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IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

dappenings of This and Other Nations For Seven Days Are Given.

What Is Taking Place in the Southland Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs.

Domestic

The mammoth plant of the Yaryan resgins and returns home. Rosin and Naval Stores company was practically destroyed by fire, with a loss of \$750,000, at Brunswick, Ga. The plant will be rebuilt.

ton. He was a great railroad builder, the crowds. and was considered an expert in highway development. He was a delegate railway commission.

Two bills passed place the New not been advised of the raid. Jersey house of assembly on record public schools.

smashed plate glass windows and skyall business for the time being.

in Montana, April 21, as Progressive the admiralty administration. party candidates, has been filed with the secretary of state at Helena.

in a fire caused by the exploding of a large tub containing a solution of gasoline and kerosene used for exterminating germ-carrying vermin, at El Paso, Texas. Most of the victims were locked in cells surrounding the bath quarters, where the fire started. Roy Scruggs, the seven-year-old son

of an orchard overseer at Cornelia, Ga., met death in a most unusual manner-by eating snow found on a barrel containing a spray mixture used in the orchard. Enough poison was drawn into the snow to produce death in less than twenty-four hours.

Washington

Francisco Villa, Mexican bandit, raided United States territory, with 500 men attacking Columbus, N. M., and killing at least sixteen American and firing many buildings before he was driven across the border. The thirteenth United States cavalry followed the marauders into Mexico.

President Wilson has ordered Amerder is honeycombed with Mexican

vised that the Russians have landed a large force on the Black sea coast of Asiatic Turkey and the occupation of Trebizond is imminent. The United States consul has taken over the ar-German consulate having fled.

Approximately a billion and a half dollars for new ships and an annual upkeep of \$760,000,000 is what Admiral Fletcher estimates it would cost to lying positions they held in the vilrecommendation that the American assert they captured 700 prisoners. navy should equal the most powerful fleet afloat by not later than 1925.

Unofficials reports have reached Mexico that Mexican de facto government officials had disposed of five rebdropping them over the rail of a ship objectives of the Russian army. on which they were being taken to

A dispatch from El Paso, Texas, states that reports reaching there from Juarez that two Americans, named Franklin and Wright, were killed by Villa bandits at Pacheco, between Casas Grandes and Janos, Chi- ties. huahua, have been confirmed. It is stated that the men disregarded warnings sent to American citizens northwest of Chihuahua, and as a result lost their lives.

Joseph H. Shea of Seymour, Ind., has been nominated by the president for ambassador to Chile.

the three Americans-Mrs. Farrell, Miss Mitchell and Dr. Henry Forbesreported to have been mistreated and interned by Bulgarian authorities in Monastir, have been released.

Germany has made a further explanation to the United States of the occupied Cola, 26 miles west of Kerposition it has taken in regard to armed merchant vessels of the entente national law makes no provision for the use of submarines.

of Ohio, and was born in West Vir- many Turkish ships. ginia. He is understood to be in thorough accord with the president on the during the last few days have sunk preparedness program and foreign more than thirty sailing vessels laden questions.

President Wilson completely and decisively won his long and sensational fight to compel congress to acknowledge that it stands behind him in the submarine negotiations with Germany. From the very outset of the fight, the president's supporters, without regard to party, swept over the opposition.

Administration officials are concerned over the reports that Henry Morgenthau, American ambassador to Turkey, might resign. It was understood some of the ambassador's friends are urging him to remain in this country to assist in the next pres-

idential campaign. Ira Nelson Morris, present United States minister to Sweden, is being mentioned as ambassador to Turkey, in the event Ambassador Morgenthau | United States Must Not Send Armed

Foreign

Serious rioting has occurred in Cologne, Germany, as a result of the Henry Gassaway Davis, nominee on heavy losses of the German troops the Democratic ticket in 1904 for the in the battle of Verdun. Artillery had vice presidency, is dead in Washing- to be placed in the streets to overawe

General Carranza, head of the de facto government of Mexico, will not to six Democratic national conventions make a statement yet in regard to and a member of the Pan-American the situation resulting from the raid on Columbus, N. M. The public has

Winston Spencer Churchill, former in favor of military training in the first lord of the admiralty, now a that the Mexican people will comply Atlanta, Ga., experienced its sever- sprang back into the parliamentary be the sacrifice what they may, to est hailstorm since October, 1910; arena in a daring speech, answering sustain their rights and sovereignty huge pellets, driven by a high wind, First Lord of the Admiralty Balfour, if, unfortunately, this drags us into in the English house of commons, who a war a war which the United States lights, practically putting a stop to had just presented the naval esti- can never justify. We will not be A petition placing Theodore Roose- miralty lacked driving force, and that quences. Upon the heads of the velt in nomination for president and it must be revitalized before it was traitorous Mexicans who within and H. W. Johnson of California for vice too late, by bringing back Lord Fish- without this country have labored to president in the primaries to be held er, the former first sea lord, to head produce this result, will fall the inex-

The Spanish steamship Principe de Local option won over prohibition a rock off the coast of Brazil, near companied him made on the town of in Vermont by a margin of 13,164 Santos. Three hundred and thirty- Columbus, in Aemrican territory, Six prisoners lost their lives and the crew are reported missing. It is about forty others were seriously in- stated that 87 members of the crew jured by being burned in the city jail and 57 passengers were taken to San-

European War

Russia is making preparations to use the recently captured harbor of Riza as a naval base for the advance on Trebizond, from which it is 35 miles distance.

The Turks on the Asiatic coast are terribly handicapped by incredibly bad land communications. According to official German casu-

men in the war. The Germans have retaken a part

ejected them. The enitre region of Verdun contin-

West of Douaumont and the sector emwhich the Germans have launched vicious infantry attacks.

Fighting of great violence between the French and German infantry has ican troops across the border, with the been in progress from Bethincourt emphatic instructions to take Villa, northwest of Verdun, to the Meuse, dead or alive. An adequate force will and east of the Meuse from the southbe sent. The period of "watchful ern slopes of the Cote de Talou to the waiting" is over, and action is now the | Douaumont region-battle fronts agwatchword. It is stated that the bor- gregating about ten miles in length. like course in order to solve future

spies, and the utmost secrecy will be northwest of Verdun is declared by that Villa and his companions are a maintained regarding the movement Berlin to have netted the Germans group of bandits, whose acts the French positions over a fornt of near- Mexican Government or people would The state department has been ad- ly four miles, and virtually two miles not be responsible for, and that his in depth, and enabled them to capture reproachable conduct is due to insti-58 officers and 3,277 men.

French launched a heavy counter at- to bring on armed intervention. chives of the German consulate, the tack and drove the Germans out of the greater part of the position.

> In the Woevre district southeast of Verdun the Germans have forced the French to surrender their hold on out-

Russians warships are particularly active in the Black sea, bombarding the coast towns, and the continued Washington from the west coast of progress of the Russian forces is evidenced by the capture of the town of Riza, which lies about 35 miles east el generals captured in Sonora by of Trebizond, one of the important

Major General von Lot er, com-Manzanillo. It is stated that they manding the German artillery division were executed. There are no further at Verdun, is reported to have been killed in action.

Driving hard against the French line northwest and southeast of Verdun, the Germans have been enabled to make additional gains toward Verdun, but with extreme heavy casual-

The occupation of a portion of the Corbeaux wood near Verdun would in-

tillery, according to Russian reports, be responsible for the disastrous concarried out an intense cannonade in sequences, but will serve as instru-

nonading. sian troops continue pressing the able justice of the Mexican people." Turks from Mapavia.

On the Persian front the Russians manshah.

The Russian Black sea fleet is exallies. Germany concedes that inter- tending its operations far to the west- additional regiments of cavalry for ward of Trebizond, and has bombard- patrol duty on the Mexican border. ed the mouth of the Terma river, General Scott, chief of staff, immediter found among Villa's captured pa- Germany chiefly on account of the re-Newton D. Baker, 44 years old, for where a fleet of sailing vessels had ately issued orders for the First Cav- pers. "I shall not expend another shell cent seizure of German merchantmer mayor of Cleveland, has been se. taken refuge. Thirty miles east of the airy at Monterey. Cal.; the Eleventh, on brother Mexicans 'Villa wrote in men interned in Portugues ports and lected by President Wilson for sec. Terma the fire of the warships de at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and the the letter, "but will prepare and or Portugal's refusal to rescind this act-

Along the coast line the Russians

with war supplies.

AMERICANS MUST STAY OUT UN LESS THEY GRANT HIM SIMI-LAR RIGHTS.

Force After Villa Without Reciprocal Privilege.

Mexico City.-General Carranza issued a manifesto to the Nation declaring that under no circumstances would the Mexican Government grant the right to the United States to violate the Mexican territory by sending in an armed force in pursuit of Villa without consent and the reciprocal privilege being first obtained and admitted.

"I am sure that I interpret in this matter the national sentiment and colonel and fresh from the trenches, in a dignified manner with their duty mates. Churhcill declared that the ad- responsible for the disastrous conseorable justice of the people.

"Because of the assault which Fran-Asturias has been sunk by striking cisco Villa and the bandits who ocburning houses and killing some of the inhabitants, soldiers as well as civilians, the international situation in these moments is very delicate as the North American press have excited their people against Mexico and the government of that country has discussed the situation in the Ameri- ple. can Congress, members of which

have advised intervention. "The constitutional government which I have the honor to represent is also occupied diligently in an effort to solve this delicate situation, House: trying at all costs to maintain the dig-

alty list, Germany has lost 2,667,372 nity and sovereignty of Mexico. Historical Precendents Cited.

"I have addressed the Government of the Corbeaux wood around Verdun of the United States through the forues the scene of intense operations. ties of Indians coming from the Unit- of that Republic." ed States invaded Sonora and Chihua-Mexicans:

"It was then agreed between the governments of the two countries to permit the respective passage of armed forces, resulting in the extermination of the Indians. I have asked the American Government to pursue a A continuation of the German drive difficulties, should they arise, noting gations of the reactionary element. In the Corbeaux woods, which was that, lacking patriotism and convincoccupied recently by the Germans, the ed of its defeat, is trying by all means

"I have not yet received the answer of the American Government and from the reports of my chiefs along the frontier I learn that the American forces are mobilizing to pursue and capture and deliver him carry out the navy general board's lage of Fresnes. Here the Germans to the Mexican authorities; that the expedition is in the nature of a punitive campaign, and that the sover-

eignty of Mexico will be respected. "The constitutional government has given instructions to its confidential agent at Washington immediately to make representations that under no circumstances will any motive, be the reasons or explanations of the United States what they may, justify the armed invasion of Mexican territory without reciprocal rights being granted to the Mexicans and that not for territory or an outrage to its dignity ing here.

"I am sure that in this I interpret the national sentiment and that the dicate that the Germans have advanc- they may, to sustain their rights and dragged into a war, which the United On the western front the enemy ar- | States can never justify, we will not It is announced in Washington that the district southeast of the Island ments for Mexican traitors within and On the Caucasian front the Rus- upon their heads will fall the inexor-

Three Regiments Get Orders.

Washington. - General Funston asked the war department for four

proceed at once to the border. The Fifth Cavalry, at Fort Myer, readiness to move.

CROSS BORDER

PRESIDENT ORDERS UNITED STATES TROOPS TO CAPTURE OR KILL VILLA.

General Funston Will Lead 5,000 Men on Expedition Into Mexican Territory.

WILSON GIVES ORDERS

Washington.-President WIIson ordered American troops over the Mexican border to capture or kill the Villa bandits who raided Columbus, N. M.

Major-General Scott, chief of staff of the army, announced that the expedition would consist of not less than 5,000 men all of whom are available on the border under Major-General Funsten.

Washington.-American troops were ordered across the Mexican border by President Wilson to take Francisco Villa and his bandits dead or alive. Under the direction if not actually the leadership of General Funston, who ended the Philippine insurrection by taking Aguinaldo single-handed, American columns are moving into Mexico. They go to meet about 3,000 guerrilla troops in a mountainous region from which Carranza troops have fled.

Whether this long-deferred armed action which begins purely as a punico of menacing bandit bands over which General Carranza has no control shall grow into a general armed intervention or occupation in Mexico, depends in a large measure upon General Carranza and the Mexican peo-

It begins with President Wilson's declaration that it is entirely in aid of the Carranza Government and without thought of aggression. This statement prepared by the President himself, was given out at the White

"An adequate force will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays.

"This can be done and will be done from which the French had previously eign office, stating that the invasion in entirely friendly aid of the conof Villa has historical precendents, stituted authorities in Mexico and with as in the years 1880 and 1886 two par- scrupulous respect for the sovereignty

President Wilson's decision to debracing Vaux have been points against | hau, committing crimes and depreda- part from the policy of watchful waittions on the lives and properties of ing, hastened by the Columbus massacre, was anonunced after it had been unanimously approved by the Cabinet and Administration leaders in Congress. The President's position was explained fully to the latter, who agreed that he would not be embarrassed at this time by discussions of a minority which might arouse trouble in Mexico.

After a brief Cabinet meeting at which the President was described as being as determined to eliminate Villa as he was to eliminate Huerta, Secretary Baker hurried to the War Department and his first act in office sent orders to the border troops.

Soon after the Army general staff assembled and conferred over the plans, long drawn and perfected since the Mexican situation loomed up as a disturbed to the peace of the United

General Funston telegraphed, urging utmost secrecy of the Army's plans. The border is honeycombed with Mexican spies, and it was agreed that the expedition would be pushed to success by keeping Villa and his men ignorant of its movements. It is possible that no correspondents will be permitted to accompany the columns. At any rate a strict censorship will be imposed.

American Rancher Killed.

Bisbee, Ariz.-An American rancher was killed when a band of approxiimately 200 Mexican bandits crossed the border southeast of Osborne Juncan instant will the invasion of Mexican | tion, Ariz., according to reports reach-

Headed for Mormon Colony. El Paso, Texas .-- Villa is headed di-Mexican people will worthily comply rectly for Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, with their duty, be the sacrifices what | in order to attack the 500 Mormons settled in that sec ion, according to a ed over three miles since they took sovereignty. If, unfortunately, we are report received at Juarez by General outlaws who raided Columbus, N. M., Gavira, from Genaral Bertaini. Carranza Trooms Near Border.

six miles south of Columbus.

Villa Contemplated Invasion. Columbus, N. M.-An invitation to States was sent by General Villa in | gle. January, according to a copy of a letretary of war. He is a leading lawyer stroyed barricades and depots and Twelfth, at Fort Robinson, Neb., to ganize to attack the Americans on ion and once more place the ships Va., was ordered to hold 'tself in tomb of thornles' crowns and trait the Portuguese Government also were ors."

AMERICAN TROOPS U.S. TROOPS KILLED GERMANY EXPLAINS BY VILLA BANDITS

VILLA AND 500 MEN CROSS BOR. SHE WILL RESPECT INTERNA-DER AND RAID AMERICAN TOWN.

AID CARRANZA GOVERNMENT 16 KILLED, MANY WOUNDED NEW NOTE TO UNITED STATES

U. S. Troopers Follow Villa Band Across Border.-Washington Behind Col. Slocum's Action.

Columbus, N. M.-Francisco Villa, Americans and fired many buildings Entente Allies. before he was driven back across the international border.

ed Villa attack and at last reports appreciate the German position. The were holding their ground.

brush. Led to the attack under the slogan: "Death to the Americans," Villa's followers fought with desperation. Just skirting the United States cavalry Lusitania case. camp and rushed the sleeping town,

firing heavily. The first volley brought American troopers into almost instant action. While a portion of the raiders engaged the cavalry, others began applying the torch and shooting American civilians who ventured from the buildings. Lights in homes and public buildings immediately became targets for snipers posted at Villa's direction. Other bandits creeping close to American homes, enticed a number of civilians into the open with English spoken invitations. A number of fatalities are

attributed to this ruse. Stores were looted, oil was poured upon frame structures, and the match applyed by still other bandits. The postoffice was raided, furniture smashed, but the looters secured only one

small registered package. The casualties of the Thirteenth Cavalry in the fighting at Columbus were seven killed and six wounded. Villa's total losses in the day's fight were estimated in excess of 100 killed and twice as many wounded. American soldiers killed:

Frank Kendvall, horse shoer, Troop K: Sergeant Marg A. Dobbs, machine gun troop; Corporal Paul Simon; Sergeant John Nievergelt, band; Corporal Harry Wiswail, Troop G; Fred A. Griffin, private, Troop K.

The wounded: Jesse P. Taylor, Troop F; Thomas Butler, Troop F; Theodore Kalzorke, Troop L; Michael Barmazel, machine gun troop; John Yarborough, Troop K; James Venner, Troop M; John Keogh, Troop G;

Lieut. C. C. Benson, Troop G. Central hotel; J. J. Moore, merchant. | than 1925.

British Asked for Information. Washington.-The United States has asked Great Britain for a copy of the confidential instructions to commanders of British merchant vessels, which Germany claims prove that merchantmen armed ostensibly for defensive purposes have orders to act offensively against German and Austrian submarines. The request is understood to have been made through Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador.

Squarely Behind Slocum. Washington. - Washington stands squarely behind Colonel Slocum in sending cavalry into Mexico in pursuit of Francisco Villa and his band of murdering American soldiers and citizens. Secretary Lansing informed the de facto government of Mexico Columbus, N. M.-Twelve hundred through Elisco Arredondo, its Ambas-Carranza troops, flying a black and sador designate here, that he trusted of Dalen, using balloon in the can- without our country who have long white flag to distinguish them so that no objection would be made to the labored to produce this result and American soldiers would not mistake action of the American troops, they them for bandits, reached Palomas, having followed what is known in military circles as a "hot trail."

> Germany Adds Portugal to List. London.-Germany has declared was Gen. Emiliano Zapata to march north on Portugal. Thus 13 countries now and join in an attack on the United | are engaged in the international strug-

> Declaration of war was made by their own soil and let them know that | under the German flag. A long series Mexico is a land (! the free and the of alleged breaches of neutrality by centributing factor :

TIONAL LAW IF GREAT BRIT-AIN WILL.

Bernstorff Hands Lansing Formal Review.-President Wilson is Considering Next Step to Take.

Washington.-Germany made a furoutlawed Mexican bandit, raided Uni- ther explanation to the United States ted States territory. With 500 men he of the position it has taken in regard attacked Columbus, killed at least 16 to armed merchant vessels of the

Count von Bernstorff handed Secretary Lansing a formal memorandum Not less than 250 troopers of the which, after reviewing the events Thirteenth United States Cavalry fol. leading up to Germany's recent delowed the Villa band into Mexico. Re. | cision to treat armed merchant ships ports to Col. H. J. Slocum, command. as auxiliary cruisers, conceded that ing United States troops at this point existing international law does not stated that Villa had made a stand 15 | regulate the use of submarines, indimiles south of the border where spir- cated a willingness to conduct underited fighting ensued. In this engage- sea warfare in accordance with the ment an unnamed private was killed law prevailing at the outbreak of the and Capt. George Willias, adojutant of war providing Great Britain and her the Thirteenth Cavalry was wounded. Allies would regard the same laws, The small detachment of troopers and expressed the hope that the peounder Maj. Frank Tompkins and El- ple of the United States, remembermer Linsley, fighting dismounted made ing the long-existing friendly relaa determined stand against the renew- tions between the two nations, would memorandum was submitted to Presi-The raid on American territory dent Wilson shortly after its receipt. proved costly to the bandit chieftain. It will be considered, together with The bodies of 18 bandits, including other documents from the German Pablo Lopez, second in command, had Government in determining what been gathered and burned before noon | shall be the next step of the United and troopers reported and undeter- States in the submarine negotiations. mined number of dead still lying in the | There was every indication that the administration would be in no hurry to announce a stand as to the new policy of the Central European Power, or to pass finally upon Germany's before dawn they crept along ditches, latest proposal for a settlement of the

Echoes of President Wilson's victcry in the fight to end agitation in Congress over the armed ship question were heard on both sides of the Capitol. In the Senate Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, made a statement, after a conference with the President, announcing that because of the chance that his remarks might be misconstrued abroad, he would not make a spech he had prepared for delivery. by incompetence, extravagance and He referred to the difficulties by which the executive was beset and declared that President Wilson's supreme wish was to avoid the calamity

Administration officials indicated that the next move by the United States might take the form of an inguiry to Great Britain as to the authenticity of the German copies of alleged confidential instructions to Pritish sea captains. Regarding the apparent discrepancies between the German and the British versions of the instructions, officials pointed out that the date on the German version was prior to that on the British version. It was said that future events would be considered in the light of orders now in force.

CAN AFFORD PROTECTION.

Notwithstanding Cost United States

Should Have Powerful Navy. Washington.-Approximately a billion and a half dollars for new ships and an annual upkeep charge of \$760, 000,000 is what Admiral Fletcher, com-The known civilian dead: A. L. manding the Atlantic fleet, estimates Ritchie, hotel proprietor; Walter it would cost to carry out the navy Walker, customs rider; Milton James, general board's recommendation that Mrs. Milton James, J. S. Dean, C. C. the American navy should equal the Miller, druggist; W. R. Walker, guest | most powerful fleet affoat by not later

testimony before the house naval committee. Representative Callaway called attention to reports that Great Britain had added nearly a million tons to her fighting ships since the war began. He asked if the situation | the rooms. was not "hopeless." Admiral Fletcher thought not, adding that judging by its and May Barkley, managed to get all great wealth, the United States could the pupils out without injury, but well afford to give its interests the some had narrow escapes. The school same protection that other nations library and two desks were all the thought necessary.

Brandels Public Hearings End.

Washington. - Public hearings on the nomination of Louis D. Brandels of Boston to Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, were terminated by the judiciary subcommittee of the senate. The inquiry has been in progress | these have been in attendance at every for a month. The subcommittee gave session. The closing of the school is no indication as to when it would re- on account of the fact that the teachport to the judiciary committee. Tes- ers, the majority of whom are teachtimony of 39 witnesses was taken dur- ers in the public schools and who ing the investigation. George R. Nut- have been doing this extra work withter, of the Brandeis law firm, was out compensation are tired out and present to be heard but was not called. need a brief rest.

Judge Gary Among Indicted. Youngstown, O. - The Mahoning tion of strike riots January 7 in East effect on the movement to establish Youngstown, by returning indicatments a highway between Wilmington and against Elbert H. Gary, and against Fayetteville, was held here, when six big steel companies. The indict speaking on "National and Estate ments charge Gary, the corporation of Highways." D. M. Winslow, federal which he is the head, one of its sub- superintendent of road construction, sidiaries and four independent steel addressed a large audience of men of cnocerns, with conspiring to fix the the section interested. It is not unwages of labor and to fix the price of likely that the construction of the iron and steel products in Mahoning road will be aided by Federal funds. County in violation of the Valentine if the bill which has been reported anti-trust law.

POSITION TAKEN THURSDAY, APRIL 27

STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN RALEIGH THIS YEAR.

HEARTILY ENDORSE WILSON

Executive Committee Holds Meeting and Urge Re-election of President Woodrow Wilson.

Raleigh.-The Democratic Executive Committee, in session in the hall of the House of Representatives, selected Raleigh as the meeting place of the next state convention and set Thursday, April 27, as the date for the ponvention. Precinct meetings will be held on Saturday, April 15, and county conventions on the Satur-

day following, April 22, Forty-seven members of the committee were present in person or represented by proxy when Secretary J. R. Collie called the roll. The meeting was to have been held in the Senate chamber, but there was not room there for the members of the committee and the Democrats that had come to look on and take part in the deliberations of the body and they moved

over to the large chamber. Chairman T. D. Warren presided. After the reading of the formal call he made a short speech, in which he explained briefly and succinctly the workings of the new primary law, advised the members of the committee to familiarize themselves with every detail of the law and aid the county and precinct chairmen to master its every provision. He praised the m bers of the committee and loval Democrats all over the state for the good work done in the last election, when in the face of the very worst of conditions they elected 100 out of 120 members of the House of Representatives and 43 out of 50 members of the Senate. He praised the record of the Democratic Administration, saying that every state office has been efficiently administered, that there has not been the slightest intimation of graft or corruption anywhere, nor anything that looked like extravagance. He contrasted the fine showing of the Democratic officials with that of former Republican administrations, which, he said, were marked

Build Road to Ridgecrest. Asheville,-Commissioners of Bun-

corruption.

combe county took two important steps for the betterment of roads in this county when they decided to start work at once on the road to Ridgecrest and appropriated \$30,000 for the improvements of roads in West Ashe-

The commissioners had promised to give the Black Mountain district a definite statement in regard to the kind of road to be built to Ridgecrest, and a committee from that district appeared before the commission. The commission was informed that work would be started practically at once, that the road would be constructed of an eight-inch macadam base, surfaced with asphalt, and that a carload of machinery for work on the road is now at Asheville. The stretch of road to be built is 16 miles in length and the road is to be 18 feet wide. It will cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000,

according to estimates.

School House Burned. Statesville.-The Elpikora school house of Chambersburg township, several miles east of Statesville, was burned with practically all its contents. School was in session, but the The admiral's estimate was given in fire, which started in the roof, had gained much headway before being discovered. In fact it was not known to the occupants that the building was afire until a piece of burning timber fell through the ceiling into one of

The teachers, Misses Callie Adkins furnishings saved.

Night School Closes.

Newbern -The night school conducted in this city for the past 60 days under the auspices of the Woman's Club will be closed. About 75 pupils were enrolled and the majority of

Good Roads Fally.

Wilmington.-A big road rally, county grand jury ended tis investiga- which is expected to have a beneficial favorably by committees