

Friday, April 20, 1928.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

It hasn't been possible yet to make any further plans regarding the summer vacation.

I am not quite satisfied with the provisions of the revised flood relief measure. I think we ought to have a little more assistance from the locality that is to be benefited. It would not run into a great deal of money for the locality, but might be of very material benefit to the U. S. Treasury. I have just been conferring with the Attorney General and also with General Jadwin to see what changes in phraseology and in substance ought to be made to conform to what I think would be correct. I expect within a little while to confer again with Colonel Tilson and Mr. Madden.

Question: Does that mean tonight, Mr. President?

President: Yes. They are coming in about 4:15. I don't know as I can go into any discussion of the different phases of the revised bill. Perhaps there isn't anything further that I can say about it at this time. Quite naturally I want to take up the suggestions that I have to make with Colonel Tilson and Mr. Madden before submitting them to publication. They will be in very soon and so I think that when they go out they will be able to give to the press any changes that I may have suggested, with their reactions.

I have known in a general way that the suggestion in my message that an exploration should be made of the subject of consolidation of street railroads in the City of Washington was being carried on by the Congress and the Commission in Washington that is intrusted with that. I know very little about the details, but it is an important subject and I hope very much that we may be able to work out the details in such a way that they can pass legislation

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which will be fair to those that own the property and equally fair to the public that is going to have the privilege of using it in the future.