

# **Suspect Admits Setting Great R. I. Forest Fires**

Hartford, Conn., May 14 (AP).—The Connecticut and Rhode Island State police announced jointly tonight the arrest of a man they said had admitted starting forest fires which swept a wide area in both States two weeks ago, causing damage estimated as high as three million dollars.

State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey said the man was Edward Francis LaCasse, 30, of Plainfield. He was being held in Kingston, R. I., tonight, and the commissioner said a bench warrant charging arson would be sought in Superior Court at Putnam, Conn., tomorrow.

Hickey said there was no suspicion of sabotage, and he described the man as a pyromaniac, who was unable to give any explanation for his alleged acts.

## **D. C. Man Named For Rear Admiral**

*By the Associated Press*

President Roosevelt yesterday nominated William R. Munroe, jr., 56, of Waco, Texas, and John Franklin Shafroth, jr., 55, of Washington, D. C., to be rear admirals.

Both men presently hold the rank of captain although for some time they have been performing the duties in serving in the temporary capacity of rear admiral.

Other captains nominated to be rear admirals included: Capt. James Lawrence Kauffman, 55, of Miamisburg, Ohio; Donald B. Beary, San Marino, Calif.