The Weather
Prediction ..... Fair
Light to heavy frost.
Maximum yesterday 69.3
Minimum today 32.4

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 72.9
Minimum 32.6

Daily—Eighteenth Year.
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DECLARES WAR ON IRRECONCILABLES

HARDING STANDS FIRM FOR ADVOCACY OF U. S. JOINING WORLD COURT

President in Speech to Associated Press Members in New York City, Accepts Challenge of G. O. P. Irreconcilables—Declares United States Should Join Tribunal for Settling International Disputes—League of Nations Not Involved—Republican Party Pledged to World Court Idea By Its Platforms and Traditions—Scores Blocs and Direct Primary.

NEW YORK, April 24.—President Harding, in addressing the annual annual luncheon of the Associated Press here today, departed from his prepared speech to say that of all international difficulties which have afflicted the western hemisphere, only that between the United States and Mexico remained and it was approaching a happy solution.

The president's remarks on Mexico follow:

"In reciting the progress of the fulfillment in our foreign relations I have omitted to make reference to one, and that is to the enlarged and fuller understanding with all the republics of the western continent. And I would like to say that your government has been instrumental in wiping out the various causes of contention and conflict in the western world and has today but one difficult solution left and happily that with Mexico is nearing its solution."

NEW YORK, April 24.—Participation by the United States in the world court as proposed by the administration, President Harding today declared at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press would be in harmony with party platform pledges candidatorial promises and American aspirations, and would not be an entry into the League of Nations "by the side door, the back door, or the cellar door."

Excessive friends of the league, the president declared, have beclouded the situation by an unwarranted assumption that the proposal is a move toward membership in the league, while, he added, the irreconcilable opponents of the league have also beclouded the question with the assumption that entanglements with Europe would unavoidably follow.

The fear of entanglements the president dismissed with the blunt declaration that if the senate were to consent to any, his administration would not complete ratification of such a proposal and would thereby prevent it from becoming effective.

Reiterating his conviction that the United States could participate in the world court without assuming the risks which its opponents point out, President Harding reviewed the republican party platforms since 1904, all of which he pointed out, spoke for a world court of arbitral justice, and added:

"I believe in keeping the faith. If political parties do not mean what they say and candidates do not mean what they say, then our form of popular government is based on fraud and cannot hope to endure."

Opposed to League.

But the president left no doubt that he has no intention of moving toward the League of Nations by his support of the world court.

"In compliance with its pledges," he said, "the administration definitely and decisively put aside all thought of the United States entering the League of Nations. It doesn't propose to enter now by the side door, the back door or the cellar door. I have no unseemly comment to offer on the league. If it is serving the old world helpfully, more power to it. But it is not for us. The senate has so declared; the executive has so declared, the people have so declared. Nothing could be more decisively stamped with finality."

Mr. Harding made it plain that he did not consider the world court question paramount to all other national problems, and added that neither did he hold it a menace to party unity, evidently having in mind the warning issued by some republicans within the last few weeks.

Not a Party Question.

"It is not to be classed as a party question," he continued, "but if any party, repeatedly advocating a world court, is to be rended by the suggestion of an effort to perform in accordance with its pledges, it needs a new appraisal of its assets."

Sensing one of the principal arguments to be used by opponents of the administration proposal, the claim that the United States would be placed at a disadvantage in the election of judges to the court through the disparity in the national voting power in the league assembly, the president said he frankly recognized this is a "political bugbear," but added that inasmuch as no nation could have more than one judge, it was less of an objection than when applied to the league itself.

Although the question of the world court formed the burden of the president's address, he also bespoke a word for the establishment of a merchant marine, deplored lack of party loyalty and the organization of groups or blocs to serve group interests and urged that the primary be made an agent of indisputable party expression rather than a means of party confusion or destruction.

The Speech in Full

The address of the president, in full, follows:

"Members of the Associated Press:

"During the closing days of the last congress I sent to the senate asking its advice and consent to the adherence by the government of the United States to the protocol establishing the international court of justice. Out of this simple, natural, normal proceeding has developed so much of mystery, so much of misunderstanding, so much of protest and approval, so much of threatened muddying of the political waters, that I welcome the opportunity on so appropriate an occasion to reveal to the American people both the purpose and the motives impelling.

"Ours is popular government thru the agency of political parties, and it must be assumed that the course of the successful party, which is at the same time an honest party, must be fairly charted by the platform of that party and by the utterances of its candidates when appealing for popular approval. On that assumption it is seemly to recall some of the declarations of the party now in power relative to the promotion of international relationships.

The Party Platforms

"In 1904 the national platform of the republican party said we favor the peaceful settlement of international differences by arbitration. Four years later in the national convention of 1908 the party in its platform alluded to progress made in keeping faith with the previous decision and said:

"'The conspicuous contributions of American statesmanship to the cause of international peace so strongly advanced in The Hague conferences are occasions for just pride and gratification. * * * We indorse such achieve-

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JUDGE GARY DENIES HE IS OPPOSED TO RESTRICTION ON IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, April 24.—No serious labor shortage has been caused by restriction of immigration "as some people would have us think," and the present law will be continued by the next congress with added features to bar defectives of all kinds, Chairman Johnson of the house committee on immigration and naturalization, said in an address here last night. He added that the law was producing good results.

Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel corporation, issued a statement yesterday correcting an impression that he favors unrestricted immigration.

"On the contrary," he said. "I think there should be restrictions. I do not think our immigration laws should permit immigration that could reasonably be construed as inimical to domestic labor of any kind to our government or to the public welfare."

Heiress to Gates Millions and $50.00 Home

The house which rents for $50.00 per month, situated on Main Street, St. Charles, Ill., where Mr. and Mrs. Lester Norris, now reside after their return from their honeymoon in California. Mrs. Norris (insert) was, before her marriage, Dellora Angell, heir to the Gates millions.

CONTROVERSY IN KU KLUX KLAN IS ADJUDICATED

ATLANTA, Ga., April 24.—The controversy between W. J. Simmons, emperor, and H. W. Evans, imperial wizard, for control of the Ku Klux Klan was ended today by compromise and the matter settled. On motion of attorneys for both parties, Judge E. D. Thomas dissolved the injunction whereby the affairs of the klan had been conducted by a commission consisting of Simmons, Evans and J. M. George, marshal of the municipal court.

Under the agreement Dr. Evans retains his post as imperial wizard and Colonel Simmons remained as emperor of the klan. The agreement was reached by a comimttee of klansmen appointed by both parties who called an independent counsel of nonmembers of the klan.

It was understood from Fred B. Johnson, acting chief of staff for Emperor Simmons that under the agreement objections to the Kamelia are withdrawn and this order of women is given the organization's support. It also was understood that several officers of the klan are to be removed because they are personally objectionable to Colonel Simmons.

It was understood that Colonel Simmons was to drop his fight for complete control of the klan and that Imperial Wizard Evans agreed to work in harmony for the best interests of the order.

SMALL CROWD CHEERS PRESIDENT WHEN HE ARRIVES, NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 24.—Cheered by a sturdy band of commuters, President Harding arrived today at the Pennsylvania station and hastened with his party to the Waldorf Astoria hotel, where later in the day he was scheduled to address the annual meeting of the Associated Press.

The presidential special of three cars arrived at 6 a. m., but Mr. and Mrs. Harding did not breakfast until 8:30. Shortly after nine o'clock they left their train and walked through the station to the string of motors awaiting their party. An open car was selected for Mr. and Mrs. Harding, but because of the chill of the morning air, the first lady of the land demurred and chose a closed machine.

Because of the uncertainty of the hour of the president's arrival a smaller crowd than usual was on hand to greet him. Commuters, however, lingered in the station to cheer him and a fair sized crowd was massed on Seventh avenue.

The presidential party drove through 32nd street to the hotel to the 33rd street entrance. The president and Mrs. Harding went immediately to their suite.

It was announced the president would remain in his suite until he appeared at the luncheon of the Associated Press.

The tentative program for the evening called for a visit to a musical show.

Included in the presidential party were Brigadier General Sawyer, Mr. Harding's personal physician; Postmaster General Harry New, A. D. Lasker, chairman of the United States shipping board and Chairman Adams of the republican national committee.

When Mr. and Mrs. Harding reached their suite they found that the Campfire Girls had left flowers there for them.

Red Cross Head to Represent U. S. A. in Mexican Parleys

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Secretary Hughes announced today that the American commissioners to negotiate for a closer understanding with representatives of the Obregon government in Mexico would be Charles H. Warren of Detroit, former ambassador to Japan, and John Barton Payne, former secretary of the interior and now chairman of the Red Cross.

Announcement that the United States and Mexican governments have agreed to appoint a commission of two representatives from each country to meet in Mexico City was made last night by Secretary Hughes in a brief statement in which it was said that the commission would meet "for the purpose of exchanging impressions and reporting them to their respective authorities."

John Barton Payne

A time for the meeting of the commission in Mexico City has not been fixed, but will be determined soon.

Judge Payne has made a study of Mexican afafirs and is familiar with conditions there, while Mr. Warren's diplomatic accomplishments at the important Tokio post are considered by officials to have weel equipped him for the negotiations.

The American commissioners will be guided in their discussions by the broad considerations of policy which have actuated the administration in all its dealings with Mexico. It is emphasized there is no desire to interfere in Mexico's internal affairs or suggest what laws that nation shall enact. At the same time it is held that when a nation has invited intercourse with other nations and has sanctioned contracts entered into and property rights acquired by foreigners, it is an essential condition that there shall be no resort to confiscation and repudiation.

KING BENJAMIN EXONERATED BY COURT VIRGINS

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., April 24.—(By the Associated Press)—Two more disciples of King Benjamin Purnell, a bride and groom of last week's wholesale marriages at the Israelite colony of the house of David went before the grand jury today to explain their sudden wedding and tell what, if anything, they knew about alleged immorality in the colony.

Vetry Drake Kirkan, sister of Countess Drake Woodruff, who testified yesterday and Mrs. Kirkan's husband, Henry, were today's first witnesses. They testified, according to reports from the grand jury room, that they had married voluntarily and of their own wish, and that since their marriage, on Thursday night, of last week, they have obeyed the law of the cult which forbids marital relations between husband and wife.

The girl, it was reported, denied knowing anything about alleged improper conduct of "King" Benjamin with the virgins who live with him and "Queen" Mary Purnell at Shiloh, the headquarters of the colony.

Only three of the thirteen couples who remain to be questioned were brought to St. Joseph today. The others will appear in groups from day to day until all have been examined.

BASEBALL SCORES

American.

NEW YORK, April 24—Babe Ruth made a home run in the fifth inning today in the game between the Washington and New York Americans.

At St. Louis:	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	0	4	1
St. Louis	1	8	2

Leverette, Woodward and Schalk; VanGilder and Severeid.

At Philadelphia:	R.	H.	E.
Boston	3	8	3
Philadelphia	7	9	0

Piercey, Fullerton, O'Doul and Devormer; Naylor and Perkins.

At Cleveland:	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	8	12	3
Cleveland	7	6	3

Pillette, Francis, Woodall and Bassler; Melvier, Shaute, Morton and O'Neill.

National

At Brooklyn.	R.	H.	E.
New York	6	8	1
Brooklyn	4	6	1

Batteries: Bloom, Johnson and Snyder; Ruether, Dickerman and Deberry.

BOSTON, April 24.—Boston-Philadelphia postponed, rain.

At Cincinnati.	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	4	9	3
Cincinnati	5	8	1

Batteries: Kunz and Gooch; Luque and Wingo.

At Chicago.	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	0	2	0
Chicago	3	8	0

Batteries: Haines and Ainsmith; Aldridge and Hartnett.

ARCTIC EARTHQUAKES DESTROY VILLAGES IN NORTHEAST SIBERIA

Tremendous Earthquakes Occurring Every Six Minutes Reported From Moscow—Up to April 13th, 195 Quakes Reported—Entire Villages Wiped Out With Big Life Losses—Island Settlement of 21 People Wiped Out—Tidal Waves Add to Horror and Destruction—Volcanoes Become Active—Women and Children Flee to Interior.

MOSCOW, April 24.—(By the Associated Press)—Tremendous earth and sea disturbances have taken place recently in the Arctic and may still be continuing, according to Chita dispatches today giving details of the earthquake recently reported at Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka, which carried several buildings into the sea. The total casualties are unknown, but the loss of 21 lives already is definitely established.

When the last word was received from Petropavlovsk on April 15, the earthquakes were continuing every six minutes on the average in that region, the advices stated. The radio station was destroyed and news of the occurrences is trickling in slowly. The sparse population is homeless and famine stricken, all the warehouses with their provisions having been swept into the ocean.

According to one dispatch, there had been, up to April 13, a total of 195 slight earthquakes accompanied by rumblings of ground. On the 13th new shocks of greater intensity were felt, accompanied by a todal wave which swept across the ice-covered seas causing the ice to crash against the coast, crushing houses and business buildings and then receding seaward, dragging with it the debris.

The employes of some of the fish-canning factories saved themselves in small steamers and tugs which were carried out to sea.

The women and children in most of the villages in the region have been moved inland to a place of safety in the mountains. The shores are yet covered with ice and wet snow.

On the little island of Koshka three Russians, five Japanese and eight Chinese making up the entire population, all perished in the disaster. The volcanoes of Anansky and Stunoffsky, the dispatches state are still active.

MR. HARDING IS A BASEBALL FAN, SEES YANKS PLAY

NEW YORK, April 24.—President Harding, dropping affairs of state after urging America's entrance into the world court in an address at the annual luncheon of members of the Associated Press today turned baseball fan, motoring to the Yankee stadium to watch the New York team cross bats with the Washington Senators.

The game was held until the arrival of the president. The crowd rose and cheered as the presidential car circled the horseshoe drive and stopped in front of a box in which Mr. Harding took his seat against the rail. The president, wearing a battered hat, smiled as broadly as the humblest fan as the play began.

Mrs. Harding changed her mind and did not accompany her husband to the game.

NEW YORK, April 24.—President Harding broke bread with his fellow newspaper publishers here today at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press. Escorted to the grand ball room of the Waldorf Astoria hotel by his military aides, resplendent in gold braid, he received an ovation of hand clapping as he took his place at the center of the guest table.

Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press, sat at his left and Melville E. Stone, secretary and counsellor, at his right.

One single huge American flag was draped back of the guest table.

Other guests at the luncheon included K. A. Bickel, president of the United Press associated, and M. Koeningsberg, president of the International News and officers and directors of the American News Publishers association. The grand ball room was crowded to capacity when the president entered, smiling his acknowledgement of the noisy greeting he received.

Mrs. Harding, who accompanied the president to New York, had luncheon in the presidential suite.

She planned to join the president after luncheon for a visit to the Yankee stadium to witness a ball game. The first lady had been expected to put in part of her time shopping, but apparently decided to make a complete vacation of her stay in New York.

GRAND DRAGON IS ACQUITTED IN KLAN SUIT

PORTLAND, Ore., April 24.—Fred A. Gifford, grand dragon and L. I. Powell, imperial kleagle of the northwest domain of the Ku Klux Klan, were freed from the damage suit brought against them by Thomas Garland, local attorney, through non-suits granted by Circuit Judge Rossman today.

Judge Rossman also granted nonsuits on two of three libel charges brought by Garland against Charles Hall and R. R. Coster, co-defendants.

A single count retained, on which the judge held the jury must pass, affected Hall and Coster only. It is whether Garland had been damaged through the publication in a Portland newspaper of the list of voters filed as irregular in the Hall-Olcott recount suit.

To determine that, the jury must also decide whether Hall and Coster conspired to vent malice against those who voted for Ben W. Olcott in the republican gubernatorial primaries, the court held. Hall was defeated by Olcott for the republican nomination for governor in the primaries.

TWO KILLED, 2 INJURED BY WIND STORM WHICH SWEEPS NEBRASKA

OMAHA, Neb., April 24.—Two persons are dead and two injured by a tornado which swept a narrow path for about four miles near Barneston, Gage county, southeastern Nebraska, late yesterday, according to a special dispatch received here by the Omaha World Herald.

The dead are Evelyn Bruensbach, three, and her mother, Mrs. Clyde Breunsbach. The latter died early today, but the child was killed instantly when crushed under a piano which the twister picked up from the house and hurled upon her, 35 yards away.

Mr. Bruensbach and an infant were hurt but will recover. Their home and buildings on three other farms were wrecked.

Heavy rains accompanied the storm.