

Ambassador Woods' Resignation.

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Washington, May 20--Today President Coolidge accepted the resignation of the American Ambassador to Japan, Mr Cyrus E. Woods, and has appointed Mr Jefferson Caffery, counsellor in the Tokyo Embassy, as Charge d'Affaires. It is generally believed that Mr Woods' resignation is due to his dissatisfaction with regard to the action of Congress relating to the immigration bill. The resignation of Mr Woods seems to have augmented the dilemma of the Coolidge administration because Secretary Hughes will not agree to the ~~new~~ appointment of any able man as Mr Woods' successor since the remaining tenure of office of the Republican Government is only nine months and as there is a possibility of the appearance of a Democratic Government as the result of the coming ~~Presidential~~ general election no talented men are likely to agree to assume the post of Ambassadorship to Japan. Although some names are suggested as successor to Mr Woods it seems more probable that the post will be left unfilled for the present. Secretary Hughes today called on President Coolidge and advised him not to appoint Mr Woods' successor.