

Friday, June 25, 1926.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

I believe the program at Philadelphia for the 5th of July hasn't been worked out. I shall send some one up there - I don't know but what some one went up today to confer with the Mayor, is that right Mr. Sanders? -

Mr. Sanders: Yes.

President: I suppose the Mayor is the head of the committee - to see just what I am to do up there. Of course in general I go there to deliver an address. Now, I expect to have an opportunity to drive around the exposition grounds or something of that kind while I am there. I suppose I am to have lunch served before the address. I don't know just where the luncheon is to be, that being in the hands of the committee. I go up as their guest and leave such arrangements to be made by them for the time which I am to be there, as agreed upon by my messenger that I sent up there today.

I don't think the Government has ever considered at all the sale of the bonds of foreign governments that it holds.

I haven't any information about Secretary Kellogg's letter in relation to the gathering at the Hague and the discussion of the codification of international law. I saw some reference to it in the press. Whether that was brought to my attention at the time that he sent it I don't now recall. It would be in the usual course that he would do so, though I have referred several times in my messages and my addresses to the question of the codification of international law and have talked with him about it.

Probably there isn't anything in the letter other than that by which I had already made known to the Secretary my position.

I have just given out to the press a short statement in relation to farm legislation, which is the only statement that I shall make about it.

Press: Would you care to say something about any of the main features of the Fess amendment, what it was, etc?

President: Well, it is a bill that he introduced. It is a well known rule of evidence that when there is a document that the document is to be used in evidence and speaks very much better for itself than any description that might be made. I have a copy of it here I think. I would be glad to supply it to you. The main change in it is that it authorizes the President to make the appointments to the Board without getting recommendations of different farm organizations.