

EXPOSITION OPEN TO THE WORLD

Centennial of Lewis and Clark Observed.

GREAT THROG AT EXERCISES

Opening Ceremonies Are Haired by Perfect Day.

PATRIOTIC CROWD PRESENT

Military Pageant, Addresses by Nation's Dignitaries, Festivities in Exhibit Palaces and on Trail Inaugurate World's Fair.

The Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition is open. Portland is playing host to the world.

Yesterday, the opening day, will find a bright place in the history of the Nation, marking as it does, the starting point of an enterprise that means the greater upbuilding of the West and Northwest; new trade relations with the Orient; closer commercial relationship between the Pacific Coast and the Atlantic seaboard; and the hundreds of attendant and incidental benefits that will accrue to the country.

The opening ceremonies and demonstrations were on a scale commensurate with the greatness of the day. They were carried through without a hitch of any consequence. Old Exposition attaches, who have attended the important World's Fairs of the past decade, declared they had never before beheld so pretty or so effective an opening.

The attendance passed even beyond the most sanguine official expectations. Crowds, such as have never before lined the streets of Portland, saw the great military pageant that preceded the opening exercises. Standing room on three miles of streets was at a premium. And when the parade was at an end this ocean of humanity turned its tide on the Exposition grounds. Passing in steady streams through the narrow turnstiles it inundated the entire Exposition grounds.

Surging Crowd on Grounds. Once inside the grounds the morning crowds sought the scene of opening exercises. Some there were who came at 8 o'clock when the gates opened and got near to this platform. Others came with the parade and filled up the available space everywhere in seeing or hearing distance. This crowd was an attentive one upon which the full significance of the auspicious moment seemed to hang.

Through all the applause and in the words of the local speakers there was the strong note of Oregon patriotism felt by Oregon patriots—proud of their state always, and doubly so on the crowning day of the Fair. It was this spirit and the thousands that lent their presence to the occasion that contributed more than anything else to the completely successful and satisfactory launching of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition.

The weather, too, contributed its full share. In fact, the weather could not have been improved upon. A strange coincidence lies in the fact that the sun was hidden behind a blanket of continuous appearing clouds until the very hour of the parade, when its brilliant rays broke through the impediment.

Daylight had seemed to tell very plainly of showers to come. The clouds screamed the sky completely, and the temperature was favorable to the precipitation of rain.

It was nearly 10 o'clock when a curious and friendly sun burst its way free of bondage. A lively struggle followed in the heavens, and at one time the clouds seemed on the point of regaining their lost ground. But they didn't. The sun rallied and held its own throughout the day, and added the one touch necessary to make the Exposition's opening not only eminently successful, but entirely pleasant.

City Astir at Dawn. Down found the city astir, and in gala attire. Long before the hour for the parade the streets were thronged. The vantage points for witnessing the pageant were generally appropriated by 5 o'clock. The parade proved a fitting prelude to the opening ceremonies. The long line was made up of soldiers, cadets and blue-jackets. Near its head rode Vice-President Fairbanks and members of the official party in carriages. They were led by a band of music. There were no stupid boasts or ostentatious arrays of civic organizations. These things had been wisely debarred as being out of harmony with the occasion.

Across Guild's Lake on the peninsula a section of artillery tolled off the Presidential salute of 21 guns. The dark blue smoke from the cannonading lifting slowly above the Government's palace and adding enchantment to the peaceful grandeur of the inspiring landscape to the north. This salute brought on the opening exercises. All of the speakers were enthusiastically received. Especially cordial was the reception accorded the Nation's representatives. The exercises were marred by no unpleasant incident. So orderly was everything that the heavy detachment of policemen and guardsmen were not just to the necessity of issuing a single admonition.

LIKE FAIRYLAND IT IS BY NIGHT

Myriad Lights Make Brilliant the Forests, the Buildings, and the Lake.

WATER GLISTENS IN BLAZE

Almost as Large a Crowd Gathers for Unusual Spectacle. After Dark as Thronged Grounds in the Day Time.

There were apparently almost as many people at the Fair grounds last night as were present at the opening exercises.

Although the exhibits buildings were closed, the Exposition by night seemed in every particular as great an attraction as during the open hours of the day. When darkness fell upon the heights that rise beyond the fair city the reason was plain. As a feast for the eye the spectacle was incomparably beautiful. No man can convey the number of the lights which glorified the scene. They appeared to have been woven with millions of flashing stars. The buildings were festooned with them, the shrubbery was bedecked as if for a gigantic lawn party. They radiated from the trees and blazed upon the water. The fireworks, which were a feature of the evening, were beautiful in the extreme, but they paled before the splendor of the electricity.

The Bridge of Nations was nothing short of a conjurer's masterpiece and even deep in the waters of the lake were myriads of lights. Bands of music filled the air with melody and thousands revelled in the feast of sound. In the main stand lanes' Band gave its first concert and it was almost impossible to find room upon the terraces for all who came to hear. Receptions were held in various state buildings, the restaurants were crowded, and "The Trail" was thronged with merry-makers. Many of the shows along the latter avenue are still uncompleted, but those which were prepared to entertain patrons were crowded. Upon the lake were hundreds of boats and the promenades presented brilliant scenes. Everybody was in high spirits and happier, better dressed and more representative people never graced a similar fête. Opening night was auspicious in every particular and augured well for the nights and days of the Big Exposition that are to follow.

EARTHQUAKE KILLS MANY Towns in Albania, and Montenegro Bury Inhabitants. CETINJE, Montenegro, June 1.—There was an earthquake this morning throughout Montenegro. A number of houses col-

lapsed, and one person was killed and several were injured. The earthquake caused great damage at Scutaria, Albania, where about 200 houses collapsed and 200 persons were killed or wounded.

Yacht Thistle Finishes Tenth. THE LAZARD, June 1.—The American schooner Thistle, one of the contestants in the race for Emperor William's cup, finished tenth at 12:44 P. M. today.

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ADMISSIONS TO THE FAIR 39,577

Big Record Is Made on the Opening Day of the Exposition.

CROWD EASILY HANDLED

Visitors Begin to Come Before the Gates Are Open, but in Spite of the Throng There Is Little Confusion.

As nearly as could be estimated by Chief of the Department of Admissions F. B. Davison the total admissions at the Lewis and Clark Exposition yesterday was 39,577.

This estimate was announced last night after the gates had been closed to the public and reports from the three entrances had been counted. Mr. Davison says that his estimate is not absolutely correct and that he will not know the exact number of admissions until today. He says, however, that he is certain that his estimate announced last night will not vary more than 200 admissions either way.

Contrary to the predictions of those who attended the other Expositions and were compelled to remain outside the grounds for hours at a time owing to the crush, but little difficulty was experienced at the entrances of the Fair yesterday in handling the immense crowds of people that thronged through the gates from early morning until 11 o'clock at night. The 39 operators that manned the stiles at the Main, St. Helens and Twenty-eighth-street entrances, stood faithfully at their posts taking the admission tickets until 8 o'clock, when they were relieved by another force of men.

Many of the operators were so exhausted that they could hardly walk from the Exposition grounds to the street-cars which took them to their homes. It was a continual click, click of the stiles from 8 o'clock in the morning until the gates were closed with the exception of about an hour late in the afternoon when the operators were given a short period of rest as the crowds lessened. However, about 7 o'clock the night crowds began to arrive, and from that time on it was the same as in the morning. The great crush was experienced at the Main entrance, which had 12 stiles in operation, immediately after the opening day parade.

Early at the Gates. Before the gates opened at 8 o'clock in the morning people began to assemble at the three entrances of the

Exposition. There was a long string of restless men, women and children in waiting when the ticket windows were opened at the Main entrance to the Exposition grounds. Not waiting for the parade the people flocked into the gates. As the day advanced the crowds increased until about 10 o'clock, when the strings of visitors in line to secure tickets extended several blocks in length.

Following close upon the rear of the opening day parade there appeared in front of the gates a packed mass of humanity never before equaled in Portland. For blocks and blocks in the vicinity of the gates the streets were so crowded with people that it was with extreme difficulty that a person could wedge his way through even for a few steps. At first there was a good deal of struggling and crowding, but the public soon realized that the more orderly it was the quicker it could obtain entrance into the grounds.

The usual custom of falling in line to secure admission tickets was entirely forgotten, as the people were packed so tight that it would have been impossible for those in line to move. At the ticket windows, where four expert cashiers were at work, nothing could be seen but hundreds of outstretched arms. With a rapidity that was amazing the money was taken from the open hands and the tickets and change placed in them, those who were moving away in a body towards the gates to have their places taken by others.

Turnstiles Kept Busy. At the main entrance the crowd melted as the hundreds presented their tickets and were allowed to pass through the stiles. For fully half an hour it looked as though thousands of people would have to return to their homes without seeing the Exposition, for apparently no impression was made on the great masses. But slowly and surely the bulge of the crowd crept toward the gates and within another hour the packed mass of humanity had disappeared. Still the people arrived, but as they did not come all in a rush as the mob that followed the parade, they were admitted to the grounds without delay.

While it is known that a few people became tired waiting to secure tickets and did not attend the Exposition, no one had to stand outside the grounds for more than an hour at the most before he could secure admittance. Those who followed the parade to the grounds gained entrance in time to witness the opening day ceremonies.

It was estimated that there were fully 29,000 persons in front of the main entrance to the Exposition grounds immediately following the parade. Those in the rear kept crowding to the front until many were forced into the restaurants and hotels in the immediate vicinity. However, every one was good-natured and very few expressions of dissatisfaction were heard, as all seemed to realize that never before had there ever assembled such a gathering in Portland as that of yesterday morning at the Exposition gates.

Elated With Success. F. B. Davison, chief of admissions, and the officials of that department were greatly elated last night over the way the thousands of visitors had been admitted into the grounds without any unpleasant difficulties arising. Mr. Davison said that those who attended the Exposition yesterday did not ex-

PRESIDENT GIVES ELECTRIC SIGNAL

With One Touch He Opens Exposition.

AT 3600 MILES DISTANCE

When Roosevelt Touches Key, Chimes Begin.

HIS ADDRESS TO ASSEMBLY

He Tells Assembled Diplomats Significance of Event Exposition Commemorates—Same Key Opened St. Louis Fair.

OREGON NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., June 1.—"I now open the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition."

These were the words spoken today by President Roosevelt in the East room of the White House at exactly 22 minutes after 4 o'clock, Washington time. The pause after the third word indicates the action of pressing the gold telegraph key closing the circuit between the White House in Washington and the Government Exposition building in Portland, thus starting the machinery and causing the chiming of the Government building to ring.

The touch of the President on the key was so vigorous that it set all the other instruments on the table dancing and caused just a flicker of a smile to appear on the face of the veteran operator who signalled to the President that the time had arrived for him to open the great Exposition of the Pacific Northwest.

Almost simultaneously with the pressing of the key, the guns of a battery of artillery drawn up on the White lot several hundred yards south of the White House began to boom the national salute of 21 guns, which let the people of Washington know that another great exposition had been opened. The battery got its signal from a signal corps man in the room at the White House, who was notified by an electric bell that the President had pressed the key.

The Marine band, stationed in the great entrance hall of the executive mansion, at a wave of the hand from one of the ushers, poured forth the opening strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner." All Nations But Russia Represented. Standing by the President's side during the ceremony was Mrs. Roosevelt, and a short distance away stood Secretary



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SPEAKER'S STAND

VICE-PRESIDENT FAIRBANKS DELIVERING HIS ADDRESS AT OPENING OF EXPOSITION