

The St. Louis World's Fair

Magnitude and Beauty of the Exposition, Which is to Be Opened on April 30

WHEN President Roosevelt from his desk in the White House presses the electric button that will set in motion the machinery at the St. Louis world's fair on April 30, the largest, most comprehensive and beautiful exposition in the history of nations will be formally opened.



PRESIDENT D. R. FRANCIS.

The acquisition of the great Louisiana territory by the United States, in magnitude of 1,500 feet. The Grand basin itself has a diameter of 600 feet. At night it is intended that this whole territory of the cascades shall be treated simultaneously with light effects.

This scene is at the center of the fair, and the buildings containing the exhibits, etc., are spread out on all sides. Behind the colonnade and Festival hall is the Art palace, costing \$1,000,000 and containing paintings and sculpture and other objects of art valued at several millions of dollars. In front and spread out between the avenues which radiate between the Grand basin and cascades like the ribs of a fan are eight great exhibit palaces, all in the same general style of architecture, which makes a harmonious picture, and all ranging in size from 500 to 1,300 feet in length, the largest of these, the Palace of Transportation, being almost a quarter of a mile long and having four miles of railroad tracks within its walls. These buildings, with the colonnade and cascades and Festival hall and Art palace, make the central picture. They are known as the palaces of Liberal Arts, Manufactures, Varied Industries, Transportation, Machinery, Electricity, Education, Mines and Metallurgy. A striking exhibit in the Palace of Mines is the statue of Vulcan, fifty feet high and weighing fifty tons, which is cast in iron from Alabama. This immense figure stands in one of the main aisles.

To the left of the main group as one faces the cascades and standing on the slope of a hill is the noble structure erected by the United States government. Still farther up the slope is the really imposing Missouri State building, and disposed attractively in the wooded portion of the world's fair site lie over forty other buildings erected.



IRON STATUE OF VULCAN, FIFTY FEET HIGH.

ed by state governments, many of them strikingly handsome. This is called the Colonnade of States. Terminating this colonnade are two ornate buildings surmounted by statuary. Their design is exceedingly graceful and conforms to the style of the colonnade and Festival hall. They are used as restaurants, and from them one may view the fountains of the cascades while enjoying luncheon or dinner.

On the other side of the central group one finds most of the foreign pavilions, the vast Agriculture building, over 1,600 feet long; the Horticultural building, the Temple of Fraternity, the reproduction of Jerusalem, the Forestry and Fisheries building, Administration building and Hall of International Congresses.

At the exposition will be gathered the most cosmopolitan population ever assembled at one time, and it will come from all the four corners of the earth. Not only is the exposition to attract visitors from all parts of the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa, but the permanent population of the world's fair for the exposition season is to be made up of the most motley assemblage ever got together.

The immense Philippine reservation is inhabited by nearly 600 of Uncle Sam's new subjects, including both the civilized Filipino and barbarian from the savage tribes of north and central Luzon. A detachment of 500 Boer fighters has arrived, and a Patagonian king and his suit journeyed all the way from the southern end of South America to England and thence to the United States in order to participate in this gathering of the nations.

SKILLED IN DIPLOMACY.

Viscount Hayashi, Who Represents the Mikado in England. Viscount Tadasu Hayashi, Japanese minister to the court of St. James, to whom belongs much of the credit of bringing about the Anglo-Japanese alliance formed in 1902, is one of the ablest and best educated statesmen of the island empire.

It is not so many years since Viscount Hayashi was spending his days in a wooden cage, being brutally treated and undergoing all the horrors of an eastern prison life. He was born at Sakura in 1850 and in 1866 was one of a party of students sent by the shogun's government to be educated in England. In 1877 he joined in the revolt of the daimios known as the Sat-



VISCOUNT HAYASHI.

suma rebellion. The rebels captured several fortified towns, but their success was of short duration, and they retired to the mountains. The troops of the mikado gave them no rest, and, after alternate victories and defeats, Salgo, the commander, was left with only about 600 men.

With this force Salgo made a forced march of 150 miles and captured a government stores depot. This plan was originated by Baron Hayashi. On Sept. 24, 1877, the government troops attacked the rebel position, and of the 600 men only thirty survived. Hayashi, who was among the number, was imprisoned at Hakodate for a year and a half.

He was finally released by command of the mikado, and since then his fortunes have steadily risen until he is the foremost diplomat in the Japanese service. In 1889 he was appointed governor of Kobe and from 1891 to 1895 was vice minister of foreign affairs. He was then sent as minister to China, later being transferred to St. Petersburg, and since 1900 he has represented the mikado in England. He was created a baron in 1896 and raised to the rank of viscount two years ago.

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