

President Speaks on Expansion

It Began With Clark's Expedition to Vincennes

LOUISIANA PURCHASE THE GREAT EXAMPLE

Two Hundred Thousand People Gather to Celebrate the Centuries Developments

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

The Program.
President Francis opened the proceedings with an introductory address and the following program of exercises was carried out:

Invocation by His Eminence, James Cardinal G.bons.

Introduction of Hon. Thomas H. Carter, of the national commission, president of the day.

Grand chorus, "The Heavens Proclaiming."

Presentation of the buildings by Hon. David R. Francis, president of the exposition.

Dedication address by the President of the United States.

Chorus, "Unfold, Ye Portals."

Address by Hon. Grover Cleveland, "America" with full chorus and band accompaniment.

Prayer by Bishop E. R. Hendrix. Benediction by Right Reverend Henry C. Potter.

The President's Speech.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen! At the outset of my address let me recall to the minds of my hearers that the soil upon which we stand, before it was ours, was successively the possession of two mighty empires, Spain and France, whose sons made a deathless record of heroism in the early annals of the New World. No history of the Western country can be written without paying heed to the wonderful part played therein in the early days by the soldiers, missionaries, explorers, and traders, who did their work for the honor of the proud banners of France and Castile. While the settlers of English-speaking stock, and those of Dutch, German and Scandinavian origin who were associated with them were still clinging close to the East-

ern seaboard, the pioneers of Spain and France had penetrated deep into the hitherto unknown wilderness of the West and had wandered far and wide within the boundaries of what is now our mighty country. The very cities themselves—St. Louis, New Orleans, Santa Fe, New Mexico—bear witness by their title to the nationalities of their founders. It was not until the Revolution had begun that the English speaking settlers pushed west across the Alleghenies, and not until a century ago that they entered in to possess the land upon which we now stand.

A Hundred Years. WE HAVE MET HERE TODAY TO COMMEMORATE THE HUNDRETH 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 RELATIVELY A SMALL AND STATIONARY ONE.

Of course it was not with the Louisiana Purchase that our career of expansion began. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR THE ILLINOIS REGION, INCLUDING THE PRESENT STATES OF ILLINOIS AND INDIANA, WAS ADDED TO OUR DOMAIN BY FORCE OF ARMS, AS A SEQUEL TO THE ADVENTUROUS EXPEDITION OF GEORGE ROGERS CLARKE AND HIS FRONTIERRIFLEMEN. Later the treaties of Jay and Pinckney materially extended our real boundaries to the west. But none of these events was of so striking a character as to fix the popular imagination. The old thirteen colonies had always claimed that their rights stretched westward to the Mississippi, and vague and un-

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MOUNTAIN WAS BLOWN TO PIECES

Inhabitants Are Fleeing--Mountain Gives Ominous Sounds

Railroad Track Ruined, Town Destroyed, Mine Buried Under Millions of Tons of Rock

Victoria, B. C., April 30.—The town of Frank is being deserted by its inhabitants, as ominous sounds are emitting from the mountain, and all fear a repetition of the eruption. Reports from there are unanimous that the disaster is due to an earthquake or volcano, and the whole top of the mountain seems to have been blown off. The town is completely overwhelmed. Full rows of houses are ruined, and rescue parties are still at work. Mounted police are hurrying to the scene. The track is ruined for miles, and the mine and buildings are demolished.

Due to Mine Explosion

Victoria, B. C., April 30.—Local officials and mining men knowing the vicinity are unanimous in the belief that, instead of a volcanic eruption, the disaster at Frank will be found to have been caused by an explosion in the mines of the French-Canadian Coal Company, which has a tunnel into the mine, after the manner of a metaliferous mine. It is believed here that an explosion has occurred, blowing out the face of the mountain, which has thrown 200,000,000 tons of rock down on the mine buildings and tunnels, and dammed Old Man's river, on whose bank lies the town of Frank. If the eruption had been of a seismic nature it would have been recorded by the seismograph at Victoria.

Rowles Machine, of this city, who recently visited Frank, says the town, which is three years old, is named after H. L. Frank, a well-known Butte miner, who is operating extensively in coal mining there. In addition to this a French syndicate, represented by Messrs. Flutot and Gobo, is operating in a gully about eight or ten miles distant. Frank is well laid out, the coal company having recently erected some very convenient cottages for the miners. The population will hardly exceed 600. It lies on the Old Man's river, just at the mouth of the canyon, which leads into the Pincher Creek mining country, about 26 miles away. He is of the opinion that the slide may have started from an explosion in the tunnels, which, driving outward, started the face of the mountain, which hangs at an angle of about 45 degrees to the valley.

A private dispatch received here says that Jack McVeigh, a lumberman, and four men were buried with their sawmill beneath the falling rock at Frank.

Fighting the Balkans

Vienna, April 30.—New Free Press reports two fights in the Balkans Tuesday between Turks and insurgents. One at Ouzumajand, where the insurgents lost 54 killed and wounded and the Turks 12. The other was at Nourokop, where the Turks surprised and killed 46 insurgents, and the Turks lost one.

Baer Does Good Swearing

New York, April 30.—Baer was again on the stand in the interstate commerce hearing today. He flatly denied that the coal carrying roads discriminated against independent operators, either in rates or in furnishing cars.

An incendiary tried to destroy the residence of Mrs. Mankers, at Albany, Wednesday. Coal oil was scattered through the rooms and fire set in four places.

POWDER MAGAZINE EXPLODES

Fourteen Hundred Kegs of High Explosives May Go

Five Hundred Men Employed Have Fled as the Building is Burning and Powder Will go

Holidaysburg, Pa., April 30.—The Crescent Powder works' plant, on Piney creek, 10 miles south of here, was wrecked by an explosion this forenoon. Eight men are reported killed and two of the stockholders and superintendent injured.

Nearby the factory is a large limestone quarry, employing 500 men. These have fled from the scene, as the magazine, containing 500 kegs of high explosives, has not yet let go. The wrecked plant is in flames. It is feared the greatest 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. The windows in the houses five miles away were broken. A rescue party has been sent from Williamsburg.

The two storehouses, one containing 1440 boxes and the other 800 boxes of 100 pounds of dynamite each, are now in flames, and an explosion is imminent. The people are fleeing for a radius of five miles, which will be devastated when the explosion comes.

Albany now claims to be a highly moral town, having closed certain houses Wednesday. The town authorities made no arrests, but allowed the parties to migrate.

The Great Exposition Dedicated

President and the Immense Crowd Shiver for Hours

GRAY ARMY BLANKET WARMS THE PRESIDENT

Hall is Crowded and Many Women Faint--Gay Costumes Hid by Gray Blankets

St. Louis, April 30.—A quarter million visitors 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 top, 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, and the throng stood and shivered. They were packed so closely that they were unable to move about and keep warm. In the presidential reviewing stand the ladies of the diplomatic corps, board of lady managers, and several hundred society ladies, attired in light summer dresses suffered severely, and finally the military officers sent to the city for army blankets, which were passed around, protecting them from the cold. In the pavilion, and behind the reviewing stand, preparations had

been made to serve lunch to guests, under orders of the exposition company. Hot coffee was hastily made and served to the women.

Francis' speech briefly reviewed the past. He said that one year from today, when the fair opens, they would be prepared to handle millions of visitors.

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IT'S OUR Saturdays Surprise

You cannot know a word about it until Saturday. You know we want to surprise you.

LIKE the love-sick youth in the illustration, we're "clean rattled." Fact is, we've so much to tell about and so little time and space in which to do it, that we're in a quandary as to what to omit and where to begin. For much must be omitted--that's certain. What? Aye, there's the rub!

Maybe it's news to you, madam, that many of our most remarkable bargains never get a word in the papers. Doesn't seem plausible, does it? Yet it is so. Why? Possibly, quantities may not warrant publicity. But, in any event there's another reason. We are unalterably opposed to any policy in the least suggestive of putting all one's best apples at the top of the barrel.

That we aim to attract you here, is attested by the attractions we put in print; that we strive to please you when here, is evidenced by the numerous surprises which await you, about which we are so strangely silent. Saturday, therefore, come with great expectations regarding offerings here specified. At the same time be prepared for most pleasant surprises. It's a way we have.