

GIVEN TO THE FAIR

Illinois' Beautiful Building is Formally Consecrated to Its Purpose.

OCCASION MARKED WITH FITTING POMPS

Event Made Notable by the Presence of Many Distinguished Guests.

CEREMONIES WITNESSED BY CROWDS

Throng of People Flock the Grounds During the Whole Day.

KANSAS COMES NEXT IN LINE

Sunflower State Will Turn Its Exposition Home Over to the Exposition Managers During the Forenoon.

Yesterday the sons and daughters of Illinois congregated at the exposition grounds to celebrate their participation in the great enterprise and dedicate the magnificent building that they had contributed to its architectural ensemble.

The occasion was favored with one of the most perfect days of the season. The clouds that hung between earth and sky in the morning screened the grounds from the rays of the June sun without belching their burden of moisture on the crowd below.

While there were enough of the Illinois people to make quite a respectable crowd themselves, they were far from being alone in their enjoyment of the occasion.

Getting Ready for the Fair. The Illinois building was naturally the center of attraction and all day it was literally blockaded with visitors.

The only regrettable feature of the day was the delay that attended the admission of the Apollo club of Chicago.

Kansas Comes Today. Today Kansas will perform the same office that was so gracefully assumed yesterday by Illinois.

Teachers and the Convention. Secretary Gillan is receiving a large number of letters from teachers who are coming to the Transmississippi Educational convention that meets in Omaha June 28-30.

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The official party will leave the Millard hotel at 10 o'clock for the grounds. Carriages have been engaged for the official party and invited guests of the state.

The Marine band, which has contributed so much to the pleasure of exposition visitors since the beginning of the month, left yesterday afternoon for Washington.

An equally enjoyable program was rendered at the farewells performance in the afternoon. It included the overture, "Ryeland," by Thomas, a selection from "Mignon," one of Strauss' waltzes, Sousa's famous "Stars and Stripes" march, the "Arabesque," by Schumann, and the "Tour Through Europe," by Conradi.

Illinois Day Rounded Off in a Most Enjoyable Manner. If Illinois day was a success, the evening was a glittering triumph.

While the early departure of Governor and Mrs. Tanner caused a change in the plans for the reception at the Illinois building, the affair turned out to be a most enjoyable one.

When the formal events of the evening were over there was still no perceptible diminution in the crowd and the midway remained as thronged as ever.

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Appalling Disaster Overtakes Workmen's Wives and Daughters.

HALF A HUNDRED HURLED TO THEIR DEATH

Staging Gives Way with Direful Results After England's New Battleship Albion is Sent Into the Water.

LONDON, June 21.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—When the duchess of York launched Britain's newest first-class battleship Albion at the Thames shipbuilding company's docks, Blackwell, today she failed to break the customary bottle of champagne across the bows.

A wooden staging had been erected across the end of the dock under the stern of another ship in course of construction.

The calamity was so sudden and unexpected that even the unfortunate victims were not given a warning shriek before they were engulfed in utter confusion.

The bulk of those thrown into the water were rescued, nearly fifty women being taken out insensible and only resuscitated after strenuous efforts by the doctors.

The Albion is a first-class steel battleship of 12,500 tons, 390 feet long, seventy-four feet broad, and drawing twenty-five feet of water.

LONDON, June 21.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Daily Telegraph's Vienna dispatch says: The report which was spread yesterday in Vienna and other European centers about abdication of the queen regent is contradicted by official quarters.

CHINA ON THE OFFENSIVE Declines to Allow an American Storeship to Take Supplies at Hong Kong.

LONDON, June 21.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Daily Telegraph's London dispatch says: In accordance with instructions from his government the collector of Chinese customs last night ordered the American storeship Zafro to leave Chinese waters immediately.

EMPEROR ADDRESSES THE ACTORS. Theater a Power in Carrying Out the Plans of the Empire.

BERLIN, June 21.—The text of Emperor William's speech to the company of the Royal theater, delivered on June 16, was published here today.

PEACE TALK HAS THE FLOOR

Much Gossip at Madrid and Elsewhere That Spain Wants to End the War.

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

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