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Report of the Newspaper Conference.

As indicated before, I have no particular preference about the choice of a city in which to hold the next Republican National Convention. I doubt very much if Mr. Butler, the Chairman of the Committee, has any particular choice about it. I am desirous of taking the opinion of the Committee about that. If I was trying to undertake to indicate any preference about it, I could only do that after talking with various members of the Committee from various localities and hearing what they had to say, the reasons they might give. I have no doubt that is the position of the Chairman. He will hear all the applications that are brought in, then make his final decision. But I haven't any special knowledge about that. If you want to know what the Chairman's position is, of course he is here in the city and it would be necessary to ask him.

The Secretary of Labor is making an investigation of the difficulty in the bituminous coal fields to determine whether there is anything that he can do under the law to assist in some settlement. The statute gives him quite broad powers of mediation and conciliation. He may think that can be best done by having a conference. He may think it can best be done by acting as intermediary. I assume that what is desired, of course, - I know what is desired - is to reach some settlement, and that is the subject to which the Secretary is addressing himself, and he is exploring the different methods that might possibly be adopted for the purpose of reaching that result.

My message goes up to Congress at 12:00 o'clock - I think it has gone.

Mr. Sanders: It is being read now, Mr. President.

President: That covers about all I need to say about Government affairs in one day. I have already covered the questions that came in.