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GERMAN SUBMARINES SINK NINE SHIPS, TWO NEUTRAL,

SHIPS AT SEA RACE FOR THE THREE-MILE LIMIT

One Norwegian Ships Sent to Bottom or Left Crippled Derelicts off Nantucket.

AMERICAN SHIPS GO TO RESCUE PASSENGERS

So Far as is Known There Was No Loss of Life.-Hold Up American Steamer Kansan, But Upon Establishing Identity She is Allowed to Proceed .- Shock Given Shipping.

Newport, R. I .- The executive officer of the destroyer Ericsson, returning from the scene of the German submarine activities off Nantucket, reported that nine ships had been sunk and that three submarines were operating off the coast. This information, he said, he had on the authority of the captain of the Nantucket Shoals Lightship.

Newport, R. I .- Four destroyers of the American flotilla came into harbor here bringing 216 persons rescued from the ships sunk off Nantucket Sunday by a German submarine. The Ericsson, one of the destroyers to arrive. brought 8, the Drayton 68; the Benham 36 and the Jenkins 31. Thirtyfive women and ten children are among those on the Ericsson. This Information came by wireless in advance of the actual docking of the de-

Boston.-A submarine of the Imperial German Navy, ravaged shipping off the eastern coast of the United States Sunday.

Four British, one Dutch and one Norwegian steamer were sent to the bottom or left crippled derelicts off Nantucket Shoals. All night under the light of the hunters moon the destroyer flotlla of the United States Atlantic fleet was picking up passengers and crews of the destroyed vessels and bringing them into Newport, Rhode Island.

So far sa known there was no loss of life although at a late hour the crew of the British steamer Kingston had not been accounted for. A submarine held up the American steamer Kansan, bound from New York for Genoa with steel for the Italian Government, but later on establishing her identity allowed the American to proceed. The Kansan came into Boston harbor late at night for her usual call here.

The submarine is believed to be the U-53, which paid a call to Newport and disappeared at sunset. Some naval men, however, declared that at least two submarines are operating close to the American shore though outside the three-mile limit.

Record of Warfare.

The record of submarine warfare as brought to land by wireless dispatches follows:

The Strathdene, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket Crew taken aboard Nantucket Shoals lightship and later removed to Newport by torpedo boat destroyers. The Strathdene left New York for Bordeaux and was attacked at 6 a. m.

The West Point, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket. Crew abandoned the ship in smal! boats after a warning shot from the submarine's guns. Officers and men were taken aboard a destroyer. The vessel was attacked at 10:45 a. m. She was bound from London for New-Port News.

The Stephano, British passenger liner, plying regularly between New York, Halifax and St. John, N. F., torpedoed southeast of Nantucket while bound for New York. Reported still affoat late at night. Passengers and crew, numbering about 140, were picked up by the destroyer Baich and transferred to the destroyer Jenkins. The attack was made at 4:30 p. m.

The Kingston, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk southeast of Nan-The attack occurred at 6 p. m.

Bloomerskijk, Dutch ferighter, tor-Crew taken aboard a destroyer. The lane. steamer was bound from New York for Rotterdam.

Shock Follows Sensation.

The sensation created when the U-53 quietly slipped into Newport harbor and as quietly slipped away three hours later, was less than the shock in shipping circles when wireless reports of submarine attacks began to come into the naval radio stations. Four British, One Dutch and Within a few minutes the air was literally charged with electricity as wireless messages of warnings were broadcasted along the coast. The submarine or submarines had taken a position directly in the steamer lanes, where they could hardly miss anything bound in for New York or bound east from that port.

> Vessels of the Entente Allied Nations and neutral bottoms carrying contraband of war scurried to get within the three-mile limit of the American shore. Several that were following the outside course shifted and made for the inside lane. The Stephano, of the Red Cross line, however, was caught outside the neutral zone. The destruction of this vessel was perhaps the biggest prize of the day. The craft had been sold to the Russian Government and would have been used as an icebreaker after her present trip

> Throughout the day and up to late at night, none of the patrolling fleet to protect their own shipping and American ships carrying munitions of war had been sighted. Frantic appeals were sent to Halifax.

> > Stirs Up Hallfax.

"All steps possible in the circumstances are being taken to deal with

This message was received by the Associated Press from the commanderin-chief of the British North Atlantic said that the passengers who desired reply to a request for a statement by | the warship until morning and that fleets was directed from Halifax and and men to make them as comfortable French navies have moved up and to be set ashore their wishes would down the coast. The passengers and be complied with as promptly as poscrews of destroyed vessels who were sible. being brought into Newport were not expected to reach there until after

Preparations to care for them had been made by Rear Admiral Knight, commandant of the Narrangansett Bay naval station, and Rear Admiral

flotilla now at Newport. Later reports gave further details of the attacks. The Stephano met a submarine six miles southeast of Nantucket lightship and was attacked by gunfire and a torpedo. She remained afloat until 10:05 o'clock.

The West Point went down 10 miles south of the Nantucket lightship. The Strathdene was attacked "off lightship" the reports stated and the Bloomersjidk was sunk three miles south of the lightship. She remained afloat some time going down at 8:05.

The American steamer Kansan was held up three mells east of Nantucket West Point Gave Warning.

The first wireless warning of the presence of a hostile submarine in the steamship lane was given in the distress signals of the West Point which reported that she had been torpedoed 30 miles southeast of Nantucket light. This message apparently was picked up by every vessel having a wireless equipment within range for within a very short time press dispatches from St. Johns, N. F., and Halifax, N. S., indicated that the patrolling warships had received the alarm. The British ensorship, however, prevented the disclosure of the movements of the patrolling vessels.

Booming of Guns Heard.

The booming of the submarine's guns, apparently fired in warning, was distinctly heart at Nantucket. It was plain that the submarine had placed herself in the lane of passenger and freight traffic and terrorized shipping along the coast.

In a flash after the first distress signals of the West Point were sent, wireless messages of warning were sent broadcast.

Every vessel was warned to make for the three-mile zone and the commanders of merchant vessels of the Entente Allies lost no time in shifting their course.

Those that were following what is known as the outside course turned to the inside course that would bring them closer to American land.

The passenger steamer Stephano, tucket. Crew missing and destroyer which plies regularly between New cearching for them. This vessel is York and St. Johns, N. F., was bound not accounted for in maritime regis | west and was due off Nantueket Monters, and may be the Kingstonian. day morning. When her British commander received his warning, he was said to have shifted his course to pedoed and sunk south of Nantucket. bring his vessel within the inside

New England Coast, who had been The Christian Kundsen, Norwegian advised by the British Embassay to freighter, torpedoed and sunk were warn British shipping against the U the Bloomersdijk went down. The 53 upon her appearance at Newport, a most serious issue would be raised crew picked up by destroyers. The renewed their caution on learning if operations of submersibles were carvessel sailed from New York for that the submarine had gone into action.

WAR VIRTUALLY BROUGHT TO SHORES OF THE UNITED STATES.

The European war virtually has been brought to the shores of the United States. In the vicinity of Nantucket, off the Massachusetts coast, a German submarine — or possibly more than one-Sunday sent to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean at least four British steamers and two neutral vessels-one Dutch and the other Norwegian.

The sunken boats were the Stephano, Strathdene, West Point and Kingston, flying the British flag and the Bloomersjidk, Dutch, and Christian Knudsen, Norwegian. So far as known, there were no fatalities. The Stephano carried 83 passengers, all of whom were saved.

MANY AMERICAN PASSENGERS SEE THE STEPHANO SUNK

Newport Society Set Proffers Help to Shipwrecked Rescued by U. S. Naval Vessels.--Vessel's Cargo Not Heavy.

Newport, R. I.-The British steamer Stephano, bound from St. Johns, N. F., to New York, carrying nearly 100 first and second cabin passengers, including many American tourists, was sunk off Nantucket lightship at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, presumably by the German submarine U-53. The United States torpedo boat destroyer Balch reported the loss of the liner by radio to the naval station here, stating that the ship had been torpedoed. The message from the destroyer said that the crew was safe aboard the Balch, but made no mention of the passenmaintained by the British and French | gers, who, it was thought here, also were taken care of.

Confirmation of the rescue of the passengers by the Balch was contained in a later message sent by the destroyer to the naval station here. It was said that she had picked up the passengers and later had transferred the Americans to the destroyer Jen-

Rear Admiral Knight, commandant of the Narrangansett naval district squadron at Halifax, N. S. It was in to do so would be allowed to remain on him. The work of the patrolling every effort would be made by officers ever since the war began cruisers and as possible. At the same time, he auxiliary vessels of the British and said, if any of those picked up wanted

Society Offers Aid.

Members of the so-called Newport society set were prompt to extend proffers of help to shipwrecked passengers through Admiral Knight. Mrs. Robert man and Mrs. French Vanderbilt, vol-Gleaves, commander of the destroyer unteered to take care of as many refugees as possible. Many of the passengers on the Stephano are residents of New York. At this time of the year the vessel carries a fairly heavy past to unseasonable weather. senger list made up of summer tourists who spend their summer sin New Foundand and in the Canadian maritime provinces.

The cargo loss of the Stephano, it was expected, would not be very heavy as on her westbound voyage she usual- leston, W. Va., grand jury as a result ly carried little freight. This made of what the authorities claim to be up largely, as a rule of fish oil and unusual activity on the part of the other fish products. The vessel was in | bootleggers in Kanawha county. One the regular service of the Red Cross

The sale of the Stephano to the Russian govrnment which had planned to use her as an ice breaker, was recently announced. Her sister ship, the Florizel of the same line also had been sold to Russia for ice work.

Stephano Stoutly Bullt.

The Stephano was of stout construction, built especially for the heavy ice conditions encountered in winter sailings on the New Foundland coast. It was expected in marine circles that this was intended as one of the last regular sailings of the Stephano prior to her sailing for the White Sea to work with a large fleet engaged by Russia to keep her northernmost port of Archangel open for the receipt of war supplies.

The liner was in command of Capt. Smith, who it is thought had taken the outside course inrounding Nantucket lightship and had fallen into the grip of the undersea raider.

COMPLICATIONS NOT FEARED BY UNITED STATE OFFICIALS

Washington.-Submarine warfare at the very doors of the United States does not necessarily portend further complications with Germany so long as it is carried on within the limita-

tons of international law. That is the view of official Washington on the record of one day's operations in which none of the ships destroyed appears to have been attacked without warning or without proper measures having been taken for safety of those aboard.

While in international law an Allied ship destroyed by a German submarine just outside the three-mile limit and in sight of American shores, is no different than a ship destroyed in the Arctic Ocean, provided its destruction is accomplished in accordance with the laws of nations and humanity, Galicia, in the region of the Zlota eggs last year. The hen is a Rhode British consular officers along the the presence of a German submarine flotilla near American territorial waters, officials fear, may raise perplexing questions of neutrality and in fact ried on so near American ports to constitute a blockade.

IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

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

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

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

Washington

The enormous extent of recent gains in the export trade of the United States is disclosed in statistics issued by the department of commerce. Tothe entire fiscal year of 1914.

The Japanese emperor has requested | troops Lieutenant General Count Seiki Terauchi, former minister of war and also formerly resident general in Korea, to organize a cabinet in succession to the ministry of Marquis Okuma.

It is announced in Washington that the new Japanese premier is an adherent of the "no-party" form of government. He is a member of the old school, and fears the two-party idea

would be undesirably progressive. The remarkable statement is given out at the agricultural department that a Canada farmer reaped a yield of 52 bushels to the acre on a thousand acre farm. This remarkable production was harvested in Alberta, and takes the record from Whitman from Brzezany. county, Washington, U. S. A.

Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, is undergoing treatment in a hospital for chronic stomach trouble.

cation in the middle West, and re- section. ports are to the effect that he is reresigned. His resignation had been

The department of agriculture will give a final estimate on the total cotton crop December 11.

proximately 11,637,000 equivalent 500- ernment in Mexico in seizing the asshooting sky-high.

Storms and insect damage have wrought havoc with the cotton crop this year and caused a loss of almost the three million bales throughout growing season.

Cotton this year was planted on the der control. fourth largest acreage ever recorded-355,994,000 acres-but storms and floods destroyed so many acres that L. Beekman, wife of Governor Beek- the crop will be one of the smallest in many years.

> cotton crop will yield only 156,3 pounds ditions in Mexico are such as to make to the acre. This is due in part to the it practically impossible to resume boll weevil, but, for the most part, mining operations at this time.

If there is an early killing frost, there will be much more damage to the cotton crop in the Carolinas and northern Georgia.

More than six hundred witnesses have been summoned before the Char- tugs. hundred violators of the prohibition law have been held by the Charleston police court to await the action of the present grand jury, while nearly as many more are being held in magis trates' courts.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago has notified city council that the five thousand policemen now employed are not sufficient to guard Chicago and asks for 1,000 additional men.

The effect of the milk famine is felt in New York City as the result of a deadlock between dairymen and distributors over the price the former shall receive for their product,

European War

Great Britain is in urgent need of men for her armies and also for her munition factories. There is urgent need of fresh supplies of men for the armies and munitions factories in order to "maintain British forces in the field at the number already fixed for the supply of munitions essential for their equipment and proper utiliza-

the British army no exemption will near rolling into the Cuyahoga river. be granted certain classes heretofore exempt, and there will be a more gen- paign to be undertaken for the Beleral dilution of skilled labor in munitions factories with women and other workers heretofore untrained.

In Britain the authorities have unwomen in order to release men of mili- of the American public. tary age now employed in the government offices.

lently over the whole front. The Bulgarian war office places the

to beat back this force. Lipa river, is the news emanating Island Red.

from French sources. Another Zeppelin raid against Lonbeing visible from a long distance.

The comment in the United States concerning the possible effect of the commercial measures contemplated by the recent Paris economic conference of the entente allies, leads Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade of the British empire, to declare that wholly wrong conclusions have been drawn from them, especially with regard to those conclusions attributing any attempt to exclude or discriminate against the United States with the

entente allies after the war. The British steamer, Hawkhead, at anchor in Hampton Roads, off Sewall's Point, was run down and sunk by the Chesapeake Steamship company's bay line steamer City of Norfolk, outward bound from Norfolk, Va., for Baltimore, with a number of passengers. The collision occurred during a fog.

Turning against the Roumanians, who had been advancing steadily in eastern Transylvania, Austro-Hungarians and German troops have defeated tal exports to the various countries the invaders decisively along a fiftyfor the first eight months of the cal- mile front. North of Gogaras at the endar year were in many cases mil- junction of the Homorod and Alt rivlions of dollars greater than those of ers, near Reps, the Roumanians are in retreat, pursued by the Teutonic

In Dobrudja heavy fighting continues along the line south of the Constanza-Bucharest railway, with Bucharest recording progress for the Russians and Roumanians in the center and on their left wing.

tacks west of Lutsk have been repulsed with heavy casualties.

The fighting along the southwestern front, having reached another of its periodic climaxes, has turned in favor of the Russians, yielding them a large number of prisoners, and Lem- were plainly visible under the forward part in political and civic affairs of berg is threatened again, this time from two directions-along the main railway from Brody to Lemberg and

Mexican News

Reports that Mexican bandits had again appeared in the valley of the Rio Grande, caused a general tighten-President Wilson is away on a valing of the armed forces protecting that

A detachment of Oklahoma infan

by the British and French embassies This year's cotton crop will be ap- against the action of the Carranza gov- flagship, the scout cruiser Birmingpound bales, and prices are already sets of British and French banking turned the brief call promptly. institutions in the Mexican capital.

Members of the Mexican-American consideration of Mexican affairs at At-

A delegation representing the more appeared before the commission repico, sitting at Atlantic City, N. J., in The indications are that this year's support of their contention that con-

Domestic The auxiliary cruiser, Dixie, which went aground near Thimble Shoals light, Chesapeake bay, during a very heavy fog, was floated by two navy

With four persons under arrest and the police drag-net closing about four others in connection with the hold-up and murder at Hammonton, N. J., the authorities declare that Millie de Marco, 19 years of age, of Philadelphia, Pa., one of the prisoners, probably engineered the plot.

The business section of Gainesville, Ga., was terrorized when Private J. C. Grant, troop F, National Guard, escaped from the armory, where he had been detained as a deserter from a mobilization camp of the National Guard, and ran amuck through the streets, emptying two army pistols at

pedestrians as he ran. Dr. Richard C. Flower, known all over the country for his stock selling operations, from which he is credited with having netted more than a million dollars, dropped dead in a Hoboken, N. J., theater. He was a son of a country clergymen, and had tried most everything to make money with no success till he began his stock-selling move.

Two persons were killed and thirty badly hurt at Cleveland, Ohio, in a tested here for the United States Govthem and at the same to maintain collision between two street cars on the West Third street bridge. The lot Victor Vernon went crashing nose force of the impact caused the bridge first into the water while attempting to collapse and the cars fell thirty a landing. In the move to gete more men for feet to the railroad tracks and came

The great American relief camgian sufferers has been launched by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. It is stated

side of Detroit, Mich. Mitchell Lingo of Trinity, near

number of Roumanians who have in- Fredericksburg, Md., claims to have CRITICISM OF MILITIA vaded Bulgaria at several battalions, the champion egg layer of the world and says measures have been taken in a two-year-old hen. The hen has laid in the same spot in the barn all Violent fighting has been in prog- year, and Lingo, backed by officials ress in Russia, west of Lutsk, and in of the town, states that she laid 365

Organization of the Chinese-Ameridon and the east coast of England was | corporation which proposes to inaugmade. The airship was brought down urate a general mercantile trade bein flames north of London while great | tween China and American ports on crowds sheered the spectacle, the flare the gulf, south Atlantic and Pacific, is announced in Washington.

GERMAN SUBMARINE JOHN C. DREWRY VISITS U. S. HARBOR

DARING NAVAL EXPLOIT ACCOM-PLISHED-U-53 ANCHORS AT NEWPORT.

Tarries Only Three Hours and Asks For No Provisions, Water, Fuel or Repairs.-Had Mounted Guns Fore and Aft.

Newport, R. I.-Seventeen days from Wilhelmshaven ,the Imperial Lodge of Masons, died October 1 after German submarine U-53 dropped an- an illness of 18 months, the end comchor in Newport harbor.

American fleet of warships through sons throughout the country. which the stranger had nosed her way, had recovered from their astonishment, the undersea fighter had delivered a message for the German Ambassador, and, weighing anchor Berlin reports that all Russian at- turned Brenton's reef lightship and which position he has since held. disappeared beneath the waves just outside the three-mile limit.

She flew the black and white colors of the German Navy, a gun was mounted on the forward deck and another aft, while eight torpedoes deck.

Lieut.-Captain Hans Rose, commanding the U-53, said that he had and of the Capital club. called at Newport simply to mail a neutral harbor had expired.

waters a little more than three hours, Raleigh Times. ceiving an ovation all along his way. trymen was sent out from San Bonito assuming that she continued to sea It is announced in Washington that in pursuit of men believed to be Mex- after submerging. Within that time Premier Count Okuma of Japan has ican outlaws. It is reported that one the German commander paid offical United States soldier was killed, but visits to Rear Admiral Knight comthere is no confirmation of the report. | mandant of the second naval district, Strong protests have been made and Rear Admiral Glaves, commanto the United States state department | der of the destroyer force of the Atlantic fleet, who was on board the ham. Both American officers re-

While these formalities were being aloft. exchanged wireless messages were joint commission have resumed their carrying to the ships of the British and French patrol fleet off the coast lantic City, N. J., with a view to find- and warning that a hostile submarine ed off on a run for the woods, with the ing a basis for an agreement on bor- had slipped through their cordon and might be expected in the open sea soon. At the forts and the naval staimportant mining interests of Mexico | tion the fleet of Captain Hans Rose was the one subject of conversation, resenting the United States and Mex- and there was much speculation as

to her mission. The first question asked by Captain Rose when a motor boat came alongside was: "Have you heard

from the Breman?" When he was told that there was no news of the missing craft his face became grave but he made no comment. To the naval men generally, the most interesting fact disclosed by Captain Rose was that he had been at sea 17 days and still had provisions for three months, abundant fuel and an upward bound according to figures needed no repairs. Not so much as a just given out, and exceed the figbottle of water was taken aboard and

the ship was spick and span. The U-53 had made her way through the fleet of 37 United States warships, including destroyers and submarines, to an anchorage. Captain Rose told the correspondent that he had come in to mail a letter to Count von Bernstorff and asked for because of the large amount of for-

the newspaper man's credentials. Press badge and was intrusted with | House. Heavy shipments of sugar the correspondence for the Ambassa- through this port also boosted the imdor. "Please forward this letter to port figures. Count Bernstorff," said the captain, "and report my arrival. They will be glad to hear it."

NEW TYPE AEROPLANE IS WRECKED IN TEST

Combination Land and Sea Flier Goes

Head First Into Water. Newport News .- The Curtiss combination land and water machine being ernmnt was totally wrcked when Pi-

U. S. LAND BANK BOARD GUARDS AGAINST FRAUD

Washington.-Because of numerous complaints that fraud has been practiced in the organization of joint stock that there are one million starving, lan d banks under the new rural credder consideration the extended use of and a \$5,000,000 contribution is asked its law, the farm loan board announced that no charter would be granted to Thirteen persons were killed and any joint stock land bank in the organmore than twenty-five injured, several ization of which there had been any On the eastern front in Dobrudja, probably fatally, when a switch engine expense for promotion, and that the the Roumanian war office reports pushing two freight cars crashed into consideration of charters would be dethat Roumanian attacks continue vio- a crowded trolley car on the east ferred until the completion of the organization of the system.

ADMITTED BY OFFICER

Richmond, Va.-Major Henry S. Barrett of the Fourth Maryland Regiment National Guard, on trial before a court martial here on charges of making utterances prejudicial to the service and of conduct unbecoming an ofcan Exchange company, a shipping ficer, went on the stand in his own defense. Barrett admitted having made the remarks attributed to him in an interview published in a Baltimore paper, but denied that he was talking brick school house. for publication.

DIES IN RALEIGH

SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

BRINGS LETTER TO EMBASSY MASONS CONDUCT FUNERAL

Had Been III for Several Months-Prominent in Civic Affairs.-Impressive Funeral Service.

Raleigh.-John C. Drewry, grand secretary of the North Carolina Grand ing, not unexpected, but as a sad shock Almost before the officers of the to hosts of personal friends and Ma-

> Born in Drewryville, Va., in 1860 and graduated from the University of Virginia in 1881, Mr. Drewry came to Raleigh in 1888 as state manager for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co.,

> He became a Mason in 1890. Was made grand secretary of the Grand Lodge in 1894 and has served continuously and with great enthusiasm and success since that time.

> For many years he took an active the city and state, was repeatedly president of the chamber of commerce

He was twice married, first to Miss letter to Count von Bernstorff. He re- Emmie L. Mangum, and after her quired neither provisions nor fuel and | death to Mrs. Kittle Mebane Holt, who would be on his way, he said, long survives, with one son, John C. Drewbefore the 24 hours during which a ry, Jr., a daughter by the first marbelligerent ship may remain within a riage, Mrs. P. H. Hanes, Jr., who died a few months ago.

The submarine was in American | He was formerly publisher of The

Beufort Man Treed by Bear. Washington. - Suffering acutely from exposure, H. W. Everett, a farmer in the lower part of the county. was rescued after having been forced to remain in the branches of a small tree for part of the day and all night. A huge bear at the foot of the tree was the cause of Everett's sojourning

Everett was at work in the fields when the bear approached him. He had no means for defense, and he startbear taking after him. A slight tree was reached by Everett a few jumps ahead of the bear. He sprang into the lower branches of the tree. The bear watched him from below. Everett called for help repeatedly, but no one was near enough to hear him, His position was none too comfortable. The bear snuggled up directly underneath him and every time that Everett moved, the bear would open one eye and watch to see if any attempt was being made

Wilmington Exports Increase. Wilmington.-Imports recorded at the Wilmington Custom House during the month of September again took ures for August by more than \$300,-

Exports at North Carolina's chief port for September amounted to \$1,-152,283 being principally two cargoes

The chief reason for the large amounts of imports received here was eign tobacco received at Winston-Sa-The latter exhibited an Associated lem through the Wilmington Custom

Big Fire at Asheville.

Asheville.-One of the greatest fires in the history of Asheville occurred a few nights ago at the Han Rees Sons' tannery, a million dollar corporation and one of the most important industries in North Carolina, with all the finishing machinery and an immense stock of leather, was totally destroyed by fire. The loss of the company is variously estimated at half million dollars. The loss of the tannery is fully covered by insurance, it was stated at an early hour.

Women Quit Playing for Prizes.

Raleigh. - The Raleigh Woman's Club has just cast a majority vote to discontinue card tournaments in which prizes are offered. There was an effort, also, to get a motion through discontinuing the practice of letting the use of the splendid new club for dances, but the majority stoutly contended for the propriety of the dancing feature of the social life of the club. The club took in 34 new members at the same meeting in which the differences as to card playing and dancing

arose.

To Build Brick School House. Kannapolis .- One of the most important matters to have the attention of the county board of education at its two-day session last week was the proposed school for the Rowan side of the Town of Kannapolis. J. W. Cannon, who is building several hundred houses on the Rowan side, has given the county three acres of land and a check for \$2,000 for the proposed new school. The county has decided to add \$3,000 to Mr. Cannon's money and proceed with the erection of a