The opening of a Hindu temple in Ayodhya, in northern India, on Monday: Narendra Modi, the prime minister, led the inauguration.

In the U.K., a Weighty Ruling On What Makes a Chip a Chip

By ALI WATSON

LONDON — No product is so often defined by one trait as is the humble potato chip. Shakespeare wrote of a man who had ‘‘eaten and drank’’ chips. ‘‘That is it,’’ said one of his Shakespearean characters. ‘‘The crispness of a chip is the essence of a chip.’’

On Tuesday, the European Union, in a series of closely watched rulings, settled the question of how a potato chip is made — the true test of its crispness. The union determined that it is not enough for a chip to meet all the conditions of a crisp — that it must also be made in a specific way.

The ruling means Walkers, the company that makes the famous potato chip, will have to pay the same value-added tax as all other producers of potato crisps. It is a blow to the company and its competitors in the European Union.

Biden Officials Poised to Delay Big Gas Project

By CHASE DARWEN

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is poised to delay a major pipeline project in the United States, a move that could rekindle a dispute over the project and inflame tensions with Europe.

The project, known as the Line 3 replacement pipeline, would transport oil from Canada across 1,820 miles of Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota to a Wisconsin refinery. The pipeline is part of a larger effort to expand the country’s oil and gas infrastructure.

The Biden administration has previously said it would inspect the project and assess its environmental impact before making a final decision. But the decision to delay it has been met with criticism from some elected officials who argue that the project is important for the country’s energy security.

In a statement, the Biden administration said the delay was necessary to conduct a thorough review of the project.

Inside Capitol, G.O.P. Rashes To Fall In Line

Coaching for Trump Faster than in 2016

By ANNE KARRI

WASHINGTON — Representatives Marcia Fudge and Adam Kinzinger, the last Republicans on the January 6th committee, were engaged in a heated exchange on Thursday.

The two congressmen, who are both members of the House Committee on Ethics, were discussing the possibility of firing House Speaker Paul Ryan, who has been criticized for his handling of the investigation into the January 6th attack on the Capitol.

The exchange highlighted the growing rift between Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill, as the two parties continue to negotiate the terms of the impeachment trial.

Poised to show for Trump

By AMANDA ALBA

WASHINGTON — As President Donald Trump faces a impeachment trial, his supporters in Congress are poised to show their support for him. But the question of whether such support will translate into votes for him in the Senate remains unclear.

Trump’s lawyers have said they will present evidence of his innocence and that any impeachments should be overturned. But many senators have signaled that they will vote to convict the president.

The trial is expected to begin next week, and it is unclear how many Republicans will ultimately vote in favor of impeachment.

For Hindu Nationalists, a Moment of Glory

By SANJAY BAKSHI

NEW DELHI — The moment is both one of triumph and endurance.

The corner of the Indian capital, where a massive Hindu temple is being built, is a testament to the persistence of a cause that has drawn millions of devotees to the site.

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The temple was built in 1989, with the support of millions of Hindu devotees.

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Dr. Anu Poteznik, whose 65th-discovery with the collaboration of Dr. D. W. Williams added a new dimension to the understanding of the universe, says:

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