

Friday, March 30, 1928.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

There is not much of any change in Mrs. Goodhue's condition. She is very weak and not able to rally very much.

I have been waiting for the action of the Senate on the nomination of Judge Gordon before taking up seriously the question of securing his successor. I think several suggestions have been made, all of which will now be canvassed by the Department of Justice. Probably we can reach some decision within a few days.

I have practically no information about the Welch bill. I have made one or two inquiries about it and understood it was thought it might cost about \$90,000,000 a year.

The Governor of Virginia and Mr. Slemp came in this morning to invite me to spend the summer in the Blue Ridge of Virginia. There is a very pleasant place there not far from the Shenandoah River. They said they had located two or three pools in the river where they thought fishing might be good. I think they said Waynesboro, not very far from there would be a good place for newspapermen. I am getting quite a good many invitations from different parts of the country, but naturally haven't been able to give the matter very much serious thought yet. I shall look into it a little later.

Question: Did Governor Byrd indicate whose house it was they offered?

President: It is some club, I don't know the name now.

Mr. Sanders: It is called the Swananoa Country Club.

President: I guess it is a very beautiful place, a very nice location I am sure. I didn't inquire about the elevation, but thought it was considerable and would probably give some relief from the usual warm climate of this immediate region. I don't think of anything more.