LASTING IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE AND PORTSMOUTH

講和会議とポーツマスの印象

KOMURA'S REFLECTIONS - 小村の感想

Komura left the city on the 7:28 train that evening, planning to visit Harvard. The next day, the *Herald* reported that Komura wished "to express his sincere thanks for the unfailing courtesy and kindness, which he and Mr. Takahira and the rest of the members of his staff have invariably received at the hands of the state and municipal authorities and residents. Nothing, he adds, was left undone to make his stay here as agreeable as possible and he will carry back to his own country the most agreeable recollections of the beautiful city of Portsmouth and her most hospitable inhabitants."



Portsmouth's railroad station. Courtesy of Portsmouth Athenaeum.



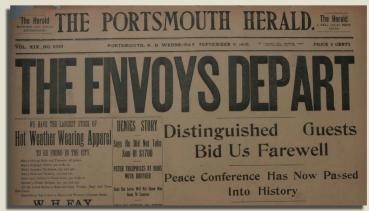
Postcard, Courtesy of Portsmouth Athenaeum.

Witte's Thoughts - ウィッテの感想

On the following day, a huge crowd at the Portsmouth railroad station cheered the Russians and the remaining Japanese who left by separate trains. Korostovetz, at the railroad station on Wednesday, made the following statement to the editor of the *Herald* on Witte's behalf: "I am delighted with America. I am especially delighted with the people of Portsmouth including all those I have met during my stay. I have nothing but kind words for all who have in any way assisted in providing for us. I shall always remember your grand old city."

LOCAL PRESS CONCLUDES - 地元紙による総括

A *Herald* editorial concluded: "Portsmouth has been the center of the world's stage this summer and now that the scene has been shifted and we are allowed a few moments of leisure we can see cause for nothing but congratulations. Our city has won enduring fame and that fame is shared by the humblest citizen."



Courtesy of Portsmouth Athenaeum.



Postcard with hand written message, "The bells of Peace are all ringing over the city." Courtesy of C. B. Doleac.