETT 1424 Sixteenth St. Washington, D.C.

December 19, 1924.

The Honorable Hirosi Saito, Consul General of Japan. New York City.

Dear Sir:

I wish I could comply with your request for a copy of my address at Williamstown but the address was made from notes and was never written out.

The Times of August 8 carried in direct quotation the part in which you are directly interested. <u>Current History</u> amplified one part of it, giving the documentary material. <u>World's Work</u> for this coming January, February or March (I am not sure when it will be used) will contain some more of this material.

I shall have a book, to be called Roosevelt and the Russo-Japanese War, which will be published in March. I would suggest that it would be well to wait for the publication of this book which contains a great deal of new documentary material before attempting to make use of the fragments which have already been printed.

I am much pleased to know that this subject is attracting attention in Japan and I am particularly glad that my little contribution can be made use of because it seems so important just now to dwell upon the very substantial friendship which has characterized the relations between the United States and Japan.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Tyler Dennett.

