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Remarks by the President to the Newspaper Men.

I don't know of any new development relative to the survey that I am having made of aircraft, surface boats and submarines.

I haven't any comment to make on Secretary Wilbur's speech. I haven't had a chance to read it. I expect to take up the matter of filling a vacancy on the Federal Trade Commission within a day or two. I think that vacancy occurred today. That is what I had in mind, or perhaps it was yesterday.

I have referred the telegram from Mr. Nicholson to the Attorney General. That is the telegram that came from the Secretary of the Law Enforcement League, at Philadelphia.

I think that Colonel Roosevelt's nomination is a very strong nomination.

Mr. Vanderbilt who started some newspapers in California dropped in to see me. I knew him when he was one of the reporters here in Washington. There was no special significance to his visit, other than that he came back to call on me, as I hope any one of you would who came back to Washington and started some newspapers and expected to start some more.

I can't make any statement about the reported dispatch from Russia, from Tchitcherin, saying that there ought to be negotiations between Russia and the United States.

I haven't had any present plan for conferring with Mr. Butler ~~at~~ the Chairman of the National Committee. He is in Chicago. I think he is planning to come to New York next week some time. Whether he will come down to see me or not, I don't know.

I haven't any speaking engagements, except those which are announced. I expect to say a word or two of greeting to the Washington Baseball Club when it reaches town. And I think I have some engagement to speak here in Washington at some - I don't know just what it is, some matter in which Bishop MacDowell is interested -

The Asbury statue, Mr. President.

Oh yes. I think I referred to that before.

Mr. President, are you going to speak to them?

Yes, we referred to that before. I recall now.

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I wouldn't say that I had/protests about a reduction in the sugar schedule.

Two or three people have come in who are interested in the growing of sugar beets and wanted to be heard about it. I think some of them have sent in some briefs, which I have on file with the report. That seems to cover the inquiries.

Anything in the Cabinet, Mr. President?

Oh. No, there was no discussion in the Cabinet this morning, other than the report of Secretary Wallace that there had been a case of foot and mouth disease discovered in Texas. As soon as it was established, it was taken care of.

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