

Tuesday, July 31, 1928.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

I didn't talk with Secretary Jardine very much about agricultural conditions, other than the crop prospects which he reported were very good. I didn't go into details with him about that.

I haven't had a chance to talk with Governor Gilmore very much. As far as I have talked with him he indicated that conditions in the Philippine Islands were very promising. The sentiment there seems to be good. The relationship between the officials of our Government and the officials of the Islands are exceedingly harmonious and there is every indication of a desire for full cooperation.

My son John has no plan to go to any military training camp for this summer. He is expecting to stay here for some little time and will then try to find some place to go to work.

I should think it would be very doubtful if it would be possible to take up at a short session of the Congress anything in the way of tariff revision, unless something could be agreed upon in advance by the responsible elements of both parties. That of course would be impossible during the conduct of a Presidential campaign. It might be possible after the campaign is over, but would not be very probable. The opening up of the tariff opens up the entire law and all its schedules, and tariff revision is a very long process, usually a good many months.

I don't know of any engagement for Mr. Ford to visit me here. I think he has a yacht on the Lakes and it may be possible that he would be cruising around in this section, or he may be taking an automobile trip. He was taking one several years ago and during that trip made a call on me at Plymouth, Vt.

I have had an invitation from the Isle Royale Expedition to visit that Island. Such an invitation has a good many attractions, but I don't know how far

away it is and whether it would be possible to go there. I should consider it very doubtful.

I haven't had any word from General Lord. You haven't heard anything from him have you Mr. Sanders?

Mr. Sanders: No.

President: As I before indicated, I should expect he might be up here around the middle of August.

I haven't any plan for any particular activity during the campaign. I have been active during the interval that has accrued between the 2nd day of August, 1923, to the present time undertaking to so conduct the affairs of the Government that the record made by my party might commend itself to the voters of the nation. I am continuing in that hope and the conduct of the office at the present time.

I am expecting to go down to the State Convention of the Wisconsin American Legion at Wausau probably on the 13th of August.

Mr. Sanders: I think it is more likely on the 15th.

President: Yes.

Mr. Sanders: It runs three days. I think the 15th is the more likely.

President: It will be some day about that time. We shall probably leave here the night before by train and I shall deliver a short address and return that afternoon. The trip down there takes about 8 hours.