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INTERVIEW BETWEEN SECRETARY TAFT AND
COUNT HAYASHI AT THE SHIBA DETACHED
PALACE.



We all expected that during Secretary Taft's stay in Tokyo our diplomatic authorities would have a conference with him on some questions pending between Japan and the United States. It has now been made public that on October 1, between 10 and 11 A. M., Count Hayashi, Baron Chinda, the new American Ambassador, Secretary Taft and General Edwards had an informal conference at the Shiba Detached Palace. Though it was an important diplomatic conference, such questions as those bearing on immigration treaties are said to have not been discussed. The main purpose was to exchange views with each other informally on general diplomatic questions. Regarding Secretary Taft as President Roosevelt's representative, our authorities expressed their views without reserve, and there is no misunderstanding between the two Governments. If, as it seems, Secretary Taft succeeded in removing all causes of misunderstanding between the two peoples by his speech at the Municipality dinner, he also brought about a better understanding between the two Governments by his interview at the Shiba Palace.