

# WAR NEWS

**INDIA IS RICH PRIZE**  
LONDON—Belief is growing that the Australian mainland is not so much likely to be the prize of a Japanese invasion at the moment. India is believed to be a much more tempting prize. A large Japanese expedition is in process of being assembled at Singapore for pivot.

**UNITED STATES LOSSES**  
WASHINGTON—The United States Navy Department announced late Friday that three United States naval vessels were sunk in South Pacific waters late in February and early in March. They were the aircraft tender Langley, the destroyer Perry and a naval tanker. Twelve men were lost in the Langley which went down as a result of enemy action south of Java. The officers and crew of the Perry kept fighting until their ship sank under them.

**ATTACK ON SIBERIA?**  
LONDON—Feeling is growing in military quarters that a Japanese surprise attack on Siberia may coincide with the instituting of the new German spring offensive against Russia.

**GNEISENAU HIT AT KIEL**  
LONDON—Announcement is made in London of the German battleship Gneisenau having been severely damaged at Kiel naval base by British bombers. Royal Air Force pilots describe how the vessel was hit.

**TO DESTROY NAZI INDUSTRIES**  
LONDON—Britain plans through heavy aerial assault to bomb German industries into complete destruction this summer, it is declared in London.

**22,000 NAZIS KILLED BY REDS**  
MOSCOW—Further notable successes have been achieved by the Red Army over the Nazis. Moscow claims that 22,000 Nazis were killed in fighting with the Soviet forces between March 20 and April 1.

**NAZIS-U.S. NAVAL BATTLE**  
RIO DE JANEIRO—There are rumors of a German-American naval battle in the Atlantic off the coast of Brazil where Nazi submarines are known to have been operating. Coastal shipping was ordered into port.

## LOCAL BOYS WON MATCH

Had No Difficulty in Defeating Ocean Falls—Rupert Girls Lost Out in Closing Seconds.

OCEAN FALLS, April 4: (Special to Daily News)—Ocean Falls High School girls defeated Bonanza girls of Prince Rupert 31 to 30 in a nip and tuck basketball game here last night. While the Prince Rupert girls lost, the boys from Prince Rupert had no difficulty whatever in winning by a score of 37 to 18. The Prince Rupert boys played in top form and led during the whole of the game, the half time score being 19 to 17. Ocean Falls had some tough luck. Ted Arney accounted for ten of Prince Rupert's points while Shorty Santerbane made six. The Prince Rupert girls were robbed of the game as they had led until the finishing seconds of play.

## Stanley Cup Series Gets Off Tonight

TORONTO, April 4:—Opening game of the best four out of seven series between Toronto Maple Leafs and Detroit Red Wings for the Stanley Cup will open at Maple Leaf Gardens here tonight.

## RAILWAYS CONGESTED

Heavy Movement of German Troops To East and Southeast Europe

STOCKHOLM, April 4:—There are reports here of railways in east and southwest Europe being congested by traffic consisting of heavy movement of German forces and supplies, probably preparatory to the spring offensive that the Reich is planning.

## Pacific Coast League Starts

San Francisco Seals Defeated Los Angeles Angels in First Game Thursday.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4:—In the opening game of the Pacific Coast Baseball League on Thursday, San Francisco Seals defeated Los Angeles Angels by a score of 10 to 6.

## NEW AIR SERVICE

Trans Canada Extends Its Operations To Newfoundland

MONTREAL, April 4:—Looking toward the commencement of scheduled, commercial service to Newfoundland on May 1, Trans-Canada Air Lines started familiarization flights to St. John's Friday, it was announced by H. J. Symington K. C., president of the Trans-Canada Air Lines. Moncton will be the Canadian terminal of the new service and connections will be made with T. C. A. service throughout Canada. Enroute to Newfoundland, a stop will be made at Sydney, Nova Scotia, thus bringing this industrial centre at the most easterly tip of the Dominion into the domestic airline network.

Two stops will be made in Newfoundland. The important air base at Gander Lake will be one and St. John's, the Island Capital, the other. Flight crews assigned to the service have already reported for duty at Atlantic division headquarters at Moncton and ground staffs are now on duty at Sydney and in Newfoundland. April will be a shakedown month during which arrangements for regular air mail, passenger and air express services will be completed.

"The extensive developments being undertaken in relation to hemispheric defence by Great Britain, the United States and Canada lend considerable importance to this new service," said Mr. Symington.

"By rail and boat transportation the trip from Moncton to St. John's is now 54 hours. It will be about four hours by air. "Canada is interested in trans-Atlantic air service and Newfoundland is the North American gateway in such service. We are very happy to further this service and also further the war effort of the allied nations."

## Bicycles Frozen In United States

All Sales and Deliveries Halted—Industrial Workers Get First Call.

WASHINGTON, April 4:—All sales and deliveries of new bicycles in the United States were frozen as from midnight Thursday. Henceforth defence workers will get the first call on such vehicles.

Bruce Mickleburgh, S. A. Cheeseman, C. H. Leighs, C. E. Holland and T. L. Davies called Thursday night on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver to attend the annual convention of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation.

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## Negotiations Continuing

### POWER IS SATISFIED

Minister of Air Expresses Gratification With Progress Being Made on Coast Air Defences

VANCOUVER, April 4:—Hon. C. G. Power, minister of national defence for air, before leaving the Pacific Coast on his return to Ottawa, said that he was immensely pleased with the progress that was being made with the establishment of air defences on this coast.

### MORE SHIPS TORPEDOED

Two United States Merchantmen Sunk in Caribbean—Norwegian Vessel and Small Tug Off Atlantic Coast

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 4:—Torpedoing of two United States merchantmen in the Caribbean Sea and the shelling and sinking of a small tug off the Atlantic coast were announced by the United States Navy yesterday.

Another victim of the Battle of the Atlantic was a medium-sized Norwegian ship torpedoed and sunk off the United States coast on Thursday.

### A.R.P. HAS PRACTICE

Workers at Westview Acquaint Themselves Well.

On Thursday evening all sections of the Westview A.R.P. turned out in full strength for a work-out which proved very realistic.

A series of incendiary bombs dropped between the residences of Alex Turnbull and Frank Dobb's on Graham Avenue. Sixteen bombs in all fell. One dropped on the walk of Thomas Priest's residence. Before the fire wardens could get there Mrs. Priest had put it out expeditiously with sand. Several of the bombs fell in dangerous spots and could not be handled with sand. One fell in the bush near Dr. Mandy's residence with danger to the house. Fire wardens quickly connected hose to the fire hydrant there and the situation was soon well in hand. Another which fell near the porch of J. Christensen's residence had to be carried away with a special A.R.P. shovel to a point where it was less dangerous.

Telephones being out of commission, the police were stationed at every half block and passed the message to the station when a person was injured. The ambulance, with first aid equipment and men, quickly eased the injured and got them back to the station where they were given further attention.

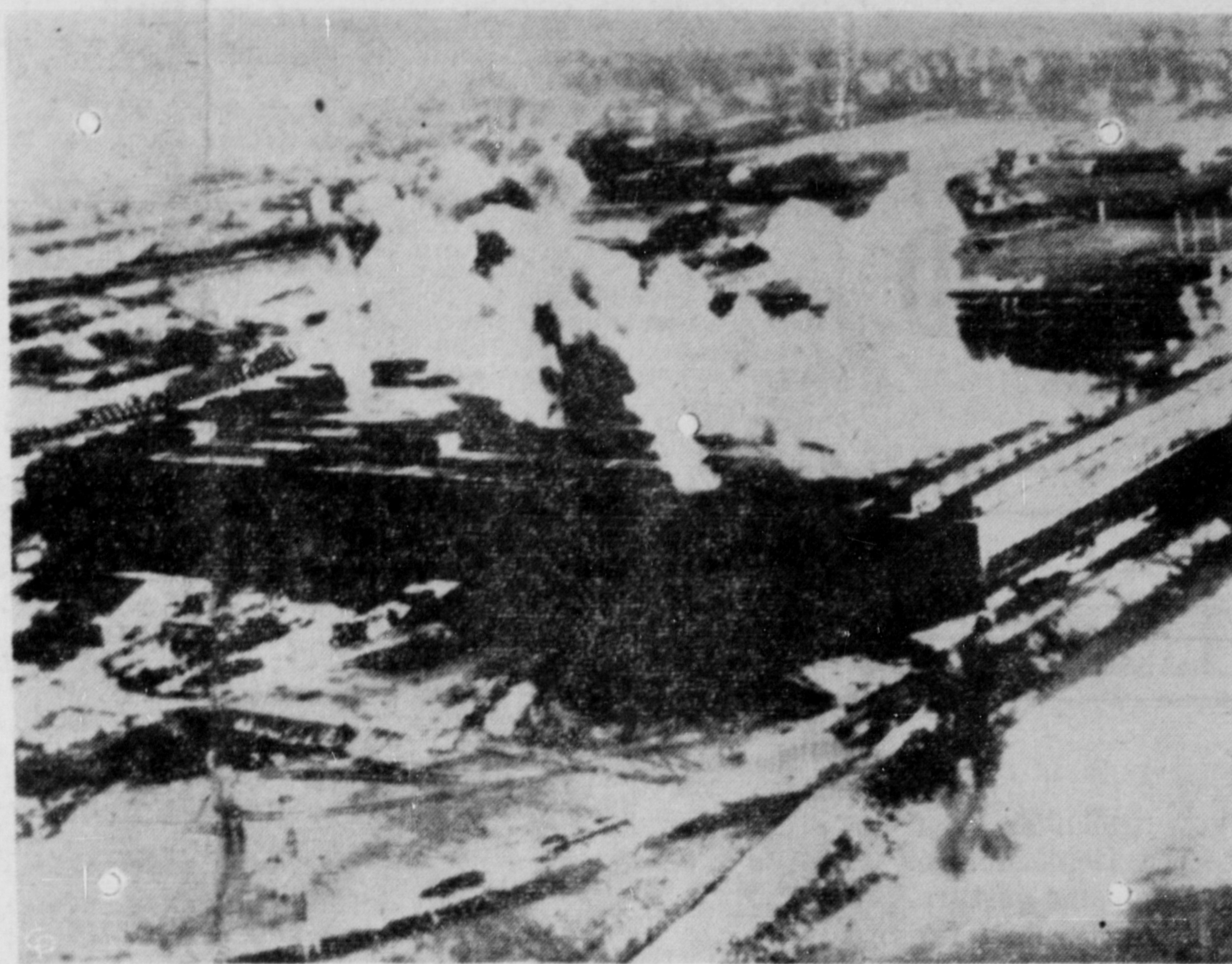
An explosive bomb fell in front of Frank Dobb's house. The police kept all persons a safe distance from bomb. Still there were two casualties when it exploded. The police, having been busy preventing the people from getting near the bomb, were not in a position to pass a message to a runner with a bicycle was sent to the station. The result was very satisfactory, the ambulance was there in a short time and the injured taken care of.

A bomb fell in thick bush near J. Christensen's house and started a bush fire which at first looked as if it would burn the house. The water main being broken, the pump was quickly in action at the water hole and the situation was very satisfactorily taken care of in a short time.

The first aiders worked very well.

Al Moser sailed on the Cardena today for Bella Bella.

### R.A.F. BLASTS FRENCH FACTORIES WORKING FOR NAZIS



Clouds of smoke pour from the Matford motor truck factory at Poissy, 17 miles northwest of Paris, France, as British Royal Air Force bombers rip it apart in low-level bombing raid in broad daylight. The factory was turning out war equipment for the Nazis. The raid was made without enemy opposition, and was one of the heaviest to date of those staged on occupied France by the R.A.F. The same factory was again bombed this Thursday night.

### More Volunteers Are Needed For Coast Reserve

VICTORIA, April 4:—Before leaving on his return to Ottawa after a visit of inspection to Pacific Coast defences, Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, said that British Columbia men were not joining the reserve army in sufficient numbers.

### FUTURE OF BIG MISS

Consolidated Superintendent Says Usual Spring Shut-Down Will Take Place—What Next Uncertain

M. M. O'Brien, general superintendent of mines, Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co., was a passenger aboard the Prince George yesterday bound from Trail to Stewart to pay a visit to the Big Missouri mine. It is Mr. O'Brien's first trip north in a year and a half. During about half of that time he has been in Ontario in connection with munitions work.

On account of low water conditions, the Big Missouri mine will be having its annual spring shut-down, Mr. O'Brien states. He did not commit himself, however, on what the future policy in regard to the operation of the big low grade property.

### Olof Hanson In Vancouver

M.P. for Skeena on Coast Now and Will Be Here Next Week for Easter Recess.

Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, arrived in Vancouver a few days ago from Ottawa following the adjournment of parliament for a month's Easter recess and will be here on the Prince Rupert next Wednesday from the south to spend a few days here and at Smithers before returning to Ottawa.

Sergeant Clarence Finley, in training with the Royal Canadian Air Force, is home from Lethbridge, Alberta, to spend leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Finley, 323 Eighth Avenue East. He will be leaving on Monday evening's train.

### AIR BLOWS ARE HEAVY

Royal Air Force and Luftwaffe Exchange Blows of Greatly Increased Intensity

LONDON, April 4:—Air war flared anew as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy damage on the Matford truck plant outside of Paris, raided docks at Le Havre and carried out fighter sweeps while the Germans countered with blows at the southeast coast of England Thursday night in a raid of extraordinary intensity.

The Nazi aerial armada Thursday night subjected southeast English coast points—concentrating on Portland and Dover—to one of the largest bombing attacks of the war. The country virtually rocked with aerial battle. Early reports said that at least two enemy planes were brought down.

### Across Atlantic In Record Time

Bomber Makes Flight In Less Than Seven Hours

LONDON, April 4:—A new record was established Thursday for a bomber flight across the Atlantic Ocean. An American pilot made the 2400-mile flight in six hours and forty minutes, more than one hour being cut off the previous record. Tail winds favored the flight.

### DRIVE OFF JAPANESE

Defenders of Bataan Are Mopping Up On Enemy Whose Break-through On Bataan Was In Vain

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 4:—Bataan defenders are reported to be mopping up pocketed Japanese units which Thursday burst through the main line of the American and Filipino forces in two assaults, only to be thrown back.

### Local Temperature

Maximum ..... 52  
Minimum ..... 35

### Twelve Million Tons of Spuds Frozen in Reich

STOCKHOLM, April 4:—Twelve million tons of potatoes were lost in Germany as a result of exceptionally heavy frost during the past winter. The Reich also lost heavily of other food stocks because of the severe winter.

### DESTROYER GOES DOWN

British Admiralty Makes Bare Announcement of Loss of H. M. S. Keythrop

LONDON, April 4:—The Admiralty announces the loss of the destroyer Keythrop but gives no details.

### TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver	
Grandview	15
Bralorne	7.15
Cariboo Quartz	1.00
Hedley Mascot	.25
Pend Oreille	1.20
Pioneer	1.50
Premier	.38
Privateer	.26
Reno	.21
Sheep Creek	.69
Oils	
Calmont	.10
C. & E.	.95
Home	2.31
Royal Canadian	.03
Toronto	
Beattie	.70
Central Pat.	.93
Cons. Smelters	38.00
Hardrock	.35
Kerr Addison	3.35
Little Long Lac	.90
McLeod Cockshutt	1.20
Madsen Red Lake	.45
McKenzie Red Lake	.70
Moneta	.25
Pickie Crow	1.80
Preston East Dome	1.85
San Antonio	1.50
Sheritt Gordon	.75

### Tabernacle Closed For War, Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY, April 4:—For the first time in history, the famous Mormon Tabernacle here has been closed to all visitors. It will remain so closed for the duration of the war.

### OUTLOOK IN INDIA MORE FAVORABLE

Possibility of Compromise Looms As Others Enter Into Negotiations In Support of Sir Stafford Cripps

NEW DELHI, April 4:—Negotiations between Sir Stafford Cripps and Indian leaders took a more favorable turn today with the possibility of a compromise looming up more strongly. General Sir Archibald Wavell, British commander-in-chief in the Far East, has joined Sir Stafford Cripps, special British envoy. Former Assistant Secretary of War Lewis Johnson has arrived in New Delhi to take part in the negotiations in which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek of China has also become actively interested, having intervened to urge India to accept.

India's millions are still wrangling over the British proposals to grant India self rule after the war in return for fighting support during the war.

### REVERSES IN BURMA

Situation For Allies Is Becoming Increasingly Serious Near Frontier of India

NEW DELHI, April 4:—Grave new reverses marked the Allied defence of Burma yesterday as British headquarters acknowledged that the Japanese had cracked the right wing anchor at Prome, the key to Burma's vital oil fields, which has been abandoned.

The enemy has made a new landing on Burma only seventy-five miles from the frontier of India proper and 325 miles from Calcutta. Thus the British forces in Burma may be cut off both from India and from communication with the Chinese army in Burma. The supply line between India and Burma would also be interfered with.

### Ambassador To Spain Is Named

Dr. Carleton J. H. Hays Is Choice Of President Roosevelt For Diplomatic Post

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 14:—Dr. Carleton J. H. Hays, member of the faculty of Columbia University and prominent in Roman Catholic Church affairs, was yesterday nominated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as United States ambassador to Spain.

### NIPPONESE SHIPS SUNK

United States Navy Announces Bag Taken By Submarines in East Indies Waters.

WASHINGTON, April 4:—American submarines have sunk or damaged four Japanese warships in recent action in the Java Sea and Indian Ocean, the Department of the Navy announced today.

One light cruiser is reported sunk, another damaged and two Japanese seaplane tenders damaged near the Indies island of Bali.

At the same time the Navy announced that a medium-sized United States merchant vessel, a medium-sized Latvian merchantman and a small Canadian vessel were torpedoed and sunk but gave no details.