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Remarks by the President to the Newspaper Correspondents.

The immigration bill hasn't reached me yet so I haven't had a chance to study it. I don't know whether there is anything further that I can do before it reaches me or not. I have still got that under consideration to see if there is anything possible.

I have two or three reports on the bonus bill that I haven't had a chance to study. One of them came in this morning. I shall have to look those over before taking any action on the bill.

I have appointed the American delegates on the Inter-American Electrical Communications Conference to be held in Mexico City. I appointed our Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. Warren, and representative White of Maine, who has been very prominent in getting the resolution through, and the electrical engineer, Allen H. Babcock of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The report that I have of him here says that he has been for many years a close student of electrical communication, a man of national reputation in his field. He is from Buffalo, and graduated from Phillips-Exeter and Lehigh University. He has made a special investigation in hydro-electrical power development. He is a fellow-American of the Institute of Electrical Engineering, an associate member of the Naval Construction Board, a member of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

I don't know that there is anything I can add to the statement of Mr. Barnes, President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. I have been conscious of a slight slowing up of business, which is in part due to the fact that this is a Presidential year I presume, and there is a responsible opinion that it is in part due to the failure to provide tax revision, which it is thought would have been a good deal of a stimulant to business if it had been secured and put into effect before this time.

I have here another inquiry that I hesitate some to comment about, though perhaps I can with the understanding that there is not any undue prominence given to it, or any undue emphasis placed upon it. It is an inquiry about my going to the circus. It is no doubt an experience that all of us look back to with a good deal of pleasure. The first circus I ever went to was in Ludlow, Vt., a railroad station about 14 miles from Plymouth.