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Remarks by the President to the Newspaper Correspondents.

I don't know as I can add very much to the message that I have just sent Mrs. Kohlsaat of sympathy in the loss of Mr. Kohlsaat. He has been a very prominent figure in the journalistic life of America, between 30 and 40 years. My acquaintance with him wasn't very extensive. I had seen him several times since I have been in Washington. I know that he had a very wide acquaintance with prominent people in this country and abroad. He was a man of judgment and discretion and had a good deal of influence in molding public opinion here and in directing public policy.

I haven't done anything further about the sugar report of the Tariff Commission. I am awaiting further information on that.

I haven't decided when I shall call the conference on the agricultural situation. I want to do it just as soon as I can. One of the leaders of the agricultural movement is out of town, some two or three of them, and I want to see them before I make a final decision as to the appointments to be made and the conference called.

I don't know as I can make any comment about the campaign, other than to say that it is proceeding in a satisfactory way, and after making due allowances for perhaps too optimistic reports as sometimes are given a candidate, I think the outlook is encouraging. The investigation of campaign expenditures seems to me has revealed the carrying out of the policy that I outlined in my speech of acceptance, which was the making of a budget, a refraining from running into debt, and carrying on the campaign on borrowed money, and being ready at all times to make a public declaration as to what money has been received and the expenditures that have been made. I understand that the reports that are made on the campaign expenditures of the Republican National Committee are verified by the affidavit of a responsible accountant, so that there can't be any doubt about what money has been taken in and what money has been paid out, and the purposes for which it has gone. I am pleased to know that the financial part of the campaign has been conducted with so much care and such a careful regard for the law, and also a regard for the proprieties of campaign collections and expenditures.

Mr. Littlefield of Lynn, who is acquainted with the shoe industry, and is connected with it, and lives in the district that includes the City of Lawrence, which is a great textile center - - I asked him to come down here that I might confer with him about the present state of these two great industries..

The report from Hartford that I have made any communication to Governor Templeton regarding the coming election of a new Senator in Connecticut is without any foundation.

That seems to cover everything.

Mr. President, may I ask if you expect to attend the funeral of Mr. Kohlsaas?

I haven't fully decided. I understood he was to have a short service at Mr. Hoover's house tomorrow, and I am going to try to be there.

Anything in the Cabinet?

No, nothing in the Cabinet.

Has the time for the service been set?

I think it is in the afternoon, but I am not sure.