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ESCAPEE'S TRACKS OBLITERATED BY RAIN

Darwin Police Party Returns

Despite a bullet wound in his side and other injuries received during his fight with a police tracker the Fitzmaurice River aborigine murderer, Nemarluk, continues to elude the police party headed by Constable McNabb.

According to the latest information received by the Minister for the Interior (Mr. Perkins), torrential rains have caused the temporary abandonment of the efforts to apprehend the murderer. The party which left Darwin last Sunday to follow Nemarluk's trail was forced to return on account of rain having obliterated the tracks.

The communication added that the murderer was evidently making for his own country in the vicinity of Port Keats, where Constables Fitzer and Langdon are investigating the alleged murder of two fishermen, Stephens and Koch. There is a likelihood that Fitzer and Langdon will be instructed from Darwin to take up the hunt for Nemarluk from Port Keats.

A telegram was also received advising the Minister that no further information had been obtained regarding the disappearance of Stephens and Koch and a second pair, Fagan and Traynor, who are believed to have met their deaths at the hands of the fierce Northern Territory natives.