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Remarks made by the President to the Newspaper Men.

Assistant Attorney General Ottinger has tendered his resignation, which I have told him I should accept to take effect the first of October.

I haven't done anything more about an appointment to the Federal Trade Commission, the vacancy occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Mr. Gaskill. It is my expectation so far as I know that I shall reappoint him, but some people want to talk with me about the matter. I have kept it open in order that they might talk with me. They may have some information which would change my mind.

I am not expecting to make any address in New York.

I have asked the Dept. of Agriculture to make some report to me on the sugar beet situation, to see whether that will make any change in the aspect to be placed on the consideration of the sugar tariff.

I haven't arranged for any more speaking engagements.

I don't know as I can add anything to comments that I have already made about the success of the Washington Baseball Club. I am sure that those of us who live in Washington, including those that have representative newspapers published in their own cities, have a sort of pride in the Washington team.

I haven't made any arrangements or heard any suggestion about permitting Government employees to go to the World Series game on Saturday. I am inclined to think they will have to make their own arrangements about that.

There is no change in the attitude of this Government, as I have explained a good many times, about the debts due to us from abroad. They are all covered by a declaration of law made by the Congress and approved by the President. I hate to refuse to comment on a question that is asked me about that, but at the same time I do not want to put any emphasis on it that would embarrass the people of Europe in attempting to adjust their domestic affairs or international affairs there. Let them settle those up and then we can see what we can do. I am very certain that no responsible official abroad can in any way misunderstand the position of our Government.

That seems to cover the questions this morning.

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