

Friday, May 27, 1927.

Report of the Newspaper Conference.

No final decision has been made about the appointment of a United States District Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

I have conferred with the Secretary of War relative to what appropriate action might be taken by the War Department in recognition of the services of Captain Lindbergh, and the Secretary says that they have considered presenting him with the Distinguished Flying Cross, which he thought could be done but wasn't quite sure about the provisions of the law. Captain Lindbergh is a reserve officer. And they are also considering what possible promotion might be given him.

Quite naturally I haven't got so far as to be considering a list of people that I may invite to visit me during the summer. I expect to leave to review the fleet at Hampton Roads the day before the review. I think the review comes on the 4th of June. I expect to leave the day before that. It is my present intention to go down on the Mayflower.

From such investigation as I have made, I think I can be taken care of at the Black Hills. Colonel Starling is starting out there today, to make a final survey and report. I judge that the executive offices would be at Rapid City, which is a place of about 9,000 inhabitants. I think a little larger than the town that we were nearest to last summer, Saranac Lake.

Question: Do you expect to use those offices? Will you come back and forth?

President: Yes. I expect to hold conferences with the newspaper men.

Question: Twice a week?

President: Yes.

It wouldn't be in accordance with diplomatic usage for me to make any comment on the severance of relations between England and Russia. I haven't any information about any documents that were found in the London headquarters of the Soviet.

Here is a question that perhaps I might clarify a little. Does the abolition of trade relations between Great Britain and Russia suggest similar action on the part of the United States. I judge that question has been asked from perhaps a little confusion of just what the situation is. Between the British Government and the Russian Government there existed the condition of recognition. There is no such condition between the United States Government and Russia. Our people are at liberty to carry on trade with the Russian people or the Russian Government on their own responsibility and whatever action the British and Russians might take toward each other has no effect on the privilege that our people enjoy, if they wish to, of trading with the Russian Government or the people of Russia.

I have already indicated that I expect to go to the review of the fleet on the Mayflower.