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Today and Thursday, Moderate Winds

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PRESIDENT HARDING URGES THIS COUNTRY ENTER WORLD COURT WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DELAY

Entry Into World Court Would Carry Out Party Plans and Would Not Be Same as League of Nations the President Declared

CHIEF EXECUTIVE SPEAKS BEFORE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If Country Entered It Will Be in Accordance With Party Principles

NEW YORK, April 24.—President Harding today committed himself and his administration without equivocation to American membership in three permanent courts, of international justice.

Speaking at the annual luncheon of members of the Associated Press, Mr. Harding set forth the reasons which impelled him to recommend to the Senate shortly before the adjournment of Congress the adoption of the United States to the world court protocol as drafted under the league of nations, outlined the advantages he believes would accrue from adoption of the recommendation and answered the arguments of opponents of the administration plan.

In doing so, the chief executive asserted his conviction that American membership in the world court would be in harmony with the party platform pledges, and that it would not be an inconceivable step to the league of nations.

Political leaders throughout the country admittedly in disagreement as to the wisdom of the world court recommendation awaited with intense interest the address of the chief executive.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding and several high officials, he arrived in the metropolis shortly after 6 o'clock this morning. After breakfast on his special train, he went to the Waldorf Astoria hotel. The morning was spent quietly in receiving calls, among them Will H. Hays, former chairman and Charles D. Hillis, New York member of the Republican national committee.

After the luncheon the President hurried out to the new Yankee stadium where he saw New York defeat Washington and Babe get his second home run of the season.

New Railroad Line To Enter Ft. Bragg

FAYETTEVILLE, April 24.—A railroad line from Skibo to Fort Bragg for the hauling of freight to the military post, will be built by the Cape Fear Railways, Inc., according to announcement made here by General Manager Harris, of the railway company. The new line will give Fort Bragg direct connection with two trunk lines, the Atlantic Coast Line now enters the port reservation and has a station there, while the Cape Fear railways will connect at Skibo with the Aberdeen and Rockfish, which in turn will afford connection with the Seaboard Air Line at Aberdeen, thus giving the military post access to two of the principal carriers of the south.

TURKS APPARENTLY NOT WILLING TO GIVE OVER ANY POINTS

Near Eastern Conference Holds Out Little Hope at Present

LAUSANNE, April 24.—(By Associated Press).—The resumed near east conference got under way today with the Turks apparently in no more conciliatory frame of mind than at previous conference, which collapsed over the economic and financial problems of the proposed peace treaty. The Ankara delegates, allied spokesmen said tonight, gave no impression during the day's proceedings of an intention to make concession on any of the disputed points.

Chicken Fanciers to Meet in Kinston

KINSTON, April 24.—The Rhode Island Red fanciers of the state, having a regular organization, will stage their annual show and meeting here in the fall. It was stated today, in conjunction with the exhibition of the Kinston Poultry association. The latter organization will stage a regional show, probably the largest on the South Atlantic seaboard, with the support of organizations of fowl raisers in Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and Cuba. Large cash prizes will be offered to exhibitors throughout the territory to bring their blue ribbon fowls here.

UNIVERSAL COTTON STANDARDS COMING TO THE FOREFRONT

Act of Legislators Explained by Queen City

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Establishment of universal cotton standards that will have world wide application is seen as an eventuality of the cotton standard act passed at the last session of Congress, buyers and sellers of cotton have indicated in three public hearings conducted by the department of agriculture.

Coney Island is Visited by Blaze

NEW YORK, April 24.—Coney Island and Far Rockaway, two of New York's best known sea shore resorts were visited this afternoon by fires that caused damage estimated at \$300,000. A tiny spark, flying from an electric motor on a kiddie car, started the blaze in Far Rockaway that destroyed the 350 room hotel Tack A Poo and three thousand bath houses on Ostend beach.

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NOBLES IS REPRIEVED FROM DEATH CHAIR AND PRAISES THE GOVERNOR

Stay of Execution Granted Just 45 Minutes Before Allotted Death Hour

REITERATES THAT HE IS INNOCENT ALL ALONG
Prisoner Interviewed by Ministers Say "I Am An Innocent Man"

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Much Damage Reported From Areas Surrounding Fayetteville and Camp Bragg

FAYETTEVILLE, April 24.—Forest fires, sweeping an area of 80 square miles between Linden and the Over Hills hunting preserve and a 250 acre plot of valuable timber in Rockfish township, have wrought damages which will amount high into the thousands of dollars. The two fires seem to have started about the same time Sunday afternoon, in opposite ends of the county from causes undetermined at this time.

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PRESIDENT HARDING SPENDS BUSY DAY IN NEW YORK CITY

After Speaking Before Newspapermen Sees Yankee-Senator Game

CHEERED BY FANS WHO WITNESSED HIS ENTRY
Conferences With Politicians and Presence at Show Completes Program

Martin Talbert's Grave to Be Sought

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 24.—The grave of Martin Talbert, north Dakotan, and alleged victim of a convict camp whipping boss 15 months ago, will be searched for tomorrow among the sandy plains around Clara, Okla., by the joint legislative committee investigating reported prison brutalities in Florida.

BRITISH CHEMICALS IN DEMAND

LONDON, April 24.—The chemical industry of England is rapidly developing owing to the restricted output and higher prices charged by her chief competitor, Germany, according to a recent report. The sales of the industry are more than three times the amount reported before the war and almost double that of two years ago.

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