

Friday, January 27, 1928.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

I don't recall any resignation of Walter S. present United States District Attorney of New Jersey. Do you remember anything of that kind?

Mr. Sanders: No sir. Nothing came here. It may have gone to the Attorney General.

President: So all I can say about that is that I don't seem to have any information about it. There was some resignation up in New Jersey quite a number of months ago. It was my impression that it was some other person than that of United States Attorney.

I haven't any information about the disagreement between the West Point Military Academy and the Naval Academy, other than the most casual observations that have come to me and what I have seen in the press. I have never taken any part in it.

I don't know what the Senate has done relative to the proposal I made for an investigation of the S-4 disaster and a study of submarine construction and operation, in order to see if any further precautions could be taken to prevent such disasters. I sent up a message relative to this subject to the Congress which explained the ideas I had on the subject, and I do not think the action of the Senate would in any way change my opinion.

My opinions relative to agriculture have been set out in my several messages. I haven't anything new to add.

I commented the other day on the bill that is reported to have passed the Senate relative to the merchant marine, especially on that provision that there should be unanimous consent of the Shipping Board for the disposal of Government owned vessels. That would make one member of the Board a majority.

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I think there is one member that has an almost perfect record of never voting to sell any ships. I should take it that if that bill became a law in order for the Shipping Board to function there would have to be radical changes in its personnel. Perhaps the country could stagger along under the present Board without the sale of any ships. I am not in favor of the bill, as I understand it, as it passed, but I commented on it at some length the other day. I don't think there is any need to renew my comments at the present time.

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