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Largest Audience Ever Gathered Under One Roof in America Was Present.

A PANIC AVERTED

BY QUICK ACTION.

Day Was Very Cold and Many Suffered—President and Party Were Army Blankets—Street Car Service Was Inadequate for the Occasion—General Grant Given an Ovation.

St. Louis, April 30.—A quarter of a million visitors had arrived by noon. The street cars were miserably inadequate. On Olive street the cars were but a few feet apart for three miles. They were loaded to the guards and on the tops despite the conductors' protests. The back platform of one car broke off under the strain, but no one was injured. As the day advanced it turned colder. The throngs stood and shivered as they were packed so close they were unable to move about to keep warm. In the presidential reviewing stands the ladies of the diplomatic corps, board of lady managers and several hundred society women attired in light dresses, suffered severely. Finally the military officers sent in the tented city for blankets, which were passed around, protecting many from the cold. In the pavilion behind the reviewing stand preparations had been made to serve lunch to the guests under orders of the exposition company. Hot coffee was hastily made and served to the women.

Building Overcrowded.

The Liberal Arts building is overcrowded and a panic is imminent. Women are fainting and in danger of being trampled. The police force is inadequate. The rearranged arms has called on the citizens and newspaper men to help clear the aisles. Screams are plainly heard, over the tumult of the shouts. Edmond Hoch, director of the exhibits, has appealed to President Francis to clear the aisles. He said: "The women and children are fainting and unless something is instantly done there will be many deaths by people being crushed. President Francis has sent the members of the commission to clear the aisles. A number of women are being carried out unconscious to the hospitals. When the commission opened the reserved seat sections the surplus crowd moved in, thus relieving the terrific jam."

Very Cold Day.

St. Louis, April 30.—The day dawned threateningly with heavy clouds and was cold and raw. Later the sun came out. The crowds are the greatest ever witnessed in the west. People are still coming in.

The President's Speech.

The following address was made by President Roosevelt at the dedication of the St. Louis fair today: "The women and children are fainting and unless something is instantly done there will be many deaths by people being crushed. President Francis has sent the members of the commission to clear the aisles. A number of women are being carried out unconscious to the hospitals. When the commission opened the reserved seat sections the surplus crowd moved in, thus relieving the terrific jam."

Great National Event.

We have met here today to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the event which more than any other, after the foundation of the government and always excepting its preservation, determined the character of our national life—determined that we should be a great, expanding nation instead of a relatively small and stationary one.

Unique Expansion.

Never before had the world seen the kind of national expansion which gave our people a living west of the 13 original states; the greatest landmark in which was the Louisiana Purchase. Our triumph in this process of expansion was indissolubly bound up with the success of our peculiar kind of federal government, and this success has been complete and always excepting its preservation, determined the character of our national life—determined that we should be a great, expanding nation instead of a relatively small and stationary one.

No Precedent for Pioneers.

When our forefathers joined to call into being this nation they undertook a task for which there was but little encouraging precedent. The development of civilization from the earliest period seemed to show the truth of two propositions: In the first place it had always proved exceedingly difficult to secure both freedom and strength in any government; and in the second place, it had always proved well-nigh impossible for a nation to expand without either breaking up or becoming a centralized tyranny. With the success of our effort to combine a

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able to maintain our honor and interest abroad, I have not now to deal.

Doubted Wisdom of Settlement.

During the colonial period many good people in the mother country thought it highly important that settlers should be kept out of the Ohio valley in the interest of the fur trade, and as a result of this policy many good people on the Atlantic coast felt grave apprehension lest they might somehow be hurt by the western growth of the nation. These good people shook their heads over the formation of states in the fertile Ohio valley, which now forms part of the heart of our nation, and they declared that the destruction of the republic had been accomplished when through the Louisiana Purchase, we acquired nearly all of what is now that same republic's present territory. Nor was their feeling unnatural. Only the adventurous and the far-seeing saw the benefits which would come from the process of expansion, for the nation that expands is a nation which is entering upon a great career with greatness, and there must of necessity come perils which daunt all but the most stout-hearted.

Government for All People.

We expanded by carving the wilderness into territories and out of territories building new states, when once they had received as permanent settlers a sufficient number of our own people. Being a practical nation we have never failed to force on any section of our new territory an unsuitable form of government merely because it was suitable or another section under different conditions. Of the territory covered by the Louisiana Purchase a portion was given statehood within a few years. Another portion has not been admitted to statehood—although doubtless it soon will be. In each case we showed the practical governmental genius of our race by devising methods suitable to meet the actual existing needs; not by insisting upon the application of some abstract principle which would have been equally applicable to some other section of our territory. We have never failed to give to each section a government which is suitable to the conditions of the territory. We have never failed to give to each section a government which is suitable to the conditions of the territory.

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Louisiana an Epitome.

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Courage and hardihood are indispensable virtues in a people. The settlers of the Louisiana Purchase are an epitome of the history of our people. Within these limits we have gradually built up state after state until now they number over a dozen.

Pioneer Days Gone.

The old pioneer days are gone, with all the adventures and hardships of their incredible toil and their wild all-weather romances. But the need of the pioneer virtues remains the same as ever. The pioneer virtues are an epitome of the history of our people. Within these limits we have gradually built up state after state until now they number over a dozen.

Must Meet Changed Problems.

Now in 1903, in the altered conditions, we must meet the changed and changing problems with the spirit which has won for us the greatest of all our triumphs. We must insist upon courage and resolution, upon hardihood, tenacity and fertility in resource. We must insist upon the rugged virtues of our fathers. We must insist upon the rugged virtues of our fathers.

EIGHT REPORTED KILLED AND MANY INJURED.

Plant Is in Flames and Magazines Stored With Powder, Will Explode—People Fleeing for Their Lives.

Holladay, Pa., April 30.—The Crescent Powder Works plant on Finney creek, 10 miles south was wrecked by explosion this forenoon. Eight men are reported killed. Two of the stockholders and the superintendent were fatally injured. Another explosion feared.

Another Explosion Feared.

Near the factory is a large limestone quarry employing 500 men. These have taken the magazine containing 1,400 kegs of high explosive has not yet let go. The wrecked plant is in flames. It is feared the great explosion is yet to come. The plant which exploded employed 14 men and 16 women, all trained workers. The women escaped with cuts, burns and bruises. Windows in houses five miles away were broken. A rescue party has been sent from Williamsburg.

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STRIKE IN CHICAGO

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MURDERER CONFESSES.

F. C. Fischer, of Riverside, Cal., Chloroformed His Wife, Poured Gasoline on Her and Set Her Afire.

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RUSSIA BACKS DOWN

Minister of Commerce Tells Hay That American Commerce is Much Desired.

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