

Friday, November 27, 1925.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

I don't know about any plan to reorganize the government personnel agencies, except the general plan for departmental reorganizations.

I didn't know that Senator Smoot had made any recommendation for moving the Labor Department into the Interior Building. It is possible that he has. Senator Smoot is Chairman, I think, of some Building Commission on the part of the Senate, and I don't know just what the name of that Committee or Commission is. I think Secretary Work spoke to me about a survey that has been made of the available space in the Interior Building and told me that they could house quite a good many more people there.

Here is an inquiry about the published forecasts for my forthcoming message. I may be wrong in my recollection, but I think it was Mr. Field that published a direct statement about two years ago that I was opposed to the World Court.

I haven't entirely determined on my reply to Mr. Lewis' letter.

I haven't any specific information about Tacna and Arica plebecite. As I am the Arbitrator there, naturally I would have to use some care in making any statement about it, but I can only reiterate the condition as I understand it there, that while there have been questions and problems to decide, the matter is going on.

There isn't any basis, so far as I know, of the rumor that is current

in New York that Secretary Wilbur is going to resign.

I don't know just when the Morrow Aircraft Board are going to report. I thought I understood something like a week ago that - when was it I went up to New York; a week ago yesterday wasn't it? - that they had substantially agreed on all the questions and it was merely a matter of getting their report into shape. I haven't seen anything since then that would lead me to suppose they would make their report very soon. Of course my guess is no better than the expert guesses of the press.

Mr. Crawford is coming to take the place of Mr. Welliver.

Press: Speaking about Lewis, Mr. President, you said you hadn't entirely determined on a reply or the ~~chxxx~~ character of the reply?

President: Haven't entirely determined on the form.