

Tuesday, May 29, 1928.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

The Muscle Shoals bill has not come back to me yet from the Departments. It is an involved problem and we are studying it as fast as we can. Several members of the House and Senate have advocated its approval and disapproval. I am waiting for advice from the Departments before making a final decision.

The Barge Line measure has not yet reached me. While I have understood that the provisions of it were not exactly what I would like to have relative to power to be vested in the Secretary of War to make sale or lease of the property, yet it seems to be the best we can get under the circumstances. I shall probably approve it.

I haven't made any further decision about a summer vacation, and so I do not know when I shall leave Washington. I don't know that the fact that there are national conventions being held would have any effect on my movements one way or the other.

I have no information as to violations of the prohibition law at the Niagara frontier, other than what I have seen in the press, which indicated that the authorities were taking vigorous action to prevent violations and punish those who have been charged with violations.