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New Landing Made In Italy

Invasion By Allies 30 Miles From Rome

BRITISH NAVAL LOSSES—

No Less Than 513 Fighting Ships of All Classes Have Perished Since Start of War

In the four years between the fateful day, September 3, 1939, when the lights of Britain were blacked out, as the second World War started, and December 3, 1943, the associated navies of the British Commonwealth of Nations have lost the huge total of 513 ships in their bitter struggle to keep open the sea lanes of the world. These ships ranged through all categories of naval design from the mighty battle cruiser down to small tugs and patrol boats.

Included were armed merchant cruisers, those thin-skinned but heavily armed carriers whose duty it was to protect their convoy mates, and of whom nothing finer can be said than that the Jervis Bay was one of them.

Listed as sunk by the British Information Services are three battleships, totalling 95,100 tons. They are the 29,000 ton Royal Oak, torpedoed at Scapa Flow October 14, 1939, the Prince of Wales, 35,000 ton victim of Jap aerial torpedoes in the South China sea on December 10, 1941, and the Barham, 31,- 100 ton Mediterranean dreadnought sunk by torpedoes on November 26, 1941.

Two battle cruisers, ships of a speed and weight of armor greater than many battleships but of an armament comparable with that of heavy cruisers, lie on the ocean floor in widely separated parts of the world. They are the 42,000 ton Hood, once the heaviest naval ship afloat, which dogged the battleship Bismark in May, 1941, chasing the German down by ... off the Greenland coast when a shell struck her magazine and blew her up. Death ... of the Prince of Wales, the 32,000 ton Repulse perished in the South China sea on December 10, 1941.

FIVE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS LOST

Five aircraft carriers, the ascendant type of naval craft in modern warfare, have gone to the bottom since the war began. The total of their tonnage is 106,450. They are the Courageous and the Glorious, each of 22,500 tons, the Eagle, of 22,- 600 tons, the Ark Royal, of 22,- 000 tons, and the Hermes, of 10,- 850 tons.

Most famous of these was the Ark Royal, or the "Ark," as she was called, for she defied the German propagandists who had sunk here many times until she fell victim to enemy torpedoes off Gibraltar on November 14, 1941.

Also listed as lost are two small aircraft carrier,s converted merchantmen, the Audacity, and the Avenger. The Audacity, of 5,537 tons, was the one-time German steamship Hannover. She was torpedoed in the Atlantic in December, 1941. The Avenger, of unrecorded tonnage, was lost in the invasion of North Africa in November, 1942.

Twenty-six cruisers, grossing 77,... tons, have been enemy victims, four of them of the eight inch gun class, and 22 of the six inch gun class. Most spectacular of these losses were the eight inch Dorsetshire and Cornwall which sank simultaneously under the brunt of a Jap dive bomber attack in the Bay of Bengal on April 9, 1942. Three of the six inch cruisers were units of the Royal Australian Navy. The Canberra and the Perth were sunk by the Japanese and the Sydney was lost in an action with a German raider.

Fourteen armed merchant cruisers totalled the greatest tonnage lost of any class of ships. Big boats all, the smallest, the Salopian, was of more than 10,000 tons, their aggregate was 197,679 tons.

The manner of the sinking of these ships is revealed as a list of ditto marks beneath the initial sentence—"Torpedoed by submarine," until the eye catches the name Jervis Bay, and the mind recalls the saga of her skipper Fogarty Fegan charging his ship into the guns of a German raider to protect his convoy and setting a forlorn and gallant course to immortality.

DESTROYERS HARDEST HIT

Heaviest hit of all classes of naval ships have been the destroyers, of which 109 have been lost since the war began. Storm troops of the navy, they have hurled themselves into action wherever a fight was to be had, and the local of their sinking ranges around the globe. Destroyer tonnage lost totals 113,- 070.

Four Canadian destroyers were among those sunk. They were the St. Croix, the Ottawa the Margaree and the Fraser

Blank space dominates the manner and place of sinking of most of the 60 submarines listed as lost. The death of a submarine is sometimes as much of a mystery to the Admiralty as it is to the layman. The tonnage of submarines lost total 48,829.

One frigate, a class of ship midway between a destroyer and a corvette, is recorded as sunk. The Itchen died on October 1, 1943. Her tonnage and the manner and place of her sinking is not reported.

Heaviest losses of Canadian ships have been among corvettes. Out of the 22 corvettes lost, six have carried Canadian names and crews. They were the Levis, the Windflower, the Spikenard, the Charlottetown the Louisburg and the Weyburn. Collision, mines, and air attack, rather than torpedoes sent those submarine hunters to the bottom.

The balance of small craft listed included 12 yachts, 11 sloops, 146 trawlers, 41 minesweepers, 4 minelayers, 16 drifters, 37 miscellaneous auxiliaries and 2 armed boarding vessels.

Attacks On Turkey And Spain Plan

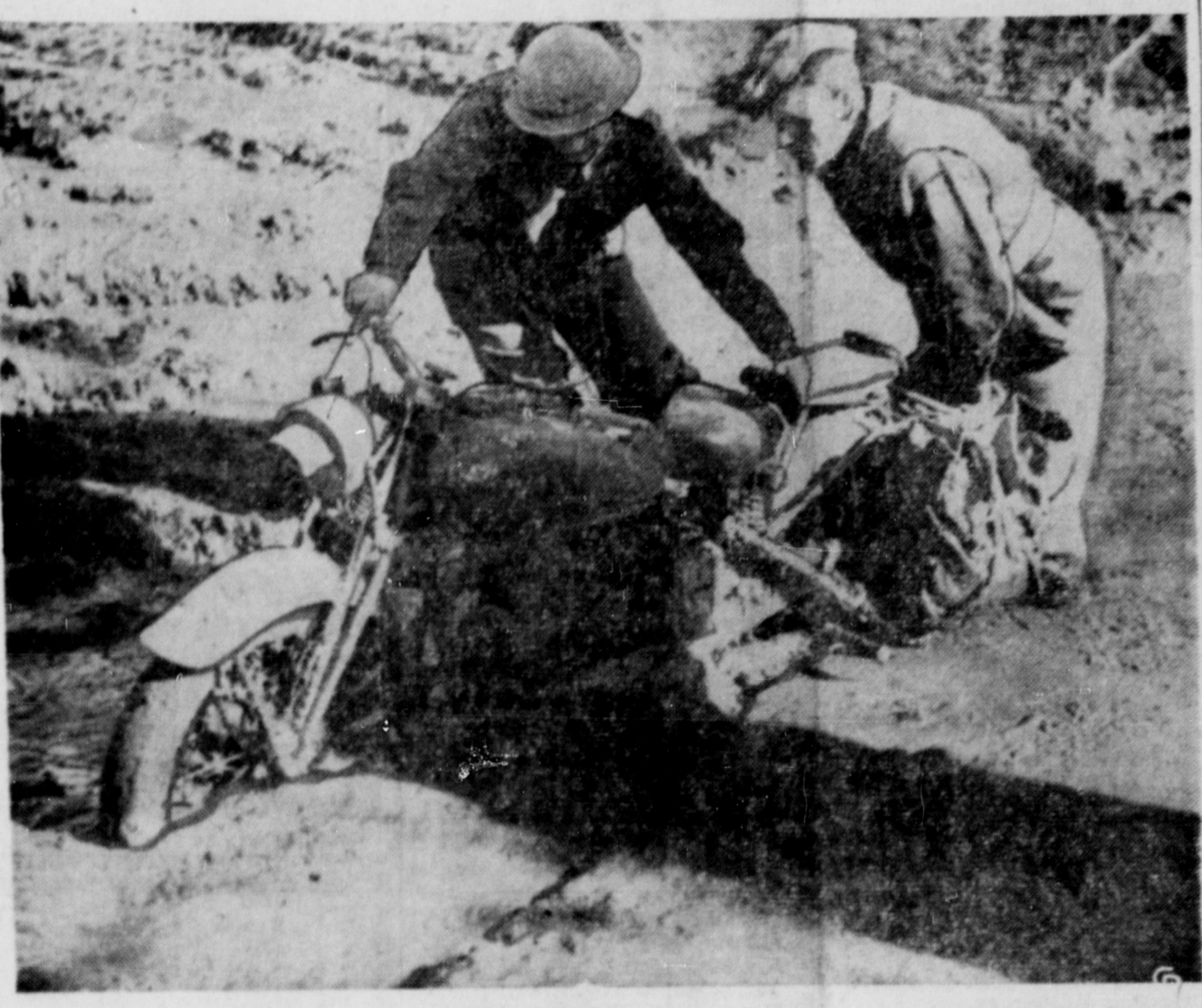
LONDON, Jan. 22 (CP)—According to reports in Cairo Germany is bringing pressure to bear upon Bulgaria to attack Turkey. At the same time Germany itself would initiate a drive into Spain. The object, of course, would be to draw off the opening of a second front by the Allies in western Europe.

Plot to Overthrow Hitler Is Reported

BERNE, Jan. 22—Swiss newspapers report a reactionary plot in Germany to overthrow Adolf Hitler and set up a military dictatorship which would sue for peace with the Allies.

AIR POWER TO DECIDE

TOKYO—Premier Tojo said yesterday that air power would determine the issue of the war in the Pacific and that there would only be a hairbreadth between victory and defeat. The Japanese premier expressed confidence in victory. He said that Japanese airplane production had been doubled during the past year.



YO-HEAVE AND A HO IN ITALY'S MUD—These men of the British Fifth army who are fighting the Germans on Mount Roccamonfina, northwest of Teano, Italy, are having a little trouble with the thick mud caused by pelting rain. Here a dispatch rider is trying to extricate his motorcycle, which is deep in the mud and most reluctant to leave the gooey mire.

BULLETINS

PARAMISHURO AGAIN

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 22—Two more attacks were made by the United States Air Force on Japanese naval base at Paramishuro.

STRIKE IS OVER

SEATTLE — The foundry workers' strike is over after a vote of three to one to end it.

U.S. SPEED BOATS HIT AT BARGES

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA, Jan. 22 (CP)—One hundred and sixty Japanese, apparently bent on reinforcing the besieged defenders of Madang, New Guinea, were killed when American P-T speed boats caught them in darkness sneaking down the coast, headquarters announced today. Their barges were sprayed with machine gun fire and all were sunk. All the Japanese were killed or drowned.

Twenty empty Japanese barges have also been sunk by American bombing planes continuing a heavy air assault on Madang which is the principal target in this area at present.

R.A.F. OUT AGAIN —

Germany Is Heavy Hit Once More

Magdeburg and Berlin Were Principal Targets—

LONDON, Jan. 22 (CP)—A powerful armada of heavy Royal Air Force bombers was over Germany again last night with Magdeburg as the principal target while Berlin received a pounding for the second successive night. Two thousand tons of bombs were dropped on Magdeburg and early reports indicated heavy damage done. Fifty - five bombers were lost, including fourteen Canadian.

Strong formations of Allied planes hammered mystery targets on the French invasion coast Friday, shooting down nineteen German planes at a cost of eleven. American bombers shot down seven Nazi planes, the Royal Air Force three and the Royal Canadian Air Force, two. The Allies lost eight bombers and three fighters.

Business Of Civic Centre

Business at Thursday night's annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Civic Centre Association included the presentation of the financial statement of the treasurer, D. C. Stevenson, which showed nearly $60,000 of liquid assets on hand for the civic centre project.

A suggestion of the Junior Chamber of Commerce that the executive might be enlarged by having three instead of two representatives from each of the member organizations and the general public was conveyed to the meeting by T. N. Youngs but no action was taken.

The election of executive members representing the public at large resulted in the choice of Robert Gordon and Ald. Nora Arnold.

The attendance at the meeting was quite gratifying, compared with former years, those present being Dr. R. G. Large, C. G. Ham, W. D. Lambie, D. C. Stevenson, Rev. A. F. MacSween, B. Thorsteinssen, Mrs. Robert McCarthy, Oscar Haveroy, Gunnar Selvig, Mayor H. M. Daggett, G. W. Rudderham, C. H. Orme, D. C. Stuart, Frank Skinner, G. A. Hunter, R. Hundeide, Ald. Nora Arnold, Dr. R. C. Bamford, S. A. Cheeseman, Mrs. A. L. Haines, Stan Saville, Robert Gordon C. G. Ham and Miss Kay Meredith.



VETERAN SAGUENAY RESTS AS A TRAINING SHIP—Battered veteran of the convoy lanes, H.M.C.S. Saguenay is now serving as a training ship. She survived a German torpedo that wrecked her bows, a collision which detonated her depth charges and blew off her stern and rode out a week-long hurricane, the worst the Atlantic had seen in decades. The shattered remains of her stern only a foot or two out of water, Saguenay was towed home after a collision with a freighter on a dark, foggy night off the coast of Newfoundland. Already patched many times, she has been converted to a training ship.

MIDWINTER SEES GARDENS GROWING

Perennials are beginning to shoot up, some of the shrubs are commencing to bud out and garden grass is fresh and green as the most open and mildest winter prince Rupert has experienced in many a year continues while January draws to a close. Roses have been blooming all winter in some gardens. However, there is still the possibility of cold weather and a sharp frost now, of course, would hamper normal seasonal growth.

London Has Heavy Raid

LONDON, Jan. 22 (CP) — The Germans stabbed last night at London and southeast England with sharp air raids by a force of approximately 90 bombers. The raid lasted for 90 minutes and eight of the raiders were shot down.

Explosives were dropped in several parts of the city.

The raid was the heaviest in a year and the anti-aircraft barrage was the most intense since the Battle of Britain.

Keep Japs And Nazis Off Ocean

This is Plan of American Admiral — Would Keep Allied Merchant Marine Busy.

PORTLAND, Jan. 22 (CP)—Rear Admiral Vickery, vice-chairman of the United States Marine Commission, proposed in an address Friday night that the merchant marine of the Allied countries take over trade routes formerly operated by Germany and Japan, recommending that neither nation be allowed to regain naval power.

Vickery suggests that gigantic Allied fleets, too large to be restricted to pre-war trade routes, supply the Axis in foreign commerce. He said that the postwar American merchant marine would be the largest in world history.

JAPS LOSE 1200 SHIPS

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 22 —Japanese ship losses since Pearl Harbor went over the 1,- 200 mark yesterday when the Department of the Navy announced that American submarines had sunk 12 more Nipponese vessels—one large tanker, nine freighters and two transports.

Esquimalt Navy Is Title Winner

VANCOUVER, Jan. 22—Esquimalt Navy won the Pacific Coast senior hockey championship by defeating Victoria Machinery Depot 7 to 4 in the final game last night.

Bridgehead Established Near Tiber

ALGIERS, Jan. 22 (CP) — Powerful British and American forces of the Fifth Army, striking by sea toward Rome, landed on the west coast of central Italy before dawn today in a heavy attack to smash the Germans' flank and turn their winter fortifications in the Gustav and Adolf Hitler Lines. First landings were successful, winning a bridgehead several miles long and "the situation is developing favorably." Allied headquarters announced.

The communique did not locate the invasion point but the Germans said the landing was made between the mouth of the Tiber, 16 miles southwest of Rome, and Nettumo, about 35 miles southeast of the Tiber and the same distance from Rome.

The bold thrust ended a slow process of frontal attack alone and was supported by blistering air and naval bombardments.

German resistance was light and the Germans admitted Nettuno had been occupied by the Allies.

REDS TAKE RAIL TOWN

Leningrad is Connected by Rail With Moscow for First Time In Two Years.

LONDON, Jan. 22 (CP) — The Soviet capture of Ega, key rail junction 30 miles southeast of Leningrad, has reunited Russia's second city by rail with Moscow for the first time since the city was laid under siege by the Germans two years ago, Moscow dispatches said today. At the same time Leningrad gained a permanent rail link to tap lend-lease supplies coming from Murmansk through Volkhov.

Claim on Lots Is Relinquished

The executive of the Prince Rupert Civic Centre Association, at its meeting Thursday night, compiled with a request from the city council that it (the city) be released from any moral obligation to hold for the civic centre property on Third Avenue off McBride Ctreet which had been previously reserved for civic centre purposes. This was agreed to providing the city made available a required area adjoining the new Y.M.C.A. building on Mc Bride Street between First and Second Avenues and an additional five feet of lane allowance.

Is Making No Announcement

W. R. Devenish, Vice-President and General Manager of Canadian National, here.

W. R. Devenish, vice-president and general manager, Canadian National Railways, visiting here says that he has no announcements to make. Railway traffic he observed, is showing the usual January lag after the December rush but is, of course, greatly higher than in previous years.

He did not know, as yet, said Mr. Devenish, as to the proportion of fourteen cargo ships to be built by Wartime Shipbuilding on the British Columbia coast this year will be allotted to the local shipbuilding plant.

The possibility of a new station building here was suggested to Mr. Devenish but he had nothing to say about that.

No changes in railway service were contemplated at the present time as the traffic was evidently being adequately taken care of at this time.

Mr. Devenish is accompanied on the trip by his wife. He leaves tonight for Vancouver enroute back to Winnipeg.

Visitor Here



W. R. Devenish, Vice-president and western general manager of Canadian National Railways.

MRS. SAMPARE PASSES AWAY

The death occurred at 5 o'clock last night of Mrs. Flora D. Sampare, age 65, of a heart ailment at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Comer, Third Avenue Mrs. Sampare had been undergoing treatment for her ailment for several months prior to her death.

Deceased was a native of Port Simpson and was the former wife of Captain Magar, skipper of the old sternwheel Skeena in very early dafs. She is survived by two daughters living in the city, Mrs. J. D. Watson and Mrs. J. H. Comer and several grandchildren.

Germany Calling Up All Her Men

BERLIN, Jan. 22—All men in Germany between 16 and 60 years of age are being called upon to register for labor services.