

Tuesday, December 15, 1925.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

I haven't had any word from my father lately about coming to Washington, so I don't know what he is going to do. He seems to have been fairly comfortable in the last week or two.

There isn't anything that I can say about river development other than what is in my message. I have an inquiry here about the Colorado River. I discussed that in my Message, and I am very anxious to get that development along as fast as we can. I haven't any new light on it, other than what I said when I addressed the Congress.

I had a telegram last night from Mr. Lissner of the Shipping Board saying that he had sent me yesterday or Saturday his resignation to take effect on the 31st. His written communication hasn't reached me yet.

I haven't any new information about the Roosevelt Memorial. I have received the plans which I presume have been distributed to the press, or rather the book for the proposed Memorial opposite the White House over near where the bridge crosses the Potomac - that part where there is a rose garden.

I can't make any further statement about the invitation of the League to an arms conference until that invitation reaches here and we have full opportunity to examine it, to see what it includes so far as we are concerned and what it may include so far as other nations are concerned. I haven't any new information about what Congress is likely to do in relation to shipping. I want the shipping business put on the best possible business basis that we can put it. My recommendations

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about it are included in my message.

I am very much pleased with the progress the tax bill is making in the House, and from such information as I have it would appear that there is a prospect now of its early passage in the Senate, though one never knows what may happen in relation to legislation.

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