

PORTSMOUTH IS CHOSEN

ポーツマスが選ばれる

Whatever the result of the meetings to be held at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, Portsmouth itself and the towns in its vicinity would be more famous than ever before. Portsmouth was in the world's eye and was to remain there for weeks to come.

ポーツマス海軍工廠での会議がどのような結果に終わろうとも、ポーツマスとその周辺は、かつてないほど有名になるだろう。世界中の目がポーツマスに釘付けになっており、その状態は数週間続く。

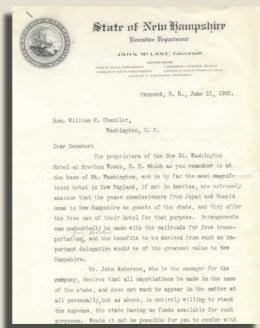
REQUIREMENTS FOR SITE - 会場の必要条件

After Roosevelt convinced the combatants to negotiate a treaty, all that remained for the two countries was to agree on a conference location. Both parties insisted on a neutral location with no other power at the negotiation table and agreed on Washington as a potential neutral site. As Washington was (and is) well known for its oppressive summer heat, Roosevelt interpreted the agreement on the American capital to mean that an East Coast site would be acceptable. Roosevelt knew the site had to have telegraph capacity, security, negotiation and accommodation facilities, and appropriate hosts for the negotiations.

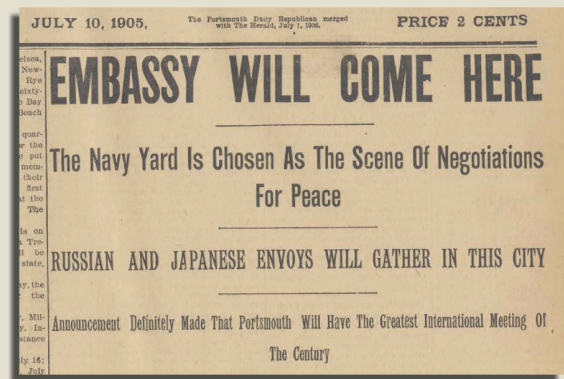
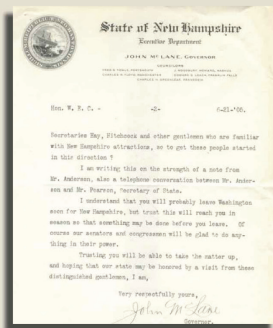
GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PURSUES THE CONFERENCE

ニューハンプシャー州知事、講和会議を招致する

In the belief that a New Hampshire location would boost the tourist economy, the owners of the Mount Washington Hotel wrote Governor McLane offering the complimentary use of their hotel for the conference. Governor McLane and the New Hampshire Secretary of State, along with the entire New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, eagerly worked to have New Hampshire chosen as the conference site, including making visits to the Russian and Japanese embassies.



NH Governor McLane's letter to Senator Chandler. Courtesy of New Hampshire Historical Society.



Courtesy of Portsmouth Athenaeum.

ROOSEVELT CHOOSES THE PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD

ローズベルト、ポーツマス海軍工廠を選ぶ

Roosevelt, as a former Assistant Secretary to the Navy, knew that the navy and naval facilities would be able to handle the difficult matters of international protocol for the official negotiations. Roosevelt selected the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a suitable site for the conference because it could meet all the necessary requirements for holding such an event. Moreover, it was located next to Portsmouth, a small city that had a neutral population that would be welcoming to both sets of delegates and a state governor eager to host the delegates.



Congress Street near Market Square, Portsmouth, NH. Courtesy of Portsmouth Athenaeum.



Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Courtesy of Richard Candee.