First of 'Minor' Japs
To Face War Crimes
Criminal Next Week

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**December 11.**—The first of a number of 'minor' Japanese to face war crimes trials at the U.S. court here was arraigned in Federal court this morning on 61 charges of murder and other violations of the Law of War. The defendant was motioned by the court to respond to the charges by a general plea of not guilty, and he admitted his identity before the court. The court adjourned to the 14th instant for the taking of further testimony in the case.

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