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CLEVELAND PRESSES THE GOLDEN KEY

OPENING THE WORLD'S FAIR

Magical Effects Produced by the Electric Spark as the Key Was Pressed.

THE AGE OF ELECTRICITY

Touch of a Button Causes an Inert World to Spring Into Animation.

ALL NATIONS REPRESENTED.

President Cleveland Delivers a Short but Very Impressive Address.

Director General Davis Also Makes a Speech—A Tremendous Crowd Present—With Great Enthusiasm the Fair is Declared Open.

were loaded down, from Van Duren street to the fair grounds, every cable car was thronged to the balcony, elevated cars groaned with humanity, steam cars rumbled at the front, and the great Michigan avenue boulevard was thronged with private carriages and conveyances of all sorts.

Soon after 9 o'clock, President Cleveland and associates appeared at the entrance of the Lexington hotel and were conducted to carriages. When all were seated, the procession moved in the following order:

Platoon of mounted police. Two companies of United States cavalry. Chicago militia. Troops of Illinois National guards. The World's fair officials occupied the first six carriages, and in the seventh were President Cleveland, the chairman of the Columbian commission and the presidents of the World's Columbian exposition. Then came five carriages containing the president's cabinet and five officials; then the Duke de Veragua and party in five carriages, followed by Thomas F. Bayard, ambassador to Great Britain, the Hon. John K. Heine, Columbian commissioner, followed by Governor Altgeld and Mayor Harrison, bringing up the rear.

Down Michigan avenue, cheered by thousands who lined the curb, clustered and rumbled the cavalcade. Turned into the grand boulevard at Fifty-first street, the procession continued. The way was plain, now a medley of all nations, and from it into the great white city, and to the administration building, where the president's address was to take place. Passing through the building the notables came out upon the platform on the east side, looking out upon the scene of the exposition. The plaza was black with people, the whole scene forming one of the most remarkable and enchanting in history.

The president's address, delivered by W. A. Croft of Washington. After an orchestral overture, Director-general Davis, as master of ceremonies, delivered the opening address, as follows:

MR. DAVIS' ADDRESS.

The dedication of these grounds and buildings for the purpose of an international exhibition took place on the 21st of last October at which time they were accepted for the objects to which they were destined. It is now the time for the opening of the exposition, and it is my duty to present to you a comprehensive resume of the strenuous efforts which have been put forth to complete the work to which we have undertaken today. I may be permitted, however, to say a word in praise of the men and women who have made its consummation possible. This is not the result of any single effort but the grandest conception of all minds and the best obtainable result of all efforts put forth by all people who in any manner contributed to its creation.

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The director-general then presented President Cleveland, who was kept waiting several minutes, until the applause subsided. When with bared head he spoke as follows:

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S ADDRESS.

I am here to join my fellow-citizens in congratulations which follow the occasion. Surrounded by the stupendous results of American enterprise and activity, and surrounded by the most magnificent of human achievements, we are here to witness the consummation of a great enterprise, the consummation of a great enterprise, the consummation of a great enterprise.

The chief of these great departments who explored this mighty enterprise and gathered here the exhibits forming a picture set in this magnificent frame have confirmed the wisdom of their selection. No state or territory of the union escaped their voice; no land on the globe that has a language but was visited, and the invitation of the president of the United States presented. For many of the departments of this enterprise, our government was not represented. For many of the departments of this enterprise, our government was not represented. For many of the departments of this enterprise, our government was not represented.

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where they were entertained at dinner by the World's fair officials. The big windows of the room were filled with palms and other plants. Flags were woven around the pillars and draped about the arches of the windows. The entrance to the dining-room was contained by a portico and the room to the left, now used as a private dining-room, was utilized as a dressing-room.

A special service, made by Haviland for the administration building, was used on this occasion for the first time. The silver service which was used in the dining-room, and was made in England for this restaurant, forty-four waiters, one for each table, served the lunch. No wines except champagne were served, and, owing to the presence of ladies, there were no cigars.

President Cleveland sat at a point of the table opposite the entrance, and the other guests were ranged around the table in the following order of precedence:

- Presidential party.
- Vice President of the National Commission.
- Director-General Davis.
- Chief of Construction.
- Members of the board of administration.

The members of the ducal party, in the order of their precedence, were as follows:

- His Excellency the Admiral, Duke of Veragua.
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those who have come from foreign lands to illustrate with us the growth and progress of human civilization. We believe in popular education and the stimulation of the spirit of our citizens to lead the way to a realization of the proud national destiny which our faith promises, gladly welcome the opportunity here afforded us to see the results accomplished by efforts which have been exerted longer than ours in the field of man's invention. We believe in the unparallelled advancement and wonderful development of our young nation, and present the triumphs of vigorous self-reliance and independent energy.

We have built a magnificent fabric of popular government, whose grand proportions are seen throughout the world. We have made and have here gathered together as an object of use and beauty, the products of American skill and invention; we have also made men and women of them. It is an exalted mission in which we and our guests from other lands are engaged, as we operate in the inauguration of this enterprise devoted to human enlightenment and in the undertaking here presented to us, to accomplish the noblest of the tasks of nations. Let us look first to the meaning and significance of this moment.

As by a touch the machinery that gives life to this vast exhibition is now set in motion, so at the same instant let our hopes and aspirations awake the forces which in all times to come shall influence the welfare, dignity and freedom of mankind.

GERMANY'S ACTION.

Her Participation in the Ceremonies an Elaborate Affair.

CHICAGO, May 1.—The participation of the German Empire in the inauguration of the big fair was an elaborate affair. At the moment that President Cleveland touched the button that set the machinery in motion, the chiming in the chapel of Germany's building were brought into action, their beautiful and melodious tones filling the air with glory and halcyon in honor of the event. When the official ceremony was over Commissioner Wernuth led the President around the interior section of the German exhibit in manufacturers' hall. Reception by Commissioner Wernuth and a luncheon were obligatory toasts to the success of the exposition and exhibit of Germany was a suitable finale of this worthy commemoration of the day on the part of Germany.

A Great Throng Present at the Formal Dedication.

CHICAGO, May 1.—The most satisfactory feature of the day's proceedings from a

feminine standpoint was the formal dedication of the woman's building this afternoon.

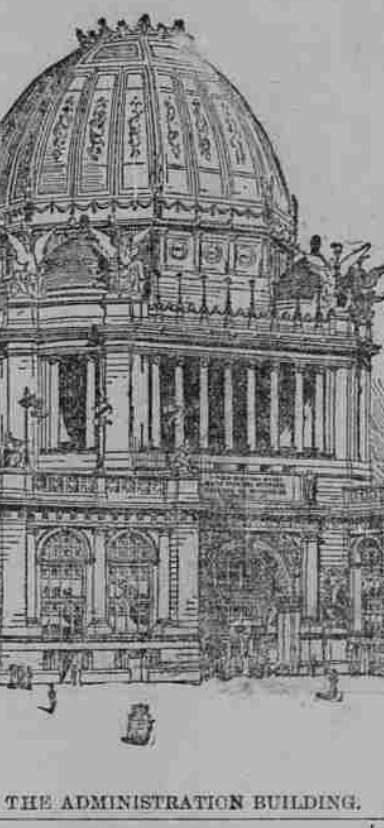
A great throng of women crowded into the building to the imminent danger of silver fabric and frail bonnets. The ceremonies opened with a grand march by Jean Ingeborg Von Bronsart of Wemier, Germany, followed by prayer by Miss Ida Bullin. Then Miss Francis of London favored the assembly with a dramatic overture, at the close of which Mrs. Potter Palmer, president of the woman's board of lady managers, delivered the dedicatory address. She said:

The moment of fruition has arrived, the hope which for more than two years has gradually been gaining strength and definiteness has now become a reality for today the exposition opens its gates and with it comes the formal opening of the woman's building. The woman's building is not the least important part of the exposition, and it is my duty to present to you a comprehensive resume of the strenuous efforts which have been put forth to complete the work to which we have undertaken today. I may be permitted, however, to say a word in praise of the men and women who have made its consummation possible. This is not the result of any single effort but the grandest conception of all minds and the best obtainable result of all efforts put forth by all people who in any manner contributed to its creation.

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The jubilate was sung by Mrs. H. H. Beach, of Boston, assisted by a chorus and orchestra. Then followed the presentation of a large side American flag by George S. Knapp and his son, G. M. Knapp, of Chicago. This flag is made of American silk and will be the standard flag of the Columbian exposition. At the close of the fair it will be presented to the national government, and become the national standard. Before it was turned over to the ladies a portion of the fringe was cut from the flag with a pair of scissors which came from Turkey, and this, together with the scissors, was presented to Mrs. Palmer by Mrs. Sol Thatcher, in

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The Crowds Were Handled in an Admirable Way.

CHICAGO, May 1.—The transportation facilities today to and from the exposition grounds were given their first trial and proved entirely satisfactory. The bulk of the down town traffic reached the grounds over the Illinois Central road in trains of eight cars each which ran at three minute intervals. These facilities will be increased when the occasion demands to twice their present capacity. The Illinois Central handles on an average seven thousand people per hour. The Cottage Grove avenue cable line disgorged their crowds at the exposition paces at the rate of five thousand an hour without great crowding.

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The Dock Warehouse at East St. Louis Wrecked.

IT FALLS INTO THE RIVER.

A Cloudburst in Texas Does Immense Damage.

Thirty-Five Miles of Railroad Track is Washed Away—The Arkansas River is Eight Miles Wide in Many Places.

St. Louis, May 1.—The river at 6 o'clock this evening showed a rise of over a foot since last night and is still rising. Up to 6 o'clock the water can be seen abandoning of the greater portion of East Carondelet. The telegraph office of the St. Louis Connecting railway was wrecked this morning and several small buildings were washed away. The body of a man was washed ashore near the site of the wrecked telegraph office. Many persons who have been living in the second story of their homes were forced to move out altogether today and several had narrow escapes barely escaping before their residences collapsed or floated away.

At Belleville several manufacturing establishments were forced to shut down, the boiler rooms being inundated. On this side of the river, North St. Louis is so far the worst sufferer. The district known as "Oklahoma" is now a vast lake with here and there a hazy island. The shanty protruding a few feet above the water. Trainmen from the east tonight say the water practically covers all Brooklyn, and a number of people are moving out of their houses. Venues will soon rival the city of which it is a namesake.

At East St. Louis the dock warehouse gave way about noon, and fully one-fourth of the dock buildings with heavy contents, fell in a heap, the roof sinking and setting upon the wreck. Thousands of sacks of grain, boxes of canned goods, bundles of shingles and a miscellaneous lot of other goods were precipitated into the ground and floated into water. One of the laborers, Cleora Fite, a colored man, was crushed to death under the debris, and two other laborers were injured. The loss will be quite heavy but it is impossible to ascertain the exact amount.

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