

Tuesday, May 1, 1928.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

I don't know of any developments relative to the Boston postmastership.

I don't know of any particular analysis that General Jadwin has made of the flood control bill that went through the House. He and I looked over the bill together and made some marks on it, indicated some changes that we should like to have made in it. I presume that is the origin of any report that may have been made that he made an analysis. I don't know of anything that he has made relative to it that could be published. Any one could take the bill and make an analysis of it. The financial features of it haven't been improved. Every time that changes have been made it has been to make the financial features more unacceptable. As it went through the House it had the Sacramento River, I think it is, hitched on to the end of it. I haven't much of any information about the Sacramento River. I know that the Government is helping out there. If it is a meritorious project, it ought to go through on its own steam, and not be hitched on to something else. That is the main trouble with this bill, - too many interests, too many people want to ride on it, until it became loaded up with a great many objectionable features.

I haven't heard anything at all about Colonel Lindbergh's plans, whether he is preparing to fly across the Atlantic or the Pacific, or anything of that kind. He himself, of course, would be the best source of information relative to his plans. I don't know what they are. I have heard rumors that he was contemplating a flight around the world. I doubt whether that is true; but I have no information about him.

I have no information relative to proposed legislation about loans on securities. I saw by the press there was a bill pending in the House or the Senate. I don't know what it is or what the provisions of it are, or what

the discussion about it has been.

There is a bill also pending for an airport for the City of Washington. I think I have reported on that through the Bureau of the Budget that it was not in conflict with my financial program. I don't know very much about the details of it. I looked at it some when I talked to General Lord about it. If any one wants the details, the best way to do is to get the bill and get the details from the bill itself.

I am thinking of going out to the circus grounds this afternoon at the invitation of Mr. Ringling. I have some things to do here in the office, so I wont be able to stay for the show. I think he has one or two very interesting animals, or fish, I don't know which, or sea elephant, or something of that kind. I don't know whether that is the only thing you can catch with a hook and line, or whether you scare it. But he thought I might be interested in that animal.