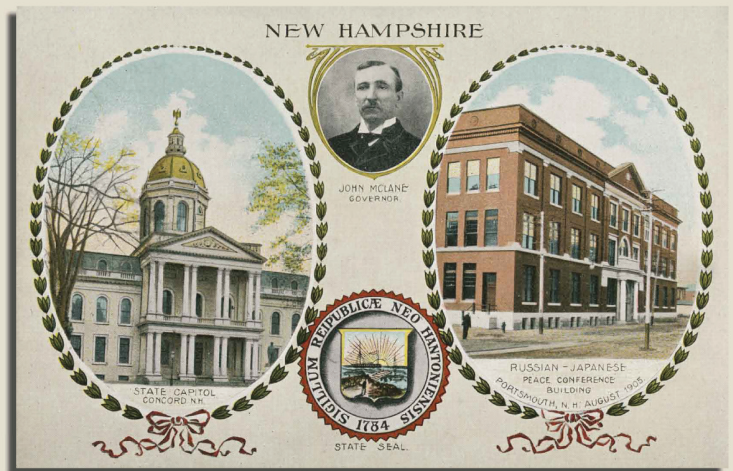


This postcard combined views of the general stores building at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard with the Hotel Wentworth in New Castle where both delegations were housed during the peace conference. Courtesy of Portsmouth Athenaeum.

NEW HAMPSHIRE AND PORTSMOUTH AS HOSTS

開催者としてのニューハンプシャーとポーツマス

Due to the efforts of Governor McLane, New Hampshire, along with the city of Portsmouth and its citizens, became the hosts for the first treaty ending a foreign war negotiated and signed in the United States. An important responsibility fell on Portsmouth to provide the backdrop for these delicate diplomatic peace negotiations. Only now is it becoming apparent that the hospitality of the State of New Hampshire and the residents of this region played a significant informal role in creating an atmosphere that made the formal peace settlement possible.



The representatives of Japan and Russia were invited to meet in New Hampshire by Governor John McLane, shown here in another contemporary postcard. Courtesy of Portsmouth Athenaeum.

TREATY LEGACY - ポーツマス条約が残っていたもの

This international negotiation settled immediate difficulties in the Far East and created four decades of peace between the two warring nations. The Portsmouth Peace Treaty process of formal negotiations between Russian and Japanese delegates, the behind the scenes back channel diplomacy of Roosevelt, the hosting of the negotiations by the State of New Hampshire and the U.S. Navy, and the informal encouragement and activities of the local people provides a unique example of a multi-track diplomacy process for peace. On the one hundredth anniversary of the Treaty of Portsmouth, we look back on this unusual event, its impact on world history, and its example for diplomacy today.



Treaty postcard. Courtesy of C. B. Doleac.

NAVY AS HOST - 開催者としてのアメリカ海軍

President Roosevelt, as a former assistant secretary of the Navy, selected the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as the site of the peace negotiations because of his confidence in the navy to handle the facilities, security and diplomatic protocol needed for such an event.

WENTWORTH HOTEL - ウェントワース・ホテル

The delegates stayed at the Wentworth Hotel as guests of the local hotel owner and held informal negotiations there during the peace conference.

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