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Extract from Confidential letter from Consul General at Large

Cottschalk to the Chief of the Consular Bureau, April 28, 1910:

"Mr. Charles R. Crane, once commissioned to China, has been in Egypt and this country (Syria), travelling for pleasure. He is now in Constantinople and will go to Saloniki and the Balkans. This gentleman seems to visit all our consulates and grows acquainted with all our officers, by giving them the inside history of his misfortunes with the Department. He has an engaging manner, much money, of which he is not averse to making display, and, while he manifests no particular bitterness toward the administration, he quite openly criticizes Mr. Knox and Mr. Wilson. His liking for Russia and the Russians is quite openly manifest, and he grows rapidly acquainted with Russian consuls wherever he goes. He says quite openly that a large part of our people are averse to our sacrificing our traditional friendship for Russia - that our pro-Japanese attitude during the Russo-Japanese War was forced upon us by some unscrupulous Japanophiles among us -- that our expansion into the Pacific has been a mistake, etc. I mention this confidentially, merely for the sake of record, in case of later developments."