

GIGANTIC FAIR IS NOW OPEN

President Roosevelt Touches the Button That Starts Louisiana Purchase Exposition

St. Louis, Mo., April 30.—President Roosevelt touched an electric button in Washington today. As he did so the report of a cannon was heard here by the expectant multitude. Flags unfurled as if by magic, an avalanche of water poured down the cascades, the great engines in the machinery palace and power houses started throbbing—and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was open to the world.

The opening ceremonies were so simple and so plain that they were in perfect harmony with the methods of President Francis and his efficient aids, but they were at the same time very impressive, and made a fitting prelude to one of the most memorable events in American history. The dedication ceremonies, a year ago, were attended by a military pageant that was significant of the nation's prowess, and after the baptism of arms comes the sweet presence of art and science, and the formal opening today was marked by the absence of soldiery in uniform.

The place of rendezvous was the great plaza to the north of the Grand Basin and in the shadow of the imposing Louisiana Purchase monument. At 9 o'clock the board of directors of the fair, the members of the national commission, the board of lady managers and other officials met in the Administration building, where there was an interesting little ceremony as a prelude to the more important events of the day. This consisted of the presentation to President Francis of a gavel with which to call to order the assemblage of exhibitors. The gavel was made of many pieces of wood taken from various trees grown in the Forest Park portion of the exposition grounds.

President Francis and his party were escorted from the administration building where they were joined by the foreign commissioners, who had

assembled earlier at the British pavilion; and the Governors of states and state commissions and committees who had rounded up at the United States government building. Secretary Taft, as the representative of President Roosevelt, was escorted to the grounds by a military guard, and proper escorts were furnished also to the members of congress and other specially invited guests.

Promptly at half-past ten the exercises of the day began. There was little formality, hardly any display to attract the seekers of the picturesque, and still the programme was carried out amid surroundings and in a manner in all ways appropriate. The ceremonies were opened with an invocation by the Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus of Chicago. The invocation was followed by the rendering of "America" by the bands, and an address by the Hon. D. R. Francis, president of the exposition. President Francis was given a great ovation

in a brief address, he reviewed the history of the exposition enterprise from its inception to the supreme moment now at hand, eulogizing the work of his colleagues and praising the public spirit of the citizens of St. Louis in general. He set forth the objects of the exposition to be to commemorate the past, present the advantages of the present, and inspire hope for the future—the past, the present, the future of America and the whole world. Loud and continuous cheering followed the conclusion of President Francis' remarks, and the band struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner" amid tumultuous cheering and waving of hats and handkerchiefs.

William H. Thompson, chairman of the committee on grounds and buildings, stepped to the front of the speakers stand and introduced Isaac L. Taylor, director of works. An invocation was tendered to Mr. Taylor, who had managed a great part of the huge task of preparing the exposition

and had done many things that only a great man of remarkable versatility can perform. He said that he worked many months on his speech, and that in delivering it he would deliver the keys of the buildings to President Francis, which he did. The transfer of the exhibit palaces to F. J. V. Skiff, director of exhibits, was then made. Mr. Skiff delivered a brief address and was accorded a rousing reception and testified the people's appreciation for his invaluable work in making the exposition a success.

Addresses followed by Thomas H. Carter, president of the national commission; E. H. Harriman, speaking on behalf of domestic exhibitors, and by representatives of the Congressional committees that have had much to do with the affairs of the enterprise.

As Secretary Taft stepped forward to deliver the oration of the day the volume of applause shook the very firmament, and it was seen at once that the multitude regarded the secretary of War as the central figure of the day's exercises. Secretary Taft's address was brief and very characteristic of the man, who is known to be as modest as he is able.

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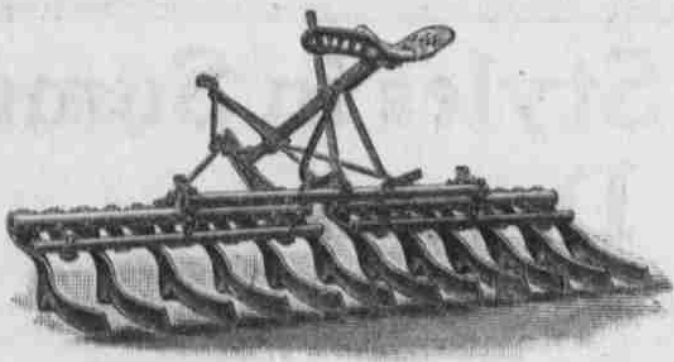
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