

HERBERT H. D. PEIRCE DEAD.

Ex-Minister to Norway Was Long
in the Diplomatic Service.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 5.—Herbert H. D. Peirce, former Minister to Norway, and who was assigned last year to the American Embassy at Petrograd as special agent to assist the American Ambassador, died at hospital here today in his sixty-eighth year. As Third Assistant Secretary of State under President Roosevelt, Mr. Peirce was in charge of the arrangements for the deliberations of the Russo-Japanese conference at Portsmouth, N. H., in 1905. He retired from the diplomatic service four years ago, and had since acted as counsel for the United States in American and British claims arbitration.

Mr. Peirce was born in Cambridge, Mass., and was graduated from Harvard University in 1871. He later studied at the Royal School of Mines in London, and in 1894, was accredited to the legation in Petrograd as Secretary. Mr. Peirce attended the coronation of Nicholas II., and after being appointed First Secretary, served at times as Chargé d'Affaires. He was a Commander of the Legion of Honor, and had received the Grand Order of the Double Dragon from China and the Grand Cross of St. Olaf from Norway. His home was in Washington, D. C.

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