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**Horace N. Allen
Papers, 1883-1923**

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Main Entry: Horace N. Allen

Title: Papers, 1883-1923. (bulk1883-1905)

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Biographical note: Horace N. Allen (1858-1932) was an American missionary, diplomat, and physician.

Description: Collection consists of correspondence, diaries, writings, speeches, and other papers reflecting Allen's career as a clergyman, medical missionary in Korea, secretary of the Korean Legation in Washington and of the American Legation in Korea, and United States Minister to Korea.

Special Formats: Photographs, graphics, diaries

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Biographical Sketch

In 1883 Allen, who was born in Ohio, went to China as a medical missionary for the Presbyterian church. In 1884 he went to Korea, where he remained until 1905. In Korea he served as medical officer to the U.S., British, Japanese, and Chinese legations in Seoul; medical advisor to the Korean royal family; Secretary of the American Embassy in Seoul; Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to Korea. He also served as Secretary of the Korean Legation in Washington. Allen was the author of several books about Korea.

Scope and Content Note

The papers cover Allen's career in Korea during the periods of Chinese-Japanese conflict in Korea, the Russo-Japanese War, the winning of foreign concessions in Korea, and the establishment of the Japanese protectorate over Korea in 1905. Included are: Allen's correspondence (largely outgoing), and copybooks, 1884-1916 (the bulk covering his Korean period); manuscripts of speeches, articles, and other writings by Allen largely on Korean topics; a few manuscripts on Korea by others, including Rear Admiral S. B. Luce, Ellen C. Parsons, and unknown authors; reports, letters, and legal and other documents, 1895-1906, relating to foreign commercial concessions in Korea; clippings of newspaper articles by or about Allen and Korean topics; letters and other documents relating to the Russo-Japanese War; photographs of the American and British legations in Seoul, ca. 1899, five views of the ceremonies opening the Japanese railway connecting Seoul and Fusan, 1905, fifteen views of the American gold mines in Korea, four views and a plan of Allen's summer house in Chemulpo, 1899, the Japanese Peace Commission on its way to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 1905, and other Korean views; four diaries, 1883-1903; copies of books about Korea by Allen and others; issues of Korean (or relating to Korea) newspapers and periodicals, 1892-1923; miscellaneous documents, including accounts of Allen's household and of the legation, invitations, Korean poetry and artwork, passports, a copy of the Korean national hymn, and a volume containing records of dispatches to the U.S. State Department.

Container List

Reel 1/Box 1 **Incoming Correspondence**

1891-1904
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Congratulatory letters to Allen on his appointment to the U.S. Legation at Seoul, 1897

Reel 1/Box 2 **Congratulatory letters to Allen on the publication of his Chronological Index of Korea, 1901-1904**

Letters regarding the recall of Allen from the Legation at Seoul. 1904-1905

Outgoing Correspondence, 1884-1916

Letters by Allen, 1884-1885
Letters by Allen, 1905
Letters by Allen, 1906-1916

Reel 2/Box 3 **Index book of Allen's despatches to the U.S. State Dept., 1902-1905**

Correspondence and documents re Russo-Japanese War 1904-05

Correspondence and documents re Korean attempt to enlist aid of the U.S. against the Japanese, 1905-1906

Miscellaneous documents of the Legation

Documents relating to foreign commercial concessions in Korea, 1898-1906

American Korean Electric Co.; Description of, and agreement between the Korean Government and the American Korean Electric Co.

Beet sugar industry in Korea; Attempt by G.P. Morgan to establish a. 1905-1906.

Collbran and Bostwick; Abstract of Title to Mining Concession granted to. 1904.

Collbran and Bostwick; Remarks in regard to opposition experienced in connexion with mining concession given to. 1904.

Collbran, H. (of Collbran and Bostwick); Testimonials for

Communications in Korea; Articles of Consolidation with Japan of the System of.

Gunzburg (Baron), Russian Agent, and Yi-Yong-Yk, Treasurer of the Imperial Household of Korea; Translations of agreements between. 1903

Korean enterprises; Narrative of facts regarding development of.

Mining concessions in Korea granted by the Korean government; Synopsis of.

Oriental Consolidated Mining Co.; Annual Reports of, 1902-1903. , Letter enclosing Report for 1903

Seoul Electric Company; Application to the Korean Agriculture Department and Regulations Of the Seoul Electric Co. 1898.

Seoul Mining Co.

Seoul Water Works.

Trade of Korea for the Year 1904; Report on, and, Abstract of Statistics for the years 1895-1904.

slipcased **Letterpress Copybooks, 1885-1906 (on spine "Press Copy Books")**

Reel 2	#1	1885-1887
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Reel 5/Box 4 **Writings and Speeches by Allen**

China; Leprosy

China-not necessity-the Mother of Invention

Japanese Militarism; Article or Speech on
Korea; Social and Political history of. Speech.
Korea; The Awakening of. Speech given at Clark University 1909.
Korea; Three articles on. 1905, n.d.
Korea Railway; Speech given at the ceremonies opening the 1899.
Korean Government Hospital Seoul; First Annual Report of the. 1886
Korean Music.
Korean Pottery; Copy of a Certified Catalogue of a Collection of Ancient. A descriptive catalogue of Korean pottery purchased by Allen and written by him. The Seoul Press 1901.
Korean Tales; Reviews in newspapers and periodicals of
Missionaries and the Far Eastern Question. A Report to the U.S. State Department, 1900.
Missionary work in Korea. Speech given at Savoy Hotel. 1908.
Rockhill, William Woodville; An appreciation of. Speech given at San Francisco, 1915
Seoul; Report on the Health of. 1886.
Things Korean. Reviews of the book
Yuan Shi Kai; An Acquaintance with. Article published in the *North American Review*, July 1912.

Writings by Others

Commodore Biddle's Visit to Japan in 1846 by Rear Admiral S.B. Luce.

Fifteen years in the Korea Mission by Ellen C. Parsons.

Korean Ginseng. Author unknown [possibly Allen]. Printed in the Korean Repository, May 1898.

Notes on Corea, by A.W.D.

Reel 5/Box 5 **Press clippings**

Allen, Horace F., and Minister Griscom; Articles attacking
Allen, Horace N. Description of the duties and surroundings of
Allen, Horace N.; Notices of speeches on Asiatic subjects given by
Allen, Horace N.; Notices of the "Chronological Index" of
Allen, Horace N.; Promotion to the Ministry of.
Allen, Horace N.; Reactions to his request for a new Legation., building
in Seoul.
Allen, Horace N.; Some comments on the retirement of. Conference on
Asia held at Clark University.
Emperor of Korea; The marriage of Emily Brown to.
Foote, Lucius Harwood; Impending death of.
Japan's assumption of Korean overlordship; Articles on.
Korea; Descriptions of.
Min Yueng Whan, Prince; Suicide of.
Seoul-Fusan Railway; Opening of the.
Wijus; American proposal for opening the port of
Miscellany

Box 5 **Photographs**

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 - 1. American Legation at Seoul, Korea, c. 1899
 - 2. British Legation at Seoul, Korea, c.1899
 - 3. Dedication of Catholic Cathedral, Seoul, Korea, 1898
 - 4. Lotus Pavillion in the Palace Grounds, Seoul, Korea.
 - 5,6 After dinner entertainment.
 - 7,8 Some of the banquet guests
- f.2
 - 9, 10 Some foreign ministers in Seoul, Korea, 1905
 - 11a-e Five views of the ceremonies opening the Japanese Railway connecting Seoul and Fusan, 1905
 - 12. Durban W. Stevens
 - 13. Japanese Peace Commission enroute to Portsmouth, N.H., 1905.
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 - 14. The lake in the crater of the Ever White Mountains in northern Korea.
 - 15a-j 15 views of the American gold mines in Korea
 - 16a-e 4 views and a plan of Dr. Allen's summer house at Chemulpo, 1899
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 - 17a-e Five views of a collection of Japanese art bought by Allen in 1893.

Reel 5/Box 6 **Memorabilia**

Invitations
Passports
Korean National Hymn

Reel 5/Vol. 1-2 **Account Books**

- #1 Legation, 1897-1905
- #2 Household, 1904-1905

Reel 6 **Books**

Account of a Voyage of Discovery to the West Coast of Corea and the Great Loo-Choo Island by Capt. Basil Hall, 1818

Flora and Fauna of Korea (in Chinese)

History of Korea (in Chinese)

Korea: Fact and Fancy by Horace N. Allen

Korean language book (unpublished manuscript)

Newspapers and Periodicals

Reel 7 *Independent*, The. Seoul, Korea. Three volumes, 1896; 1897; 1898.

Reel 8 *Japanese Weekly Mail* Yokohama
June 29, 1907, No. 26, Vol. XLVI
July 13, 1907 Nos. 2-79 Vol. XLVI
Aug- 31, 1907, Nos. 9-139 Vol. XLVIII
Oct. 26, 1907, No- 17, Vol. XLVIII
Nov- 9, 1907, No. 19, Vol. XLVIII

Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society Transactions of
Vol. 1, 1900
Vol. 11, 1902
Vol. XIV, 1923

Korean Newspapers Translations from, 9 vols., 1901-1905.
Vol. 1 Oct. 1900-Oct. 1901
Vol. 2 Oct. 17, 1901-July 2, 1902
Vol. 3 July 5, 1902-Apr. 14, 1903
Vol. 4 Apr. 15, 1903-Nov. 21, 1903
Vol. 5 Nov. 23, 1903-March 17, 1904
Vol. 6 March 21, 1904-June 15, 1904
Vol. 7 June 16, 1904-Sept. 26, 1904
Vol. 8 Sept. 28, 1904-Feb. 11, 1905
Vol. 9 Feb. 11, 1905-May 26, 1905

Korean Repository, The

Vol. IV, 1897
Vol. V. 1898
Vols. for 1892, 1895, and 1896

Korea Review, The
Vol. I 1901
Vol. II, 1902
Vol. 1119 1903
Vol. IV, 1904
Vol. V, Nos. 1-7, 9-12, 1905
Vol. VI, Nos. 1, 3-6, 1906

Diaries (4 vols. in slipcases)

Reel 10	#1 1883-1887
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	#3 1897-1898
	#4 1903

Manuscripts/Maps (not microfilmed)

Ancient Map of the World and the Korean Provinces
Manuscript of Korean Poetry and Drawings from the 17th and 18th
Centuries