

## COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Register of Papers

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(1878 -- 1944)

The papers of Norman Davis, sugar magnate, banker, financial adviser to the Treasury on foreign loans during World War I, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Under Secretary of State, representative of the United States in many economic and political conferences dealing with international affairs, have been given to the Library of Congress. In 1955 they were loaned to Yale University for two years in connection with graduate work being done in them by Charles Whiteman, nephew of Mr. Davis.

Measure of size: 5 - 6 filing cases

The Library expects that the papers will be returned to Washington in 1957 at the latest.

A catalogue prepared in 1947 shows these papers to contain correspondence with George L. Harrison, Russell Leffingwell and other Treasury officials, Woodrow Wilson, J. Maynard Keynes, etc. A copy of this catalogue has been retained by Mr. Norman Davis, Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The Library of Congress has a temporary register.

## Biographical Note

- 1878, Aug. 9            Born, Bedford County, Tennessee
- 1898, Oct.            Married Mackie Paschall (1 son)
- 1902                    Began business in Cuba, interested in banking,  
sugar and other enterprises
- 1905-17                Organized and became president of The Trust Co.  
of Cuba
- 1917                    Adviser to Secretary of the Treasury in connec-  
tion with foreign loans
- 1918                    Special U. S. delegate to Spain and representative  
of the Treasury in London and Paris
- 1919                    Finance Commissioner of U. S. to Europe
- American member, Armistice Commission  
Financial adviser to President Wilson and the  
American Commission to Negotiate Peace  
Member, Reparations and Financial Commissions
- 1919-20                Assistant Secretary of the Treasury
- 1920-21                Under Secretary of State
- 1927                    Member, American delegation to International  
Economic Conference in Geneva
- 1932-37                Member, League of Nations Financial Comm., 1932;  
U. S. delegate to Disarmament Conference, Geneva,  
1932; head of American delegation to London  
Naval Conference, 1935; U. S. delegate to Nine  
Power Conference at Brussels, 1937.
- 1944, July 1           Died

See: Who Was Who in America, 1943-50, vol. II, Marquis.

## Description of Series

THE NORMAN H. DAVIS PAPERSOutline1. Alphabetical Section

Very extensive files, filling an entire five-drawer cabinet, including correspondence with persons listed below, among others. The subjects covered include those listed under (4) below. A condensation of the material in this section is attached to the catalogue of the papers.

Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Wilson  
 Franklin D. Roosevelt  
 Cordell Hull  
 Charles E. Hughes  
 Bainbridge Colby  
 Herbert Hoover  
 Frank B. Kellogg  
 Henry L. Stimson  
 Sumner Welles  
 Frank L. Polk  
 Senator Pat Harrison  
 Joseph P. Cotton  
 Senator Carter Glass  
 Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock  
 Henry Cabot Lodge  
 Robert Wagner  
 Newton D. Baker

Ray Atherton  
 Stanley K. Hornbeck  
 Bernard M. Baruch  
 Joseph P. Kennedy  
 Russell Leffingwell  
 Pierrepont Moffat  
 Robert Pell  
 William Phillips  
 Albert Rathbone  
 Hugh R. Wilson

Lord Cecil  
 Lord Lothian  
 Baron Shidehara

The Astors

Hamilton Fish Armstrong  
 Ray Stannard Baker  
 Arthur and Mrs. Bullard  
 Allen W. Dulles  
 John Foster Dulles  
 Professor Fleming  
 J. M. Keynes  
 Thomas W. Lamont  
 Arthur Sweetser

2. Norman H. Davis - Official and semi-official correspondence  
 Statements, articles, addresses, drafts  
 Personal business: J. P. Morgan and Co.  
 Trust Company of Cuba  
 Cuba - Insurance files  
 Millett Roe and Co.  
 G.M.P. Murphy and Co.

3. Conversation Memoranda

1920, 1921 - with diplomats (Mrs. Davis Under Secretary of State  
 and Acting Secretary)

1932, 1933 - Talks in Europe on Disarmament, Naval Conference matters,  
 War Debts, Reparations, Far East.

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4. Principal Topics

Correspondence of early 1920's

International Communications Conference 1920

Ex-German cables; Island of Yap

Reparations

Brussels Financial Conference of 1920, and Spa Conference

Mexico

Cuba

Russia - Gold

Austrian Relief

Loans - Danubian States

Domestic Politics

Democratic Party

Tariff

Latin America

U.S. Policy toward Latin America

Cuba - Sugar

Mexico

Far East

Proposed 4-Power Pact 1922

Nine-Power Pact

Sino-Japanese Conflict

European Affairs

War Debts

Reparations

Neutrality

League of Nations

World Court

Memel Commission

Kellogg Pact

International Economic Conference, Geneva 1927

League Financial Committee

Disarmament

Monetary and Economic Conference

Naval Discussions and Conference

Kreuger and Toll investigation

Sugar Conference 1937

Brussels 9-Power Conference 1937

More Recent Correspondence

American Red Cross

World War II

Relief - France and other occupied territories

General - Foreign policy

Democracy

Basis for Peace

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5. Conferences, attended by Norman H. Davis, or to which reference is made in files.
- International Communications Conference 1920
  - Brussels Financial Conference 1920
  - Spa Conference
  - Conference on the Limitation of Armament and Far Eastern Questions, Washington, 1922
  - International Economic Conference, Geneva, 1927
  - League Economic Committee
  - Monetary and Economic Conference, 1933
  - Disarmament Conference
  - Naval Conference, London, 1935
  - International Sugar Conference, London, 1937
  - Nine-Power Conference, Brussels, 1937
6. Organizations, in which Norman H. Davis was an officer, or trustee, or about which there is correspondence.
- Russian Students Fund
  - Woodrow Wilson Foundation
  - Council on Foreign Relations
  - Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
  - American Red Cross
  - League of Red Cross Societies
  - Foreign Policy Association
  - American Academy of Political and Social Science
  - American Council Institute of Pacific Relations
  - American Council of St. Luke's International Medical Center, Tokyo
  - International Chamber of Commerce
  - League of Nations Association
  - Miscellaneous organizations and committees such as:
    - American Arbitration Association
    - American Peace Society
    - Committee for Economic Peace
    - Democratic National Committee
    - Franklin Institute
    - Others
7. Official Documents - Important documents and folders
- Woodrow Wilson Correspondence
  - Armistice Negotiations with Germany - 1918-1919
  - Communications Conference
  - Versailles Treaty Data
  - Treasury Department documents
  - Reparations folder - Secret Minutes
  - Strictly Confidential Memoranda