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### The Peace Commissioners at Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay has become the summer capitol of the United States and Sagamore Hill the White House. President Roosevelt is a man of affairs, full of physical vitality and intellectual vigor and since he suggested the peace conference between Russia and Japan to arrest the further prosecution of hostilities, he has become the Queen piece on the international chess board.

It is meet and proper that Witte, the head of the Russian commission and Karuma the head of the Japanese Commission with their associates, should have accepted the Presidents invitation to meet here at luncheon at Oyster Bay on Friday, on their way to Portsmouth, N. H.

It was a most opportune occasion. A good luncheon and a hospitable and genial host are great promoters of peace and good will among men. They met at the hospitable board of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill, and the President was in his happiest time.

The two commissioners met for the first time, and were introduced amid the festivities of the festival board. Surely that was no time or place for the cherishing of envy hatred and malice, and but for their diplomatic character, which makes duplicity its rule of conduct, they would then and there have opened their hearts, laid down their arms and proclaimed the victories of peace and no less renowned than those of war.

The entertainment was on board the "May Flower," the President's summer yacht at Oyster Bay.

He introduced the informal ceremonial with the following appropriate remarks and toast, which was drank by all standing:

"Gentlemen—I propose a toast to which there will be no answer and to which I ask you in silence standing. I drink to the welfare and prosperity of the sovereigns and people of the two great nations whose representatives have met one another on this ship. It is my most earnest hope and prayer in the interest of not only these two great powers, but of all mankind, that a just and lasting peace may speedily be concluded between them."

The occasion, tho divested, as much as possible, of all formality, was a most august and significant one. The President was saluted with his twenty one guns, national airs were played by the government band. Distinguished representatives of the country in Army, Naval and civil life were present, all in full dress uniform.

Government ships of war were lying at anchor in Oyster Bay—those that conveyed the peace commissioners to the President's banquet and the ships to convey the Russian and Japanese commission to the conference at Portsmouth, N. H.

Nothing occurred to mar the auspicious and significant occasion. Whatever may have been the secrets of the hearts of the peace commissioners there were no external evidences of hostility. Their greetings at their first introduction were cautious and cordial, and the President was in his happiest and most genial mood. R. B. C.

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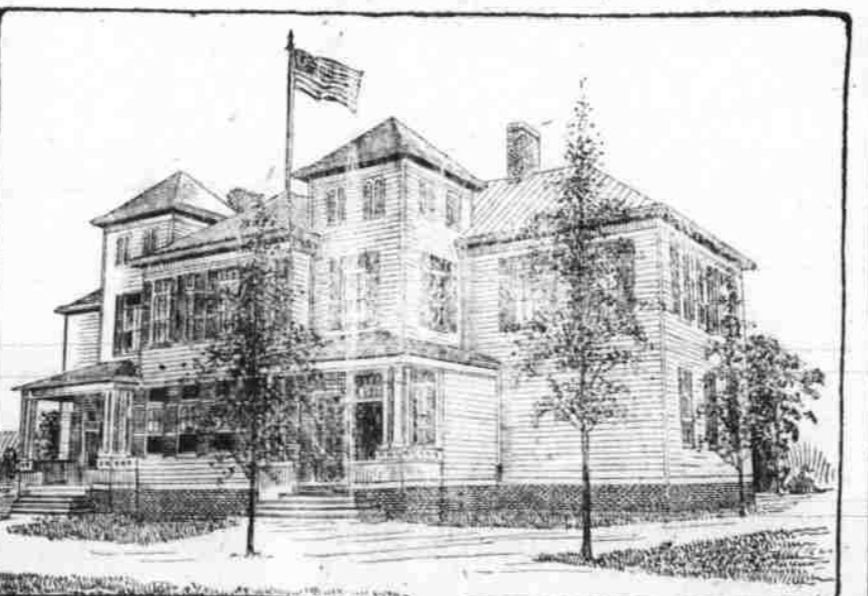
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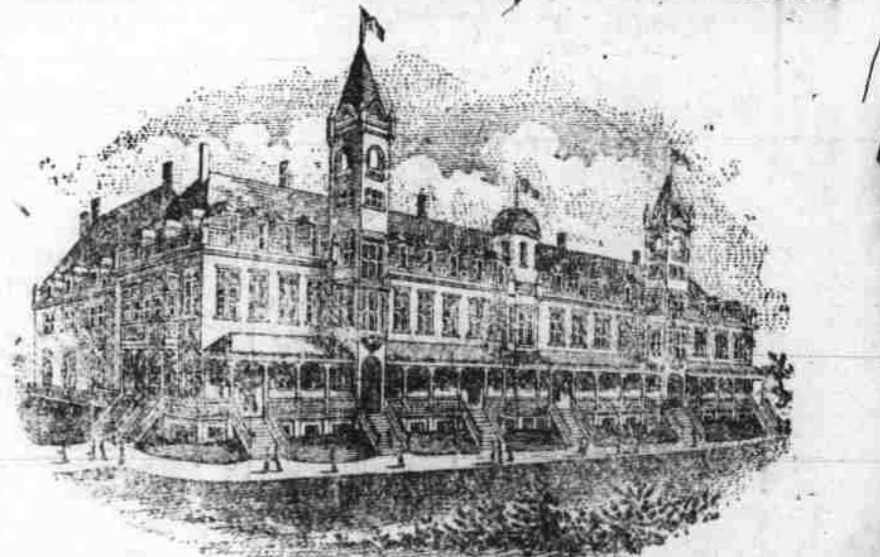
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