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THE WEATHER Portland, (AP) — Cloudy tonight and Sunday with rain in northwest Oregon.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (Special) — Society, this capital of the "world's greatest democracy" doesn't recognize the fact of the Russian revolution any more than Secretary of State Hughes, officially, recognizes the soviet. Which is no recognition at all.

Wherefore, the visit to the capital of Grand Duchess Cyril of Russia is being arranged on a royal scale and the social elite are all flocking over the chances of entertaining or even meeting the "Imperial Highness."

No one thinks or speaks of her as an ex-empire. Her name is an ex-grand duchess. All invitations and entertainments are given to her with her entertainment while she lives the prestige of all her old-time titles as though they were still intact.

In fact, the impressiveness of these are even magnified by the whispered explanation that her husband, Grand Duke Cyril, has recently proclaimed himself emperor of all the Russians and that the distinguished guest is, in reality, none other than the empress of Russia!

The irony of the situation, which Washington's social circles do not seem to recognize, is that the "grand duchess" comes to Washington by invitation of Mrs. Robert Lansing.

It was Mrs. Lansing's husband who, as secretary of state, sent the Soviet commission to Russia immediately after the Kerensky uprising in 1917, in an effort to make the

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PLANE PROBE HEARINGS ON

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press) — The special house committee investigating the aircraft industry, beginning the examination of witnesses Friday on the basis of a six months survey by its experts on the field to be covered was told by James V. Martin, flying pioneer and inventor, that numerous inventions he had submitted to the air service had not been adopted although the merit of some of them had been recognized by foreign governments. He also asserted that in consideration of bids for the construction of planes, the service had not always chosen the best or the most economical plans submitted.

Representative Nelson, Republican, Wisconsin, also appeared before the committee to explain the reasons which had prompted him to introduce the resolution under which the investigation is being conducted. Evidence had come to him, he said, which led him to believe that there was danger of the flying industry becoming a trust and he also desired to know how government subsidies to airplane manufacturing concerns had been spent. He emphasized that he was not making any charges of fraud, his criticism being purely constructive and motivated by a wish to see the airplane industry put on a sound basis.

Representative Woodruff, Republican, Michigan, also appeared before the committee, urging a full investigation of all matters pertaining to flying.

COPENHAGEN, (By the Associated Press) — Hjalmar Branting, premier of Sweden, is seriously ill according to advices received here today saying he had developed inflammation of the lungs and that grave fears for his recovery were entertained.

SWEDE PREMIER IS NEAR DEATH

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press) — The first lady of the United States, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, has received an invitation to join with other cities in the inland empire in forming a baseball league. A meeting will be held in Spokane December 18 to discuss the proposal. The tentative plan is for a league that will permit two games each week to be played.

Witness Tells About Kid McCoy's Rampage

LOS ANGELES, (By the Associated Press) — While a photograph in the antique shop of Mrs. Inc. on the morning of August 12 last, played popular dance music, Kid McCoy, ex-pugilist, charged with the murder of Mrs. Theresa Ross on the previous night, staggered about the place threatening to kill all those who had interfered with his affair with the woman with whom he had lived as "Mr. and Mrs. N. Sheldale." V. C. Endom, business manager of the shop, testified at McCoy's trial here Friday. Endom's testimony which included an account of McCoy's alleged reign of terror during which three people were shot and wounded,

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SUM NEEDED TO KEEP UP NAVY GIVEN

More Than 286 Millions Asked for Maintenance in Measure.

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Senator Underwood Ired at Attacks Made Upon Him by Washington Herald; Investigation Planned.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — Appropriations totaling \$286,355,578 for the maintenance of the navy during the year beginning next July 1st, are carried in the annual naval bill as reported to the house.

The aggregate is \$8,210,117 more than the amount provided for expenditure during the current fiscal year and is approximately one million dollars under the budget estimate.

ACTION IS BLOCKED

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press) — Another effort for an agreement on the postal pay increase bill failed today in the senate. The plan proposed would have provided that the bill be taken up January 8th but Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, blocked it because its contemplated reference of the measure to the committee meantime, which Reed declared was an effort to kill the measure.

TO INVESTIGATE STATEMENTS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — Senator Oscar Underwood today obtained unanimous consent of the senate for a senate investigation of the statements made concerning the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill and himself in an editorial appearing in today's issue of the Washington Herald.

The editorial referred to the judicial committee, which was given authority to subpoena the author of the editorial and other persons to "get to the bottom of the charges."

MRS. COOLIDGE GIVEN DOCTOR OF LAW DEGREE

BOSTON, (By the Associated Press) — The first lady of the United States, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, has received a graduate's degree of the University of Vermont, and once teacher of a country school, returned Friday to academic scenes and educational activities in ceremonies in which Boston university added to the degree of bachelor of arts, which she already held, its own honorary degree of doctor of laws.

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Stolen Goods Found Today

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"Blue Moon" Presented To Big Audience

Operetta Witnessed by a Crowded House Last Evening in High School Auditorium.

"Once in a Blue Moon" the three act musical comedy which was given in the high school auditorium last evening before a crowded house by the boys and girls glee clubs of the school proved to be very good entertainment.

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What Christmas Seal Money Does



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SUCCESSOR TO BE NAMED SOON

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