

JAPANESE DIVING SOUTH Japan's invasion armies were pictured by Tokyo headquarters today as driving into the rain-lashed jungles of Johore State, 110 miles north of Singapore...

NEARER TO SINGAPORE Axis reports reaching London said that Japanese troops had landed on an island in the Netherlands Rhio archipelago just south of Singapore...

ON PHILIPPINE ISLANDS In the Philippine war theatre, according to a Tokyo broadcast declaration, Japanese troops are now pressing General Douglas MacArthur's defenders southward into Batan Peninsula...

SUBS NEAR NEW YORK On the American home front the Navy announced that an Axis submarine had torpedoed a 9,577-ton Panamanian tanker, the Normess, sixty miles off Long Island...

RUSSIANS DRIVE WESTWARD On the Russian front the recapture of Medyn and other settlements in snow-covered Mozhaik area was reported by the Russians but there were indications that a solid German stand may be near as Berlin newspapers told again of fighting in specific zones after six weeks of generalities...

AIR PRESSURE IN LIBYA Increased Axis air pressure is being brought to bear on the British forces in Libya but there have been further advances near Halfaya Pass to the east and around Agheila to the southwest.

HAMBURG HEAVILY BOMBED The Royal Air Force heavily bombed Hamburg last night. The German response on the British Isles was very light.

LEAVING STEWART

W. D. Smith, Manager of Northern British Columbia Power Co., Enlisting William D. Smith, manager at Stewart for the Northern British Columbia Power Co. and formerly located at Prince Rupert, will arrive in Prince Rupert tonight on the steamer Prince George from Stewart...

Judgment Given In Damage Suit

Carl Poulsen Is Awarded \$500 Against Mrs. Cora Black as Result of Fall Downstairs Mr. Justice A. M. Manson has transmitted his judgment in favor of the plaintiff in the civil action of Carl Poulsen vs. Cora Elizabeth Black which was heard at the last session of Supreme Court Assizes in Prince Rupert...

AMERICANS ASSISTING

Are Deputies To Sir Archibald Wavell As Commander-in-Chief in Far East BATAVIA, Jan. 15.—General Sir Archibald Wavell, who has arrived in the Netherlands East Indies to take up his headquarters as commander-in-chief of the Allied forces in the Far East, is accompanied by his deputy, General George H. Brett, formerly assistant chief of the United States Air Force...

INCREASE IS SHOWN

British Columbia Has 809,203 People and Prince Rupert 6,656, According to Census. OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics said last night that the population of British Columbia last June 2 totalled 809,203 as compared with 694,263 in 1931. The report is based on preliminary figures obtained at the decennial census of last June. Prince Rupert's population is given as 6,656 as compared with 6,350 in 1931.

Americans Sink Big Jap Ship

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The United States Department of the Navy announced today that a 17,000-ton Japanese merchant liner had been sunk by an American submarine. The vessel was of the fast Yawata class, owned by Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and probably was convertible into an aircraft carrier.

Local Fisherman Dead in South

Andrew Aursay Passes Away in Vancouver—Last Year on Ingrid H. The local Deep Sea Fishermen's Union has been advised of the death in Vancouver of one of its well known members, Andrew Aursay, who for years was active out of this port both as halibut and salmon fisherman. Last year he was on the Ingrid H. There are no particulars as to the cause of death. Mr. Aursay was a Norwegian and about 35 years of age. He made his residence here with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bostrom, now of Nanaimo, and left here about a year ago for the south.

QUITS MINE FOR JACKPINE WOODS

FRANCOIS LAKE, January 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gair visited the parents of Mrs. Gair at Tehesinkut Lake on their return from the Pinchi mercury mine. Louis prefers the smell of the jackpine to working in a mine and the family will move to Forestdale where Mr. Gair will work in the timber.

MOVING ON INTO LIBYA

Progress Made by British At Halfaya and in West—Hold-up On Coast

CAIRO, Jan. 15.—British and Allied infantry have moved forward to new positions against Axis hold-out forces in the Halfaya border region of Egypt under cover of destructive aerial and artillery bombardment, it was announced today. Far to the west the advance in the coastal sector was delayed in difficult country by strong resistance but further south the forward movement continued.

RECRUITING GOOD HERE

Twenty Or More Local Young Men Going East in Air Force.

Flying Officer W. C. Goudie, Flying Officer H. B. McGregor, medical officer, and Corp. M. W. Howden arrived in the city on the Prince George yesterday morning from Vancouver to conduct recruiting sessions here for the Royal Canadian Air Force. They will sail Friday night by the Princess Adelaide on their return to Vancouver.

Flying Officer Goudie this morning reported that there had been a gratifying response by recruits at the opening session of the board yesterday afternoon, no less than thirty-seven applications having been received. As a result of further attestation expected today and tomorrow, it is anticipated that upwards of twenty local young men will be leaving here by next Monday night's train for Edmonton and Toronto to commence their training in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

HAMBURG BOMBING

Heavy Attack Last Night by Royal Air Force on Great German Port

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Air Ministry announced today that the Royal Air Force bombed Hamburg last night in force and left large fires burning in docks and shipyards. Emden and other ports were also bombed but Hamburg was the main objective. Five planes failed to return. There were only light raids on the British Isles.

HAZELTON MAN LOST

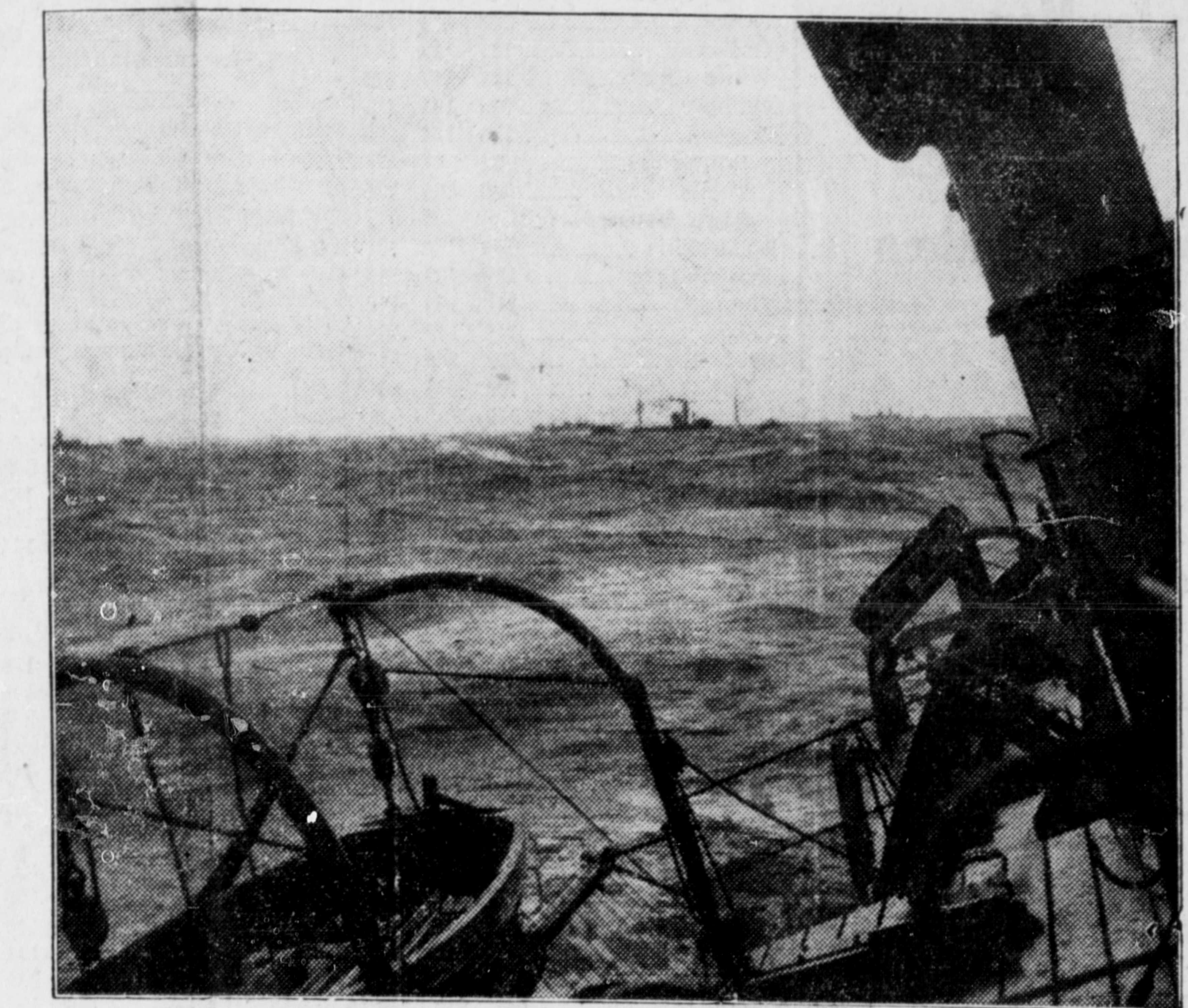
Searchers Are Out for J. Robertson Who Is Missing on Trapline.

HAZELTON, Jan. 15.—To resume a search for J. Robertson who has been missing on his trapline for two months, William Green and Fred Anderson left Hazelton this week. This is the third party which has gone out to look for Robertson, the first two having failed to find any trace of him. Dogs have been taken out to assist in the search. Robertson, when he went out on the trapline, expected to be back inside of two weeks. Fears are entertained for his safety.

Silly Talk Says Navy Secretary

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 15.—In spite of reverses and retreats, it is silly to describe the German army in Russia as being panic-stricken or about to fall apart, declares Col. Frank Knox, United States Secretary of the Navy, in contending that reports of internal dissension, disease, demoralization and unfavorable conditions generally within Germany are merely Nazi propaganda designed to lull the Allied nations into a sense of false security and slow down war production.

CONVOY ON THE HIGH SEAS



Off on their hazardous journey across the Atlantic, ships of a winter convoy forge steadily onward, while the escort from which they are viewed heels sharply to a heavy wave. This photo was made by Lieut. Gerald Richardson, R.C.N.V.R.

Bulletins

FUNERAL IN ALBERTA Accompanied by the brother, K. R. Wood, city engineer of Calgary, and sister, Mrs. Munro, who arrived here Tuesday night, the remains of William Craige Wood, local dry dock employe, whose death occurred early in the week, will be taken by tomorrow night's train to Carstairs, Alberta, where interment will be made. Deceased was a returned soldier, a member of the Masonic Lodge and had active in the Canadian National Recreation Association Lawn Bowling League.

FORT WILLIAM BLACKOUT FORT WILLIAM—Fort William had its first blackout rehearsal last night. For thirty minutes lights in the business section were extinguished. Thousands of members of the civilian defence committee took part. It was described as a complete success.

TRAFFIC FATALITY VANCOUVER—Vancouver had its fourth traffic fatality of the year late yesterday when James McNair of North Vancouver was struck and killed by an automobile on Hastings at Lillooet Street.

HARDWARE BURNS VANCOUVER—The Gordon Hardware at Seventeenth and Dunbar was destroyed by an early morning fire. The owner and his wife and family had a narrow escape.

EXPANDING U.S. ARMY

Great Increase in Strength Being Brought About, Secretary of War Announces.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today that the United States Army had started expanding to approximately 3,600,000 officers and men, more than doubling the present strength in ground and air forces.

Trapper's Death Is Investigated

The provincial police boat P.M. L-7 from Ocean Falls with the coroner has left Ocean Falls for Maddison Channel near Klemtu to investigate the death of Jack Garner, half breed trapper from the Fraser River district. His body was found on the trapline.

WHERE WILL THEY GO? OTTAWA—Japanese who are to be removed from the defence areas of the British Columbia coast will go to the interior of the province or the prairies, it is expected. Japanese who are able to pay their way may go wherever they like as long as it is out of the defence areas.

CONSULATE CLOSED VANCOUVER—The Thailand consulate-general has been closed by order of the Dominion government. Capt. (Hon.) W. J. M. Watson-Armstrong, who was in charge, is not surprised. He had threatened to resign.

MALTA UNDER FIRE MALTA—There were no less than seventeen alerts yesterday as Malta continued under heavy air attack by Axis planes. The air attacks on Malta are believed to presage an invasion attempt.

HONOLULU HAS ALARM HONOLULU—Honolulu had a four-minute air raid alarm period last night. No enemy planes appeared.

STORM OF PROTEST LONDON—Led by the Daily Express, London newspapers have raised a storm of protest at the ineffective defence of Malaya. The Express declared that "liquor-sodden planters" and others had not lived up to their responsibilities.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table with columns for Vancouver and Toronto stock prices. Vancouver: Grandview .17, Bralorne 8.60, Cariboo Quartz 1.72, Hedley Mascot .34, Pend Oreille 1.65, Pioneer 2.00, Premier .58, Privateer .42, Reno .13 1/2, Sheep Creek .79. Oils: C. & E. 1.15, Calmont .16, Home 2.58, Royal Canadian .04. Toronto: Beattie .90, Central Patricia 1.21, Consolidated Smelters 38.30, Hardrock .50, Kerr Addison .35, Little Long Lac 1.28, McLeod Cockshutt 1.60, Madsen Red Lake .45, McKenzie Red Lake .96, Moneta .24, Pickle Crow 2.25, Preston East Dome 3.10, San Antonio 1.95, Sherritt Gordon .94.

ATTACK BY U.S. FLEET

Having Established Itself at New Asiatic Base, May Start New Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—It is learned in Washington that the entire United States Asiatic fleet, which it was announced at the time of the fall of Manila had been safely removed from Cavite naval base, is now intact at a secure base from which to carry out a campaign against the enemy. It is believed that the new base is in the Netherlands East Indies area.

OIL WELLS DESTROYED

Long Time Before Japanese Will Be Able to Get Fuel From Captured Sarawak.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 15.—It is stated in Melbourne that it will take the Japanese eighteen months to re-establish oil wells in captured Sarawak Kingdom of the East Indies, so great was the destruction wrought to the wells before evacuation by the defenders. It will be impossible for the Japanese to get even a trickle of oil for six months, it is declared.

ARE ACTIVE IN PACIFIC

Japanese Claims That Dominion Vessels Chased Off Ocean Are Denied.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—Canadian ships are operating in the Pacific regardless of Japanese radio claims that Canadian vessels are being kept out of that ocean, Hon. Angus Macdonald, minister of the navy, said today. Mr. Macdonald disclosed that Canadian troops sent to Hong Kong had been escorted across the Pacific by the Canadian cruiser H.M.C.S. Prince Robert which had returned and was now engaged in other operations.

Wolves On Trail

FRANCOIS LAKE, January 15.—Returning from a skating party at one of the small lakes which mirror the surrounding hills of lakes district, Bill Wiley and Gerald Cooper were bolstering each other's courage when two big black wolves met them on the trail. The wolves took to the timber and Bill Wiley says that Gerald beat their time only in the opposite direction.

RAIN SLOWS UP BATTLE OF MALAYA

Only Johore Still in British Control—Singapore Air Raids Heavier—Burma Reinforcements.

SINGAPORE, Jan. 15.—With British jungle fighters in a new withdrawal still apparently manoeuvring to defend a narrow front ninety miles north of Singapore as engineers blow up communications to impede the Japanese advance, heavy rains are tending to slow up hostilities in Malay Peninsula down the length of which the Japanese have now advanced two-thirds of the distance to Singapore since the war began. Of the nine Malay states, only Johore state still remains in effective British control, and Tokyo claimed today that even it had already been entered.

Enemy bombing of Singapore is becoming heavier. Yesterday fifty Japanese planes came over and their bombs caused 55 casualties, the highest yet. One and possibly five planes were brought down by anti-aircraft fire and British and Dutch fighter planes. People of Singapore realized today that the enemy were closer to them than they thought when postal authorities announced that it was useless to send mail to many parts of the Malay States which had fallen into Japanese hands.

Johore, the last Malay State remaining under British control, is separated by a comparatively narrow channel from Singapore.

News that fresh air and land reinforcements have reached Burma gave hope that a strong counter-offensive might be based from there against the Japanese in Thailand and occupied Malaya and thus relieve the pressure in the direction of Singapore. Canadians are among the reinforcements which have been landed in Burma.

There was a two-hour attack by Japanese bombing planes on Rangoon, the capital of Burma, yesterday, but little damage was done.

British, United States and Netherlands bombers are becoming active against the enemy all the way from Borneo to the Philippines.

On Philippines On the Philippines General Douglas MacArthur's forces, still resisting valiantly against overwhelming odds, threw back another heavy attack by the Japanese yesterday, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy, but were forced to fall back themselves today.

The commander of the Japanese occupying forces in Manila yesterday announced that anyone injuring or attempting to injure Japanese soldiers or civilians would be shot to death and, if the guilty persons were not found, ten persons would be held subject to execution for each Japanese injured. Severe penalties for espionage and sabotage are also decreed. This is taken to indicate that the Philippines are keeping up a strong fifth column activity against the occupying Japanese forces.

Motive Power Superintendent

New Appointment in Service of Canadian National Railways Announced.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 15.—Announcement is made today by W. R. Devenish, general manager of the Canadian National Railways, of the appointment of W. O. Nugent to the position of assistant general superintendent of motive power and car equipment for the western region with headquarters at Winnipeg. Mr. Nugent, a native of Moncton, entered the service of the inter-colonial railway in June, 1897 as a machinist apprentice in the Moncton shops. He remained in Moncton until December 31, 1919 when he was transferred to Transcona as superintendent of locomotive shops for the Canadian National Railways which position he has held until his present appointment.