ALLIES MADE SMALL GAIN IN FLANDERS

Paris and Berlin Agree Artillery Duels Chiefly Have Marked Day on Front.

ACTION DELAYED BY RAIN

mates Enemy's Loss in West Since General Advance Was Ordered as 150,000.

LONDON. Jan. 17 .- Official German and French reports agree in saying that late activities of the armies on the western front have been confined chiefly to artillery engagements. The German account tells of the blowing up of a foundry at Blangy, east of Arras, and the French version admits losing this position, but asserts that it was promptly regained and is still held.

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A feature of the German report is the estimate it makes of the losses of the allies since the general advance was reputed to have been decided on in December. These are given by Berlin as 20,000 killed and 17.850 prisoners, and it is added that the grand total, including wounded, sick and missing, must have been 150,000 men. "Our total losses for the same period," says the Berlin account, "do not amount to one-quarter of that number."

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Concerning the progress of the allies, the French official report, issued today in Paris, says:

"We have continued to progress in the region of Nicuport and Lombaert myde, along a depression about 200 yards in length. Our artillery forced the Germans to evacuate their trenches in the Great Dune, destroyed Rodan, which lies to the north of the latter, and bombarded the enemy's works in this part of the battlefront and to the south of St. Georges.

"In the region of Ypres, as in that of La Bassee and Lens, there have been artillery engagements.

"At Blangy the action has been vigorous. The Germans selzed the foundry at Blangy, which we soon retook by an energetic counter attack. We have maintained our position there.

"Our artillery continues to demolish the enemy's trenches near La Boiseile.

"In the sector of Soissons there is

nothing to report. Attacks by Germans Repulsed.

"Between Vailly and Craome the enemy delivered without success an attack near the sugar refinery at Tryon and another against our trenches at Beaulme, both of which were repulsed. In the region of Perthes and Beausefour our progress continues, in spite of a violent storm. In the Argonne, on the heights of the Meuse, there is nothing new. In the woods of Le Pretre, near Pont-a-Mousson, a German attack was repulsed.

"In the Vosges we have gained ground to the west of Orbey. Snow fell in abundance all day."

The official statement issued by the War Office at Paris later in the day said: Attacks by Germans Repulsed.

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"There is nothing to report. From
the Argonne to the Vosges there have
been snowfalls."
Berlin says heavy rains have delayed operations along the entire
front. The official German report

GASOLINE WRECKS HOTEL

Proprietress Arrested After Men Confess Attempt at Arson.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—A gaso-line explosion caused by what is be-lieved to have been an attempt to set fire to the Hotel Stenton, in Eddy

fire to the Hotel Stenton, in Eddy street, partially wrecked two floors of the building early today.

Raymond Cervantes and Francisco Cobacha, who had a room on the third floor, were arrested and charged with arson. They made a confession, the police say, and, later Mrs. Louise Wolfe, the proprietress, was arrested and is held pending further investigation.

RUSSIANS DESTROY TURKS

(Continued From First Page.) capturing only one trench, occupied by

one of our advanced posts, Artillery Fire Is Violent

"In the other sections we repulsed the enemy and forced them to fall back on their positions. The Germans sup-ported their attacks with violent artifported their attacks with violent arti-lery fire, employing heavy guns to search out the position where the at-tack was to be inaugurated.

"At the vilage of Konophitza the enemy, having approached by sapping to within about 30 yards of our trenches, was met with a storm of hand

grenades, which checked the movement grenades, which checked the movement.
Some volunteers, availing themselves
of the cenfusion thus created, hurseld
grenades into the tunnel, whoch the
Germans were forced to evacuate.

"In the region to the south of
Pinczow (Poland) the enemy opened a
violent artillery fire and made three
attempts to attack our advanced lines,
but were resultsed.

Austrian Battery Silenced. 'Our artillerists silenced an Austrian

heavy battery as soon as they discov-ered the range.
"In Bukowina our advanced columns on the Transylvania frontier, situated on the road from Kimpolung (in the southern part of Bukowina) to Maramaros-Sziget (Northeastern Hungary

DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT WILSON, NOW MOTHER OF FIRST GRANDCHILD OF PRESIDENT.



War in Europe Seems Not to Affect Progress of Panama-Pacific Exposition.

BY DEAN COLLINS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9 .- One realfront. The official German report says:

"Only artillery duels have taken place on both sides in Flanders. Near Blangy, east of Arras, we blew up a factory building and took some prisoners. On other parts of the front artillery duels of varying intensity have taken place, but in the sapping and mining areas nothing of note has occurred.

Germans Estimate Foe's Losses.

Izes how little the great war in Europe devoted to rushing in the finishing touches, dressing the booths, placing touches, dressing the work months ago) most forcibly, when one views the great mass of foreign pavillons rising in the section west of the outer circumference of the great half moon of the Palace of Fine Arts.

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Germans Estimate Foe's Losses.

"We made some progress in the Argonne, but heavy rains have hampered operations along the entire front.

"About four weeks ago the order for a general attack, which had been decided upon by the French authorities in December. Was given. The attempted attacks of the enemy in the western theater were met by the necessary steps on our part. The enony's attacks brought him no success worthy of mention, whereas our troops north of La Bassee, on the Alsne and on the Argonne made spitsfactory progress.

"The losses of the enemy during this period, counted by us, amount to 20,000 killed and about 17,860 prisoners. We now know from experience that, to gether with the wounded, his losses are in proportion of one to four, apart from the number of sick and missing the grand total being 156,000 men. Our of amount to one-quarter of that number."

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Yariety of Aschitecture Noteworthy.

The pavilions of The Netherlands, which was it against the Wabash Lumber & Shingle Company closed recently before a claim of approximately \$40,000 was entered by the United States National Bank. Through the efforts of a committee of depositors recently appointed. C. R. Skofield, receiver for the mili one of the state pavilions, and here on the California building. Panels because of the elambs of the state pavilions, and here on the california building. Panels becaus



istic, with its mosque domes and Oriental decorations. The Italian concession combines several buildings of typical Italian architecture. The Danish pavillon is a reproduction of the castle of Kronberg, the famous palace of Hamlet. The French will reproduce in their pavillon the Rheims Cathedral and many of the other famous landmarks that have been destroyed or damaged in the war. When it was decided to go forward with the work, specifications were cabled to San Francisco and ground was broken for the building only a few days ago, but Captain A. C. Baker, director of exhibits, says that the pavillon will be ready in time for the opening.

Latin-America Well Represented.

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In the space between the Palace of Fine Arts and the walls of the Exposition grounds, near the Presidio, mass the pavillions of the South American countries, of Cuba and of Central American nations and the Philippines, Spanish-American colonial architecture being the predominant note. Near the great Bollvian Palace, the Swiss government is to rear its chalet, devoted to the exposition of the productive and industrial work of Switzerland and the scenic glories of the country.

Gates of the Exposition closed to the public today, at the same time the dedication of the auditorium in the Civic Center announced the real opening of the Exposition to be only 40 days away. Latin-America Well Represented.

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This closing of the gates means that
the construction of buildings and pavillons and inner booths is practically
done, and the next six weeks are to be

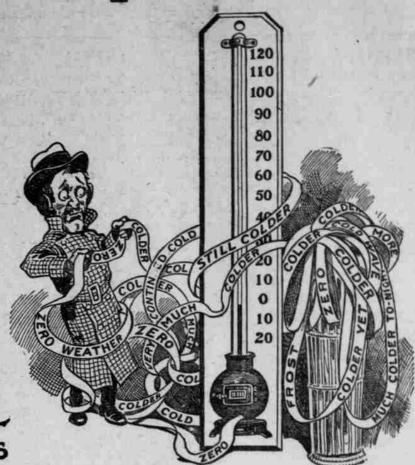
3500 TEACHERS TO STUDY

Required Reading Course Being Directed by State University.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The State of Ore-gon has about 4000 teachers enrolled in its public schools. Of that number 1500 soon will be doing their prescribed aeroplane, the captive balloon and the reading circle work under the supervision of the State University. Eight hundred already are at work. They represent 25 counties. Outlines of the course have been malled to the remaining 10 counties.

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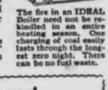


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Venture Simplified Since Lines Are So Close Together and Tunnels to Verge of Opposing Po. sition Are Possible.

BERLIN, Jan. 3 .- (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)-The "field intelligence service," always an important factor in war, has undergone many changes since the day when cavalry scouts and dispatch riders were the chief reliance of an army. Now, the

Belgian landscape, German observers would tie enough wheat or rye stalks about their person to resemble a stack; this, too, was discovered.

Another method had to be devised. At first it was expensive in both time and effort, but as the adversaries began to bring their trenches closer and closer's together, the problem of approaching the French and English trenches unseen automatically reduced its proportions. The subterranean passage to the enemy's trench became shorter and shorter as the distance between the trenches decreased.

Today the "listening sentine!" overhears the conversation in the French and English lines without much risk of being detected. He enters the tunnel from his own trenches, creeps through the narrow passage to where it ends in front of the French trench and takes note of the commands, conversations and other noises that may indicate that an attack on the German line is imminent. Though it is extremely basendous to have the neces-

can forest and plains, he would gain the cover that had been selected during the day, and then would report what the day, and then would report what the languages spoken in the enemy's trenches or outposts, he had to know both French and English thoroughly.

Stratagem Is Discovered.
In some manner the French and English learned of the scheme, and thereafter cover offering advantages to a "lauscherposten" received especial attention. While the sheafs of grain were still a feature of the French and Belgian landscape, German observers would tie enough wheat or rye stalks about their person to resemble a stack; the language scale, they are learned from the tunnel of a "lauscherposten" the benemy surprises the French and English have had in finding that their plans for an attack, especially night operations, were known to the Germans is that it makes no difference whether you watch him thoroughly. It is impossible to marshal the troops for a sortie from a trench without giving some indication of what is intended. There is no way in which the "list one will not been slow in imitating their enomy. For that reason it is absolutely profit the conversal to the conversal

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