

Tuesday, November 20, 1928.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

Mr. J. W. McIntosh, the Comptroller of the Currency, has tendered me his resignation. It has not yet been accepted, but I expect to accept it very shortly. He has been a very efficient officer and I am sorry to lose his services.

The summary of the report of the experts on the economic and engineering feasibility of the Boulder Dam has been received. I haven't had an opportunity to examine it, and I should not feel at liberty to publish it or disclose its contents because it was sent to me for such use as I might need for it in making my message. The full report, as I understand it, will be ready for the Congress when it comes in.

There isn't anything new that I can say relative to farm legislation. My views have been set out a good many times in my messages to the Congress on the positive side. On the negative side in some of my vetoes.

I see that we have present some of the visiting journalists from England, whom I am very glad to welcome again. Perhaps for their information and such use as they might like to make of it some time in the future, I might say that these conferences are held twice a week on the day that the Cabinet meets, Tuesdays at noon and Fridays at 4:00 o'clock. It is very seldom that I make any suggestions to the press other than to comment on inquiries that are filed with me in written form before the Conference is held, and always with the understanding that the President is not to be quoted directly. That may account possibly for some misunderstandings that might arise in the foreign press. I think it has given rise to very few misunderstandings in our domestic press. I do sometimes have difficulty in getting correct reports abroad of what I do and say, so that when I am making an address that deals with foreign questions I have adopted the custom of sending it abroad beforehand and having

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it distributed over there just as it was given out here, in order that the foreign press may have a correct copy.

Is there anything else, Mr. Sanders, you think I ought to mention?

Mr. Sanders: You might say something about when your Message will be ready.

President: I am working on it and expect to have it ready about a week before Congress assembles, so that there will be ample time to send it by mail across the continent and distribute it to all the press of the country.