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Weather Report.  
Oregon: Tonight and Sunday,  
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east portion; gentle southerly  
winds.

FORTY-SECOND YEAR NO. 111. SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1919. PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

## JUNE 15 TO SEE TREATY SIGNED UP

Consummation Of Peace Will Come Early Next Paris Forecast Means Renewed War.

## HUN COUNTER PROPOSALS EXPECTED ON THURSDAY

## Russian Question Occupies Attention Of "Big Four" Today; Kolchak Seeking Allied Recognition.

By Fred S. Ferguson  
Paris, May 24.—The treaty will be signed by the allied and German delegates between June 19 and 25—or the armistice will be broken—and the forecast in peace circles today.

## SEVEN TRANSPORTS EN ROUTE TO STATES

## War Department Announces Sailing Of Many Units From France.

Washington, May 24.—The war department has announced the following transport sailings:

## Recent Treasury Report Indicates Gain Of Three Million Since 1915.

When the United States treasury department made the call for a report of banks on May 12, 1919, there was a deposit in the four banks in Salem, \$7,373,168.81.

## City Bank Deposits Show Large Increase

This amount was divided as follows: Laid & Bush, \$4,199,125.43; Salem Bank of Commerce, \$238,702.77; United States National bank, \$1,991,904.19; and in the Capital National bank \$934,436.42.

## Powder Rumored As Cause Of Starch Plant Disaster

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 24.—Cedar Rapids business men will meet today as a coroner's jury extraordinary to sift rumors that gunpowder caused the blast that wrecked the Douglas Starch company's plant here Thursday.

## Eight Troop Ships Due To Dock Today

## New York To Welcome Nearly 22,000 Yank Doughboys Before Night.

New York, May 24.—(United Press)—Eight troop ships bearing nearly 22,000 fighters were due to arrive in New York harbor today.

## All Praise Due Yank Soldiers in Russia

"Whatever uninformed persons may think of the government's policy, during the last nine months of maintaining at Vladivostok without intervening in the Russian revolution, or in Russian civil affairs, all honor must be given and the highest regard is due to the American soldiers and sailors who suffered the Stars and Stripes in bleak Siberia and who, during many weary months of military inactivity, have guarded jealously the honor and welfare of our country. They were there to await eventualities in Europe, to defend allied interests, and they are every one, always ready for a frolic."

## 3 DIE WHEN STEAMSHIP IS BURNED

Virginia, With 240 People Aboard, Destroyed to Water Line By Flames In Chesapeake Bay.

## Passengers Forced To Jump Into Dark Waters

Rescue Boats Find Women, Men And Children Struggling In Bay.—Many Yet Unaccounted For.

## Three Firemen Lost

Newport News, Va., May 24.—(United Press)—Lives of nearly 240 persons were imperiled when fire swept the Old Bay line steamship Virginia, en route from Norfolk to Baltimore, and burned her to the water's edge, just outside Chesapeake Bay early today.

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Flames from the stricken vessel shot high into the air—a lurid "G. O. S." to the other ships in the bay.

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Searchlights were played over the waters surrounding the burning vessel and revealed, according to eye-witnesses, the struggles of many men, women and children who had jumped into the water.

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By the time our boat arrived near the scene many passengers had jumped into the water, evidently too terrified or without time to wait for the manning of the coats. Some women had on their night dresses. We could see men, women and even children in the black waters as the searchlights played over the scene. There must have been some loss of life." Olmstead said.

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"I had to send for M'Nab to settle up with the crew (of her yacht)," another letter said. "I gave him a fine time. We had some fine dances together. He is a dandy dancer—he had the time of his little life."

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## FIGHT ON LEAGUE TO BE BITTER

Clash On Covenant Promises To Develop Warmest Partisan Scrap Seen In Senate In Many A Year.

## Both Republicans And Democrats Preparing

Hiram Johnson To Open Attack Monday By Calling For Presentation Of Text Of Treaty In Full.

By L. C. Martin  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Washington, May 24.—Senate debate on the league of nations promises to be the most bitter partisan fight staged in the upper house for many years.

Democrats are preparing a series of speeches to counter republican attacks. Early next week Senator Robinson, Arkansas, will begin the democratic campaign to stir up public sentiment, which democrats hope will force a majority to vote for the league covenant.

Debate on the peace treaty and the league will be resumed Monday. Senator Hiram W. Johnson's resolution calling for immediate presentation of the full text of the treaty to the senate is the unfinished business and will come up each day until it has been approved or either by a direct vote or by being sent to the foreign relations committee.

Others to Speak.  
The expected test of strength, imminent yesterday over this, failed to develop. It will come, however, when Senator Hitchcock next week renounces his motion that Johnson's resolution be sent to committee.

In addition to the discussion of Johnson's resolution, which is expected to cover every phase, Senator Reed announced he will speak Monday on the league, Robinson following him.

Johnson is preparing a speech on the league—his first to be delivered within a few days.

Announcement by Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, that he will apply publicly, "if not pitiless publicity," to senate consideration of the treaty, was said today to be positive assurance that much of the discussion will be in open session for the first time in the history of treaty-making in this country.

Committee Hates Complete.  
While the senate today took a week-end rest, the house continued consideration of the Indian appropriation bill.

The republican committee shies are now virtually complete. It is said they will show that Senators Penrose and Warren have won their fight against progressive opponents to their being chairman, respectively, of the finance and appropriation committees.

The three republican members understood to have been elected for the senate foreign relations committee are Hurd, Moses and New. If this proves correct, it will add three to the opponents of the league of nations on the committee which handles the treaty.

## Allied Force In Germany Strengthened To Handle Any Possible Situation

Coblenz, May 24.—(United Press)—The Third army was further strengthened today by completion of the formal transfer to it of the Fourth and Fifth divisions of regulars. The Sixth division continues to train for the front. The population in the occupied region is quiet and orderly.

Washington, May 24.—(United Press)—Allied military forces, ready for action on the western front, are believed sufficient to handle any military problem that might result from a German refusal to sign the peace treaty. Chief of Staff March announced today.

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