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delay or accident to the President's party in Topeka. H. U. Mudge, general manager of the Santa Fe, ordered that no trains around the depot be moved while the exercises at the laying of the cornerstone were in progress.

Boom of Cannon Welcomes Him.

private residences put out flags and other

decorations in honor of the visit. The

Harvard colors could be seen in many

places along with the red, white and blue.

President Roosevelt's train arrived in Topeka an hour late. Over 12,000 people assembled at the site of the new Y. M. C. A, building to welcome him. The delay only served to add to the crowd. At 6:50 the booming of cannon announced the arrival of the President's train north of the river. Soon after the train was switched from the Union Pacific to the Santa Fe tracks and run down to the new building. Escorted by a local cavalry ompany and a squad of mounted police, the President was conducted to a platform. He made a short address and then laid the corner-stone. General Manager Mudge, of the Santa Fe, presided at the exercises. He presented the President with a silver trowel, which had been contributed by the road, and with this the President placed the mortar in position. The opening prayer was made by Rev. H. H. Gregg, of

St. Louis. In his opening address President Roosevelt expressed his pleasure at being in "the geographical center of the United States." He congratulated the delegates to the Y. M. C. A. convention that they

had come to Kansus for their great meeting, and said he hoped their meeting would ing, and said he hoped their meeting would be the most profitable ever held. The President characterized the Railroad Y. in sight until the President's carriage M. C. A. as one of the potent agencies for good in the country, in that it tended to make better men of the railroad employes, on whom so much depended.

Dinner With the Governor. The ceremonies occupied twenty min-

utes. Then the President and his party were escorted to their carriages and driver rapidly to the Copeland Hotel. Fourteen carriages were in the procession. Comany A, of the Kansas National Guard. acted as guard. A number of the party stopped at the Copeland, where they were entertained at dinner by the Y. M. C. A. The President was taken to the residence of Governor Balley, where he was entertained at dinner. As the party passed the Statehouse a large number of old soldiers who were drawn up on the east entrance of the building saluted the President. The President saluted the party with dignity. This was arranged by Department Commander Loomis

Those present at the Governor's dinner were as follows: The President; Elihu Root, Secretary of War; Assistant Secretary Barnes, Surgeon-General Rixey, Dr. Butler; Judge W. Shook, of the Federal Courtt Chief Justice K. Johnson, of the Kansas Supreme Bench; Morton Albaugh, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee; D. W. Mulvane, Republican National Committeeman; Senator J. R. Burton, Senator Chester I, Long; N. H: omis, of the Union Pacific; M. A. Low, of the Rock Island; H. J. Bone, secretary

Kansas City, Kan., just across the state line, for two hours, leaving for the West on their arrival at 12:15 o'clock. The New Every precaution was taken to prevent at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. In the two cities the President was driven over a route 15 miles long, reviewed nearly 30,000 achool children, made two speeches, one at Convention Hall, before the greatest

School Children.

KANSAS CITY, May 1.-President

Roosevelt spent five hours in Kansas City,

today, and later was the guest of

Mo.

crowd that noted structure has ever held, and partook of a luncheon at the Balti-more Hotel as the guest of the Commer-cial Club, of Kangas City, Mo. In the party here was Elhu Root, Secretary of War, who had joined the party at St. Louis at the express wish of the Presi-dent.

The reception given President Roose volt was intensely enthusiastic, and it is estimated that 100,000 persons, several thousand coming to town from surrounding places, greeted him. The schools were closed, business generally was suspended, the Mayor having proclaimed it a holiday, and many residences and business houses were decorated. Never before had there been such a general desire on the part of citizens to show their esteem for a distinguished visitor.

The Presidential party arrived in the city from St. Louis at 9:10 in the morn ing, and were met by a reception commit tee at Fifteenth street and Askew avenue in the southeastern portion of the city, two miles from the business center. The reception at the train was brief and in-formal, five members of the committee-J. P. Richards and E. M. Clendenning,

president and secretary, respectively, of the Commercial Club; H. W. Evans, chair-man of the reception committee; Mayor J. A. Reed and Colonel William R. Nelson, alone entering the private car of the President to greet him. Drive Through the City.

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York provisional regiment, respiendent in new dress uniforms, was drawn up in Forest Park, and as the line of carriages passed along the troops were viewed by Governor Odell.

once the line was formed the carringes.

escorted by four troops of regular cav-

airy, were driven rapidly toward the fair

grounds, where a breakfast was served

Although the hour set for the commence ment of the day's exercises was 12 o'clock, it was long past that time when the diplomats and their escort arrived at the Liberal Arts building.

### THURSTON GIVES WELCOME.

#### Extends Greeting to Representatives of All Nations.

It was late when the assembly way called to order by Corwin H. Spencer, chairman of the exposition committee on ceremonies. After the invocation by Rev. Carl Swenson, of St. Louis, Mr. Spencer introduced as president of the day Hon. John M. Thurston, who said:

are here to welcome the "We Ambassadors, Ministers and representatives of friendly foreign nations. We are gathered to commemorate an event which changed the history of America. an event of more importance than most any other event of history. This event gave to us a continental habitation.

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SPEAKERS AT "INTERNATIONAL DAY" AT ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

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ication you honor by your presence was conceived in an effort to commemorate a great achievement which has proved a tent factor in increasing our wealth and sustaining our institutions and perpetuat ing our independence. The interest mani

Encouraged by All Nations.

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ing our independence. The interest mani-fested by the governments and the people whom you represent in plodges of partici-pation has been encouraging and helpful in the highest degree, and we are glad of this opportunity to express our deep gratitude. Your coming enables us to show you the character and the scope of the undertaking we have faunched. Our plana are ambitious and our hones bleb. the undertaking we have launched. Our plans are ambitious and our hopes high, but we are energetic and untiring, and with your recognition and assistance we expect to carry to a successful consumma-tion an enterprise which will not only as-semble the natural resources of the earth and bring together the best products of human skill, but will be the occasion for eliciting the expression of the best thought and price classifying and systematizing all

and for classifying and systematizing all human knowledge. We hope this exposi-tion will be an epitome of the progress of the world from the beginning of history.

The 19th century was characterized by unprecedented and almost incomprehenet-

ble industrial advancement. The earth was made to reveal its hidden treasures. The unknown forces of nature were harnessed and utilized. Lines of commerce were established which encircle the earth. Sections of the globe remote and almost unknown to each other were brought into

close communication and friendly rela-tions. It would seem that there is little left to be done in the field of scientific effort. But every discovery and every advance opens a broader plane for the ex-ercise of human ingenuity. The problems, or state, nor of the United States. It is an exposition of the world. Gentlemen, our visitors and friends in this temple of their solution not only experience and in-

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