

THE CENTURY IS CLOSED.

Washington Celebrates End of One Hundred Years as Seat of the Government.

FESTIVITIES WITNESSED BY THOUSANDS

The President, Congress and Governors of Many States Take Part in the Exercises—Grand Street Parade—Impressive Gathering at the Capitol.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The national capital was in gala attire Wednesday in celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the seat of federal government at Washington, and for the time being the wheels of government ceased revolving, business, public and private, was suspended, while the president and his cabinet, the senate and house of representatives, the federal judiciary, the governors of many states, and a great concourse of citizens and visitors joined in the elaborate festivities of the day.

President's Reception to Governors.
The exercises of the day began at 10:30 o'clock with a reception at the executive mansion given by the president to the governors of the states and territories, their ladies and the members of their staffs. The east room, the red, green and blue parlors, the corridors and staircases had been tastefully decorated with flowers and foliage plants in great numbers and in the flood of electric lights presented a spectacle of rare beauty.

Following is a list of the governors present:
G. W. Atkinson, West Virginia; D. W.

WASHINGTON A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.



The City as It Appeared Shortly After the Seat of Government Was Located.

Biohxm, Florida (represented by Col. F. Q. Brown); C. M. Barnes, Oklahoma; D. W. Jones, Arkansas; J. A. Mount, Indiana; C. S. Thomas, Colorado; E. W. Tunnell, Delaware; L. M. Shaw, Iowa; Llewellyn Powers, Maine; F. W. Rollins, New Hampshire; F. L. Voorhees, New Jersey; J. H. Taylor, Virginia; M. A. Otero, New Mexico; S. Steunberger, Idaho; Gov. Stone, Pennsylvania; E. Scottell, Wisconsin; D. L. Russell, North Carolina; Theodore Roosevelt, New York; A. E. Lee, South Dakota; N. O. Murphy, Arizona; William Gregory, Rhode Island; J. W. Emory, Maryland; W. M. Crane, Massachusetts, and Gov. W. W. Heard, Louisiana.

Gov. Shaw's Address.
Gov. Shaw, of Iowa, closed the speech-making at the white house with an address on "The Development of the States During the Nineteenth Century."

Gov. Shaw said that the close of the most remarkable century in the flight of time finds Americans the best housed, the best fed, the best clothed, the best educated, the best churched, the most profitably employed, and the happiest because the most hopeful of any people at any time or under any sky. Marvelous are the pages of their history; unprecedented and unparalleled the record of their achievements; great and honorable the annals of their deeds. Destiny or man's wisdom, call it which you will, has placed both Asia and the islands of the sea under American tutelage, and has made the flag of freedom the harbinger of better things to 8,000,000 people, the natural distribution point for whose more than \$2,500,000,000 commerce is under the sovereignty of the United States.

Surely the future is bright with possibilities. To be a parent and responsible for the development and education of the baby in the cradle is a great charge; to be of the faculty of a university with 1,000 students is quite enough to make one thoughtful and serious, but to be a citizen of the United States, commissioned to instruct a strange and ancient people in things new and in ways righteous and in acts honorable, and to be answerable to the world and to God for results, should inspire, not pride, but humility, and a demand of the least and of all the exercise of greatest wisdom.

The Grand Spectacle of the Day.
The great public spectacle of the day was the parade and escort to the president, from the white house to the east front of the capitol, where the president reviewed the marching thousands. At the head of the parade rode Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, chief marshal, in full uniform, mounted on a superb charger. His staff included Brig. Gen. Breckenridge and many other prominent officers, mounted and in uniform, presenting a brilliant appearance. The military forces participating included artillery, cavalry, marines and sailors.

The head of the escort reached the capitol about two o'clock. As it moved along Pennsylvania avenue there was tremendous cheering. The presidential party was a center of attraction. The president sat in an open victoria smiling and lifting his hat to the salvos along the line. With him sat Senator Hale, while the cabinet officers followed in carriages and shared in the ovations.

Governors Cheered.
Vying with the presidential party in the interest excited was the notable procession of governors of the states and territories, with their staffs and military escorts. This gave a touch of individual interest to the

people from many states, and the chief executives were warmly welcomed all along the line of march. The governors marched in the order of the admission of the states to the union, Gov. Tunnell of Delaware coming first.

Impressive Gathering at Capitol.
The review was followed by an impressive gathering of the president and cabinet, the members of the senate and house and the judges of the United States supreme court in the hall of the house of representatives, where joint exercises were held commemorating the day. Speaker Henderson called the assemblage to order and Senator Frye, president pro tem. of the senate, presided over the proceedings. The programme at the capitol included the following addresses:

"Transfer of the National Capital from Philadelphia," by Representative Richardson, of Tennessee.
"Establishment of the Seat of Government at the District of Columbia," by Representative Payne, of New York.
"History of the First Century of the National Capital," by Senator McComas, of Maryland.

"The Future of the United States and Its Capital," by Senator Ford, of Virginia.
Historical oration by Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts.

Brilliant Evening Ceremonies.
The evening ceremonies included a reception in honor of the governors of the states and territories at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, at which the president and cabinet and representatives of all classes of public and private life were present.

A FUNERAL SHIP.

Transport Hancock Arrives from the Philippines with Bodies of 1,500 Soldiers and Sailors.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The transport Hancock arrived Monday from Manila via Nagasaki with a gruesome cargo. It consisted of the bodies of

AMERICA WINS A VICTORY

Diplomacy of Secretary of State Hay Has Averted a World of Strife Over China.

TERMS AGREED UPON MORE MODERATE.

Cherished Plans of Germany's Emperor to Impose Humiliating Conditions Are Defeated—The Emperor is Gaining in Power and Strength of Empire is Waning.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—It is now dawning upon the German press and public that Mr. Hay, the American secretary of state, has secured an out-and-out diplomatic victory in obliging the powers, Germany included, to yield to his arguments in favor of more moderate terms in the preliminary joint note to the Chinese peace plenipotentiaries. This clearly-defined defeat is especially bitter here, because Emperor William had set his heart on imposing the most humiliating conditions upon the Chinese, and thus emphasizing Germany's power in their eyes.

Imperial Edict Issued.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.—An imperial edict has been issued appointing Sun Chia-Nai president of the board of rites. This appointment is significant of the growing power of the emperor against the dowager empress. Sun Chia-Nai was the first high official whose residence in Peking was attacked by the Boxers in June.

Acting Under Instructions.
Washington, Dec. 11.—War department officials express no surprise over the report from Peking that Gen. Chaffee has incurred the displeasure of Count von Waldersee because of his letter protesting against looting. Gen. Chaffee's independent action in preventing looters from passing through the gates guarded by the American troops is apparently in conformity with his instructions from the secretary of war.

Will Not Wait.

Peking, Dec. 12.—At a meeting of the ministers it was agreed that as soon as the protocol embracing the terms for the peace negotiations is signed it shall be presented to the Chinese commissioners, and the ministers shall then proceed with the negotiations without waiting for the arrival of sufficiently authentic credentials for the Chinese commissioners.

All Agree to Joint Note.

London, Dec. 13.—The negotiations of the powers in regard to the joint China note were concluded satisfactorily Tuesday, all agreeing to the conditions identically as outlined by Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor of Germany, November 19, with the exception of the introductory clause saying the demands are irrevocable, which is eliminated.

Recovers from Storm.

Manila, Dec. 12.—The transport Solace has arrived here. It was 35 days out from San Francisco and encountered stormy weather after leaving Honolulu. The ship remained at Guam for five days unloading supplies, and reports that it found conditions there rapidly improving. The natives were rebuilding their bridges and villages destroyed by the recent typhoon, although in many of these villages the streets were still flooded. The garrison was enjoying good health.

Kruger in Holland.

The Hague, Dec. 10.—Queen Wilhelmina received Mr. Kruger in audience but gave him no hope of immediate relief. Mr. Kruger received a letter from the czar of Russia expressing sympathy, but saying that owing to illness he could not receive him nor help his cause. He has asked for a conference with Lord Salisbury of England.

One Life Lost.

Milwaukee, Dec. 11.—A Sentinel special from Oconto, Wis., says the Roth hotel was burned Monday. Fourteen persons were in the hotel, all of whom escaped with the exception of Edward Kimball, who lost his life through suffocation. Kimball was a member of company M, Second regiment, Wisconsin national guard.

Ex-Senator Irby Dead.

Laurens, S. C., Dec. 10.—John Laurens Irby died at his home here Sunday. He was the most remarkable political organizer this state has produced, and was but 36 years old when elected senator. He welded together the dissatisfied elements which elected himself and B. R. Tillman to the senate in 1880 to 1886.

Find No Junta.

London, Dec. 8.—In response to Secretary Hay's representations, through United States Ambassador Choate, the foreign office has replied that the authorities at Hong Kong have been unable to discover a Filipino junta there.

Must Pay Full Penalty.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 12.—Theodore Wallert, who murdered his wife and four stepchildren, near Arlington, this state, last August, has been sentenced by Judge Cadwell, at Henderson, to be hanged.

Have Enough Men.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 12.—The Santa Fe officials claim the telegraphers' strike is a thing of the past. They say the strikers' places are so nearly filled that the hiring of men will be stopped.

Ordered to South America.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The warships Iowa and Philadelphia have been ordered from San Diego, Cal., to South America on a mysterious mission, with Admiral Kautz in command.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

Corporation Licenses.

Advance sheets of the report of Secretary of State Rose show that 3,746 corporations have been licensed during the two years ending September 30, 1900, as compared with 3,610 in the preceding two years. The number of foreign corporations licensed was 374, as compared with 729 in the preceding two years. Of domestic corporations licensed 2,579 were for profit, 1,099 not for profit, 14 building and loan associations and 54 railroads. The fees received from corporations for two years aggregate \$671,935.72.

Equalized Values.

The following official totals of assessed and equalized values of the several classes of property in the state auditor's office since the adjournment of the state board of equalization:

Value	Assessed	Equalized
Personal property	\$188,011,967	\$157,426,634
Real estate	309,823,876	258,588,047
Township	291,877,536	294,030,825
Railroad property (assessed by board)	77,803,418	77,903,418
Capitalists (assessed by board)	4,808,630	4,808,630
Totals	\$869,225,127	\$809,768,151

Strange Verdict.

Death of "bovel trouble and a complication of doctors" was the verdict given by a coroner's jury in Aurora at an inquest held on the body of Mrs. Megney Fridland. She was taken ill with cramps and successively called in seven doctors within a few hours of each other, no one physician making more than one call.

Reward for Missing Girl.

The St. Clair county board of supervisors has offered a reward of \$200 for information of Annie Hughes, who was stolen by gypsies at Lebanon. If the girl has been murdered a reward of \$500 will be paid for the detection of the murderer. The girl was carried away several weeks ago and has not since been heard of.

A Fatal Quarrel.

Ernest Turner shot and instantly killed a young man named Stafford and mortally wounded a young man named Nels at Dresser, south of Panna. The trouble occurred at a dance and the young men had been drinking. Young Turner was arrested and placed in jail.

Business Houses Burned.

Fire destroyed the business portion of the little town of Etna, south of Mattoon. The Methodist Episcopal church, Jacob Raines' general store, O. P. Spillman's hardware store and Zimmer's blacksmith shop were among the buildings burned.

Six Killed.

The explosion of a boiler at the Northwestern railway power house in Chicago caused six deaths, injured 16 and did damage to property estimated at \$45,000. The cause of the disaster is unknown.

Told in a Few Lines.

The next state fair will be held in Springfield September 23 to 29.

Hubert Burnham, of Evanston, 19-year-old son of D. H. Burnham, architect, has been appointed by President McKinley a cadet at large at the naval academy at Annapolis.

Edward Griffith Miner, who was a political associate and friend of Abraham Lincoln, Lyman Trumbull, John M. Palmer and others of national fame, died at Winchester, aged 91.

Members of the Illinois society celebrated in Springfield the eighty-second anniversary of the admission of Illinois to statehood.

Miss Maggie Allen, aged 33, a prominent resident of Haynes township, Marion county, committed suicide by jumping into a cistern. Financial trouble was the cause.

The twenty-seventh annual convention of the North Central Illinois Medical association was held in La Salle.

Oscar E. Heard has just closed a 16-year term as state's attorney of Stephenson county. In that time he secured the conviction of 2,241 criminals, among the number being three murderers, two of whom were hanged.

Fire destroyed the factory of the Aurora soap works. Loss, \$40,000; partially insured. The factory was owned by H. Newman.

Attorney General Akin will institute proceedings against Illinois corporations that have violated anti-trust laws.

Benjamin H. Williams, one of the oldest citizens and a veteran of the Black Hawk and Mexican wars, died at his home in Benton, aged 86 years.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in Kankakee was destroyed by fire on the twenty-sixth anniversary of its dedication. Loss, \$20,000.

Twelve hundred Baptist churches in the state are planning to hold a regular old-fashioned revival meeting lasting for an entire week, beginning January 13.

Game Commissioner Loveday seized 1,000 quail packed in barrels of rabbits, in course of shipment from Franklin county to St. Louis.

John P. Kunze, a paroled convict, who figured in the Cronin case, was kidnapped in Milwaukee and taken back to Joliet to serve out his unexpired term.

Mrs. Elizabeth Judd died at her home at Sycamore, aged 90 years. She had lived in DeKalb county since 1844.

Mrs. Charles H. Blow, wife of a former state game warden, swore out warrants in Chicago charging her husband with attempting to murder her and her three children.

William B. Dunton was convicted in the United States district court of embezzling \$15,500 from the Union national bank in Chicago while employed as auditing clerk.

John W. Coppinger, former United States consul to Toronto, died at Alton, aged 49 years.

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