

Tuesday, February 26, 1929.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

I have not made any agreement to write any article after I get out of the office of President.

As the time draws near for me to relinquish my office, I am conscious of a feeling of regret at breaking up a great many very pleasant personal relations, but of relief at being through with the responsibilities of the office. I do not know that there is one achievement of my administration that affords me greater personal satisfaction than another.

I haven't any plan for any party for the White House staff. The members of the Cabinet and their wives are dining with Mrs. Coolidge and me Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, Senator Curtis and Mrs. Gann are dining with us Sunday evening. I expect there will be a Cabinet meeting Friday, as usual.

The Civil Service Commission are working on a draft for an executive order relative to the preference that shall be given in Civil Service appointments to World War veterans and their widows. I expect that will be ready some time this week.

I am expecting to leave immediately after the ceremonies at the Capitol. I assume there will be a luncheon at the White House between that time and the time that the parade starts, but that will be out of my hands and I have no definite information about it. There is a reviewing stand in front of the White House, and I notice a walk laid from the front of the White House to the reviewing stand, so I suppose that means that those who come down from the Capitol will first go to the White House, where I assume they will have something to eat.

I haven't made any further arrangements about what I may do after the 4th of March.

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We still have two or three dogs at the White House, but I wouldn't advertise that because there are not enough dogs to go around for people that want them. Whether Mrs. Coolidge is planning to take them home with her or not, I am not certain.

I expect that I shall leave Washington on the Montreal express that runs through between Washington and Northampton. I think after the conference there is to be a picture in the south grounds that will make another memento of the agreeable relationship I have had with the members of the Conference.