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Collection Summary
Title: Horace Porter Papers
Span Dates: 1853-1922
ID No.: MSS36608
Creator: Porter, Horace, 1837-1921
Extent: 1,500 items; 5 containers; 2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Army officer, railroad official, and diplomat. Correspondence, diary, family papers, photographs, and speeches relating to Porter’s Civil War service, Ulysses S. Grant, Porter’s activities with the Pullman Company and the New York, West Shore and Buffalo Railroad, the Union League, his interest in Republican Party politics, his role in the inaugural of William McKinley, and his service as United States ambassador to France.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Blakeman, A. N. (Alexander Noel), 1840- --Correspondence.
Dodge, George Edward Payson, 1839-1904--Correspondence.
Duncan, James Henry, 1793-1869--Correspondence.
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885.
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904--Correspondence.
Hay, John, 1838-1905--Correspondence.
Jones, John Paul, 1747-1792.
McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Inauguration.
Porter family.
Porter, David Rittenhouse, 1788-1867--Correspondence.
Porter, Horace, 1837-1921.
Porter, Sophie K. McHarg, -1903--Correspondence.
Pullman, Albert B.--Correspondence.
Pullman, George Mortimer, 1831-1897--Correspondence.
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence,

Organizations
Grant Memorial Commission.
New York, West Shore & Buffalo Railroad.
Pullman Company.
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )
Union League of America.

Subjects
Diplomatic and consular service, American--France.
Railroads--New York (State)

Places
France--Foreign relations--United States.
United States--Foreign relations--France.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--Politics and government--1865-1900.

Occupations
Army officers.
Diplomats.
Railroad officials.

**Administrative Information**

**Provenance**
The papers of Horace Porter, Army officer, railroad official, and diplomat, were given to the Library of Congress by Horace P. Mende in 1938.

**Copyright Status**
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**Access and Restrictions**
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**Preferred Citation**
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Horace Porter Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Scope and Content Note**
The papers of Horace Porter (1837-1921) span the years 1853-1922 and consist of correspondence, a diary, family papers, photographs, and speeches. The papers relate to Porter's Civil War service, his activities with the Pullman Company and the New York, West Shore, & Buffalo Railroad, his service in the Union League of America, his interest in Republican politics, his role in the inaugural of William McKinley, and his service as United States ambassador to France.

The correspondence consists of letterbooks containing personal and business correspondence and letters written by Porter primarily to his family during the Civil War. The subject file consists of material relating to the search and discovery of the body of John Paul Jones and letters, photographs, and other papers relating to Ulysses S. Grant and his military campaigns. Also included are speeches, biographical material, and notes pertaining to Porter's book, *Campaigning with Grant* (1897).


**Arrangement of the Papers**
This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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