

Friday, November 2, 1928.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

The International Conference on Civil Aeronautics meets in Washington on December 12th, 13th and 14th. I am today appointing a list of delegates which will be given out. There are representatives of the four Departments that are interested in aeronautics -- Commerce, War, Navy and the Post Office, and some people around the country. Those names will be handed out to the press after the conference.

I don't know of any reason that has come to my attention for sending a commission to the Philippines to make a study of the cost of production of sugar. It may be that something has come up in relation to that question in Government circles that hasn't yet reached me. I don't know of anything.

I haven't made any selection of a successor to Ambassador Houghton.

Some of the members of the conference were asking the other day what fluorspar was. That is it (holding up a piece). Someone that had some of it sent a piece in for a paper weight. It looks like a rather poor piece of glass.

I had the smallest Cabinet meeting I think this morning on record. It started with 3 members, but finished with 4. All the rest are on the stump or on their way home to vote. Of course, as I am going to be away Tuesday there wont be any Cabinet meeting.