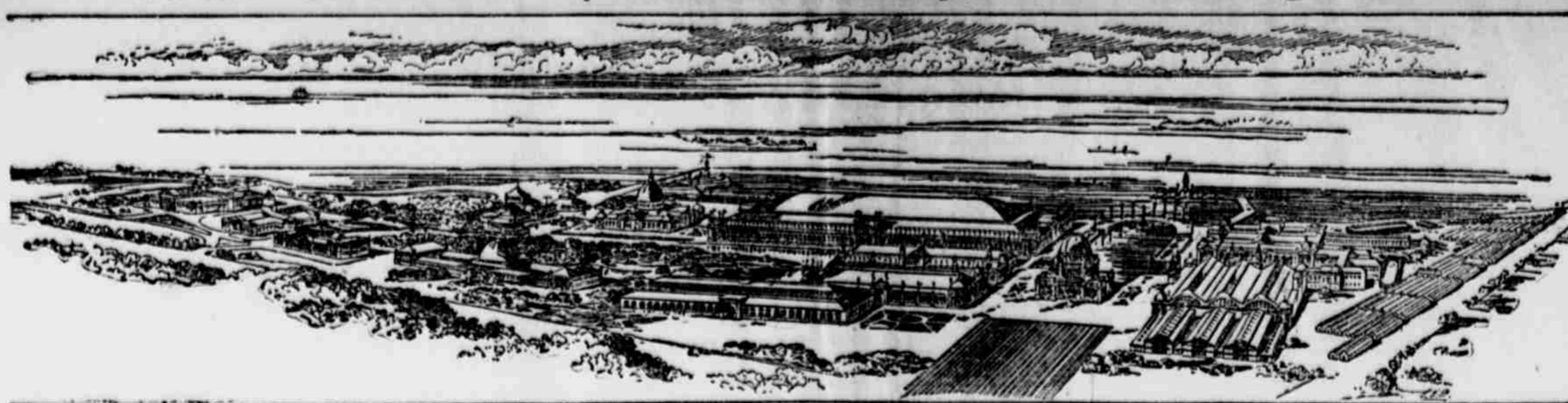


World's Columbian Exposition — Bird's-Eye View Looking East.



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THE FAIR FULL-BLOWN.

CHICAGO NOW PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN THE WORLD.

Her Columbian Exposition a Polygot City With Over 100,000 Inhabitants and a Municipal Government—Sights That Thrill the Visitor—Midway Plaisance.

A little over two years ago the site of the World's Columbian Fair at Chicago was practically a wild marsh. To-day it contains several hundred buildings, and Director-General Davis estimates the wealth represented by the buildings and exhibits as something like \$150,000,000.

abreast. Flanking this quadriga are statues representing the States and Territories. The peristyle connects the Music Hall and Casino, where Theodore Thomas will storm the gates of heaven with harmony. On either side of the basin are the facades of the Agricultural Building and the Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building. The principal corners of the Electricity Building and Machinery Hall are projected into this grand court of honor.

power. It is asserted by those in charge of this light that people sixty miles away can easily read by the reflected illumination at night. Following the canal, which is spanned by graceful bridges, on which are life-sized sculptures of American animals, one skirts the Electricity Building. On the other side of this is the Mining Building, and still beyond is the monstrous Transportation Building, the decoration of which alternately suggest a kaleidoscope and the band wagon of a circus.

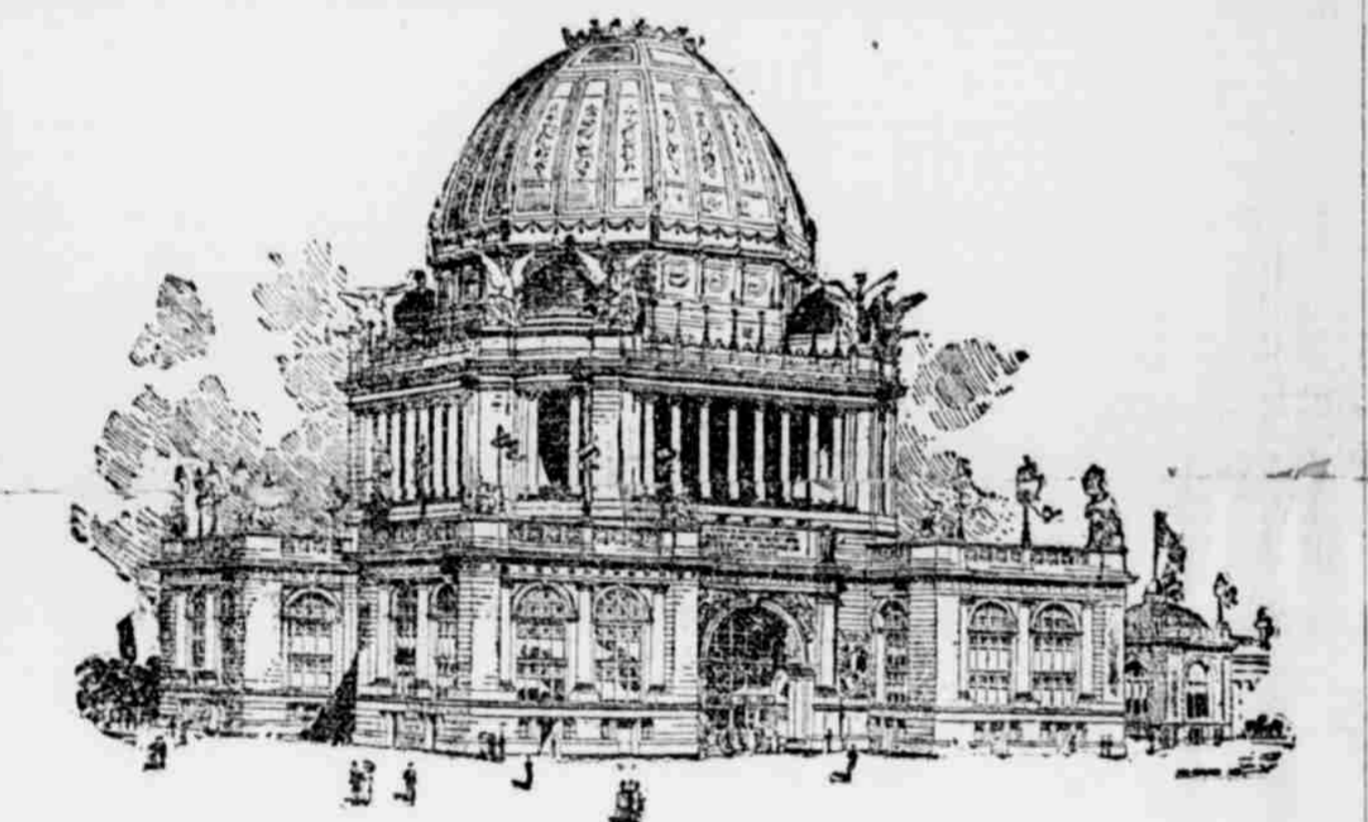
ture and forestry are apart. Electricity, mining, steam machinery and artillery engineering are divorced from each other. The artist and the merchant are no longer under one roof. This impressive lesson is, of course, only to be learned in the departments of the greater Nations. The old style still holds with the Japanese, the East Indians, the South Americans and the South Sea Islanders.

COLUMBIAN FAIR NEWS ITEMS

IT WILL BE OPEN SUNDAYS.

The Buildings Containing Exhibits Will Be Closed, But Everything Else Will Be Wide Open.

On and after May 21 the World's Fair grounds will be open every Sunday. This decision was reached at a meeting of the directors of the Exposition at Chicago on Friday afternoon. President Higginbotham had called upon Edwin Walker, who is chairman of the Committee of Legislation to submit an opinion whether or not the Exposition can be opened on the seventh day, in spite of the restriction placed upon this feature by Congress when the appropriation of \$2,500,000 was granted.



THE GEM OF THE FAIR—THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

The distance from the middle of Chicago is seven miles. One side of the grounds runs along the great lake and the other side faces hundreds of hotels and stores hurriedly erected at the smallest possible cost. There is a strip of land six hundred feet wide and a mile long extending from the main grounds eastward, and this is the Midway Plaisance, which contains the showplaces and private enterprises. The whole exposition will be open from an early hour in the morning until ten o'clock at night and the price of admission fifty cents.

has supplied a list of 70,000 correspondents. From this building messages are going out constantly to the most remote corners of the world. It must be understood that the exposition is a city with a complete government. There are over fifty thousand exhibitors, and two persons for each interest represented would give a fixed population of 100,000. There are well organized and equipped police and fire departments. The Columbian Guard is an independent body of police numbering in the neighborhood of two thousand men, largely made up of ex-soldiers. This body is commanded by Colonel Edmund Price, of the United States Army, and all of its superior officers are detailed from the army. The men are uniformed like soldiers, wear short swords and are under strict military discipline. They present a fine appearance scattered about the grounds. Police and fire stations are placed at strategic points, and the floors of all the buildings are patrolled night and day on a precaution against fire.

the portal of the great water court, while all the railways terminate in a beautiful building on the grounds. On the steamboat pier are moving sidewalks. The outer sidewalk moves at the rate of three miles an hour, so that passengers can step upon it while it is in motion. They can then step to an inner sidewalk which has a speed three miles faster, so that they are carried along the pier at the rate of six miles an hour and can get on or off at will without stopping.

MANY SHOCKING DEATHS

TEN MINERS FALL 3,000 FEET.

Steamers Collide at Sea With Fatal Results. Other Fatalities on Land and Water. The captain of the steamship City of Hamburg, reports that at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon his vessel collided in a fog, off Trevose head, east of Cornwall, with the ship Countess Evelyn, bound, with passengers and iron ore, from Bilbao, Spain, to Newport, Wales. The captain of the Countess Evelyn jumped aboard the City of Hamburg and Mate Richards crawled to her through a hole in the Countess Evelyn's quarter.

THE ATTENDANCE.

Table showing attendance figures for the Columbian Exposition, including dates and visitor counts.

STATE OF THE CROPS.

Taken as a Whole the Conditions Are More Favorable. The weekly crop report, issued at Washington, is as follows: This is the fourth continuous cold week throughout the central valleys, including both the winter and spring wheat regions and the greater portion of the cotton region. While the week has been generally unfavorable to cotton on account of excessive rains and cold, the weather has been more favorable in the wheat and corn regions of the northwest, where seeding, although late, is in general progress.

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number the contributions of France, Great Britain, Germany and Italy. The great flag of the United States stripes floated from the battlements of the Boney Castle on the occasion of opening of the Irish village, in the Midway Plaisance, which the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen preside. The center of attraction was a concert where Lord and Lady Aberdeen addressed the assemblage on the patriotic subject of the village and the commendable purpose of the Irish Industrial Association. A real Irish musical program was carried out, all the musicians singing and jig dancers being the "Old Sod."