PHILADELPHIA, 10.

10 a. m. The morning was very rainy, with prospect of a steady rainy day. The city is crowded with visitors, trains last evening and this morning having come from all directions, with crowds of passengers from abroad. The streets party came to the platform they are all ablaze with flags, and notwithstanding the rain, patriotic decorations are numerous and fine. The Expositition opening is the only topic of conversation. Since early in the morning, throngs of people on foot, in street cars, carriages, wagons and steam cars have been pouring toward the Centennial grounds, in anticipation of the opening of the gates. This morning early a military parade, comprising portions of the first division, took place, passing through the principal streets of the city.

bunting is displayed in profusion in the rendition of the national airs, all thoroughfares, and to-night there will be a grand illumination. The doors of the Exhibition were promptly opened at 9 a. m. Since that hour there has been at all the different entrances a continuous a. m., been very threatening, have now entirely disappeared, and indications are that the day will be extremely hot. The foreign commissioners and other distinguished little confusion, their entrance being effected through the main exhibition building, which will remain closed to the general public till noon. The ceremonies opened at precisely 10:15 a.m., the national airs of all nations being performed by the large orchestra. It is estimated that 50,000 people are on the grounds and the populace is still pressing at all of the various entrances. Every available spot in the neighborhood of the grand stand in front of Memorial Hall is ity of the vast assemblage stood occupied by the crowd, who are with uncovered heads. now impatiently awaiting the arrival of the President of the U.S.,

and the weather is beautiful and holiness the angels veil their faces, true philosophy, warmed with the Hall, Machinery Hall and Hortisunny, but not too warm. The and the spirits of the just made animations of world wide sympa- cultural Hall. These and other grounds are in very good condition, perfect bow in humble adoration. thy. May capital, genius and la-substantial offerings stand as eviin spite of hard rains. The gates Thou art the Creator of all things, bor be freed from all antagonism dence of their patriotic co-operation. opened at a little after eight o'clock, the preserver of all that exists, by the establishment and ap- To the United States of America, and crowds have been pouring in whether they be thrones, or domin- plication of such principles of jus- through Congress, we are indebted ever since. It is roughly estimated ions, or principalities, or powers. tice and equity as shall recon- for aid which crowned our success. that fifty thousand people are now The minute and the vast atoms cile diversified interests, and In addition to those to which I on the grounds, and still there is a and worlds alike attest the ubiqui- | bind in imperishable bands all have just referred, there are other constant rush of people through the ty of thy presence and the omnipo- parts of society. We pray thy ben- beautiful and convenient edifices gates. A spacious platform has been tence of thy sway. Thou alone art ediction especially on the women which have been erected by repreerected at the side of Memorial the sovereign ruler of nations, of America, who for the first time sentatives of foreign nations, by Hall, north of the centre of the Thou raiseth up one and casteth in the history of our race, take so State authority and by individuals, main building. Seats are arranged down another, and thou givest the conspicuous a place in a national which are also devoted to the puron the platform for officials and kingdoms of the world to whom- celebration. May the light of their poses of the Exhibition. other invited guests. At the right soever thou wilt. The past, with intelligence, purity, and enterprise of the centre are seats for the Presi- all its records, is the unfolding of shed its beams afar, that in distant dent of the U.S. and members of thy counsels and the realization of lands their sisters may realize the the Cabinet, and further to the thy grand designs. We hail thee beauty and glory of Christian freeright are the seats of the U.S. as our rightful ruler, the King eter- dom and elevation. We beseech senators, members of the House nal, immortal, and invincible, the thee, Almighty Father, that our of Representatives, governors of only true God, blessed for ever- beloved republic may be strengthvarious states, with their staff, more. We come, in this glad day, ened in every element of state officers, supreme court and O thou God of our fathers, into true greatnes until her mislegislature of Pennsylvania and these courts with thanksgiving and sion is accomplished by prerepresentatives of the army and into these gates with praise. We senting to the world an illustration navy, Smithsonian Institute, U. bless thee for thy wonderful good- of the happiness of a free people, S. judges, officers of the execu- ness in the past, for the land which with a free church in a free State, tive, of bureaus, and members of thou gavest to our fathers, a land under laws of their own enactment, the woman's centennial commit- veiled from the ages, from the an- and under rulers of their own selectee. On the left centre are seats of cient world, but revealed in the tion, acknowledging supreme allethe U. S. Supreme Court, and fur- fullness of time to thy chosen peo- giance only to the King of kings ther to the left seats for the mem- ple, whom thou didst lead by thine and Lord of lords. And as thou bers of the diplomatic corps and own right hand through the bil- didst give to one of its illustrious members of the centennial com- lows of the deep, a land of vast sons first to draw experiment. This exhibition is but a school expectedly heavy burdens have mission, board of finance, woman's extent, of towering mountains ally the electric spark from executive committee, foreign com- and broad plains, of unnumbered heaven, which has since girdled missions, mayor, councils and other products and of untold treas- the globe in its celestial whispers officials of Philadelphia, mayors of ures. We thank thee for the of glory to God in the highest, ed, if by that study the nations country has greatly magnified the other cities, state centennial boards, fathers of our country men of peace on earth and good will to Board of Award, judges, yacht and mind and of might, who endured men, so to latest time may respect for each other, then it may judgment of the degree of success rifle clubs. Along the front of the privation and sacrifices, who brav- the mission of America, under platform are seats for members of ed multiplied dangers rather than divine inspiration, be one of the press. The orchestra of one defile their consciences, or be un- affection, brotherhood, and love hundred and fifty pieces and a cho- true to their God, men who laid on for all our race, and may the comrus of one thousand voices, under the broad foundation of truth and ing centuries be filled with the the direction of Theodore Thomas justice the grand structure of civil glory of our Christian civilization. and Dudley Buck, are stationed di- freedom. We praise thee for the And unto thee, our Father, through rectly in front of the platform.

the music to stop, and five minutes ington and his grand associates, for now and forever. Amen." later the President, escorted by Gen. | the wisdom with which they plan-Hawley, advanced to the front of ned and the firmness and heroism "Hail to the Chief," during which wast their shield in the hours of elicited loud applause. time the President shook hands with danger, their pillar of cloud by the Emperor and other guests.

there are a hundred thousand pec- footsteps and imitate their virtues. | Cour Father's God, from out whose hand ple on the ground,

At 11 o'clock the President tional prosperity and progress, for Me meet to-day, united, free, and party, accompanied by of- laudable discoveries and multiplied To thank thee for the era done, fficials previously designated, inventions and labor-saving ma- Land trust thee for the opening one.

proceeded to the platform. The chinery, relieving the toiling mastary, the platform was at once cals scattered like leaves of autumn space and all available points of for freedom to worship God acelevation in the neighborhood were | cording to the dictates of conscience, already occupied by crowds of visi-The orchestra, while the seats were being secured, played national airs.

As the Emperor of Brazil and were loudly cheered, and the orchestra played the Brazilian national hymn. General Hawley greeted the distinguished visitors. The Emperor was in citizen's dress, and wore decorations concealed under the lappel of his coat. The platform was by this time much crowded and many guests were unprovided with seats.

The inaugural ceremonies are now fully under way. At 10:30 a.m. Dom Pedro arrived and was escorted to his 'seat by General Hawley. At 10:45 General To-day being a legal holiday Phil. Sheridan and wife passed this State, all places of over from the building to the stand and was greeted with great applause, which he gracefully acknowledged. He was closely followed by Hon. J. G. Blaine and Senator Jones of Nevada and wife-At 10:45 the President entered jam. The clouds, which had up to through Memorial Hall and was conducted to his seat on the front of the platform, Gov. Hartranft, General Hawley and Hon. D. J. Morrill occupying seats on his left, while Messrs. John Welsh and Goguests are being seated with very shorn were on his right. Considerable amusement was caused by the sudden appearance of Fred Douglass, who had by some mischance worked his way through the crowd, and was helped over the ropes by the officers and conducted to a seat on the platform. He was greeted with cheers. At 11:3 Wagner's Centennial Inauguration March was performed by the orchestra, at the conclusion of which Bishop Simpson offered up prayer, during the rendering of which the major-

THE PRAYER. day and their pillar of fire by night. HYMN BY JOHN GREENLEAF It is now 11.30. It is estimated May we, their sons, walk in their! We thank thee for social and na- The centuries fall like grains of sand,

President, having been escorted to ses, for schools free as the morning the grounds by Governor Hart- light, for the millions of the rising ranft, with a division of the mili- generation, for books and periodicrowded, and all the surrounding over the land, for art and science, for a church unfettered by the trammels of state.

"Bless, we pray thee, the President

of the United States and his consti-

tutional advisers, the judges of the

Supreme Court, the Senators and

Representatives in Congress, the

governors of our several common-

wealths, the officers of the army

and the navy, and all who are in

land. Guide them, we pray thee, with counsels of wisdom, and may they ever rule in righteousness. We ask this blessing to rest upon the President and members of the Centennial Commission, and upon those associated with them in the various departments, who have labored long and earnestly amidst anxieties and difficulties for the success of this enterprise. May thy special, blessing, nial commission. business in the city are closed, in front of Memorial Hall, during O thou God of all the nations the earth, rest upon our national guests, our visitors from "Mr. President, and Gentlemen of distant lands. We welcome them to our shores, and we rejoice in their presence among us, whether they represent thrones or culture or research, or whether ment of the U.S. and of the several they come to exhibit the triumphs distinguished bodies by whom we of genius and art, in the develop- are surrounded, and in behalf of ment of industry, in the progress the Centennial Board of Finance, of civilization. Preserve thou them, I greet you. In readiness at the we beseech thee, in health and appointed time, I have the honor in safety, and in due time may to announce to you that under your they be welcomed by loved ones supervision and in accordance with lands. Let thy blessing rest richly you, we have erected the buildings interested be precious in thy necessary for the opening of the tion in effort may bind more them for their intended occupaclosely together every part of our tion, and we hold ourselves ready may be perpetual and indissoluble. | ments that may be needed Let its influence draw the nations for carrying into full and complete of the earth into a happier unity. effect all the requirements of the Hereafter, we pray thee, may all acts of Congress relating to the disputed questions be settled by ar- Exhibition. For a like purpose we bitration, and not by the sword, also appropriate the buildings be-"Almighty and everlasting God, and may war forever cease among longing to the State of Pennsylvawho has just been escorted to the our heavenly Father; Heaven is thy the sons of men. May the new nia and the city of Philadelphia main entrance by the military. throne, and the earth is thy foot- century be better than the past, erected by the United States at 10:15 a. m. The sky has cleared stool. Before thy majesty and more radiant with the light of the their bidding, to wit, Memorial closing century, for the founders of him whose life is the light of men, At 10:48 the signal was given for the republic, for immortal Wash- will we ascribe glory and praise,

At the conclusion of Bishop the platform, and was loudly cheer- which, under thy blessing, led Simpson's prayer, Whittier's hymn ed. The orchestra then played them to triumphant success. Thou was sung with grand effect, and

WHITTIER.

ATRICOCTES ANNI SOLD STATE

'Here, where of old, by thy design, The Fathers spake that word of thine, Whose echo is the glad refrain Of rended bolt and falling chain, To grace our festal time from all The zones of earth our guests we call.

"Be with us while the new world greets The old world, thronging all its streets, Unveiling all the triumphs won By art or toil beneath the sun, And unto common good ordain This rivalship of hand and brain.

"Thou who hast here in concord furled The war flags of a gathered world, Beneath our western skies fulfill The Orient's mission of good will, And, freighted with love's golden fleece, Send back the argonauts of peace.

"For art and labor met in truce, For beauty made the bride of use, We thank thee, while withal we crave official position throughout our The austere virtues strong to save, The honor proof to place or gold. The munhood never bought or sold.

> 'O make thou us, through centuries long n peace secure, in justice strong; Around our gift of freedom draw The saf-guards of thy righteous law, And, cast in some diviner mould, Let the new cycle shame the old.'

Welsh, President of the cententennial board of finance, presented the buildings to the U.S. Centen-

WELSH'S SPEECH.

of the United States Centennial Commmission:

"In the presence of the Governagain to their own, their native the plan fixed and established by on this Centennial celebration. | belonging to us and have made all May the lives and health of all the arrangements devolving on us Preside in its assem- International Exhibition. We blies. Grant that this associa- hereby now formally appropriate great republic, so that our union to make all further arrange-

good will towards men.'"

The speaker was frequently applauded.

President of the Centennial Commission accepted the great trust confided by the Board of Finance.

At 11:35 Lanier's cantata was rendered.

CANTATA BY SIDNEY LAN-IER OF GEORGIA.

"From this hundred terraced height, Sight more large with noble light, Ranges down you towering years, Humbler smiles and lordlier tears Shine and fall, shine and fall.

"While old voices rise and call Yonder where the to and fro, Weltering of my long ago, Moves about the moveless base, Far below my resting place, May flower, May Flower slowly hither fly.

Trembling westward o'er you balking sea. Hearts within 'Farewell, Dear England sighing. Winds without but 'Dear in vain' replying, Gray lipp'd waves about thee shouted cry-'No, it shall not be.'

"Jameston, out of thee, Plymouth thee, thee Albany, Winter cries, 'Ye freeze, away!' Fever cries, 'Ye burn, away!' Hunger cries, 'Ye starve, away!' Vengeance cries, 'Your graves shall stay.'

"Then old shapes and masks of things, Framed like faiths or clothed like kings; Ghosts of goods once fleshed and fair, From foul leads in alien air; War and his most noisy lords, Tongued with lithe and poisoned swords; Error, terror, rage and crime, All in a windy night of time, Cry to me from land and sea, 'No! thou shalt not be!'

"Harki Hugenots whispering, 'Ye in the Puritans answering. 'Ye in the dark,' 'Ye' like an arrow, shot true to its mark, Darts through the tyrannous heart of de-Patience and labor and solemn-souled trial,

Foiled, still beginning, Soiled but not sinning, Toil through the stertious death of the Toil when wild brother wars now dark the

Toil and forgive and kiss o'er and replight.

"Now praise to God's oft granted grace; Now praise to man's undaunted face, Despite the land despite the sea, 'I was, I am, and I shall be.' How long, good angel, O how long, Sing me from Heaven a man's own song?

"Leng as thine art shall love true love, Long as thy science truth shall know, Long as thine eagle harms no dove, Long as thy law by law shall grow, Long as thy God is God above, Thy brother every man below, So long, dear land of all my love, Thy name shall shine, thy fame shall glow.

"O music, from this height of time my word In thy large signals all men's hearts man's heart behold, 'Mid heaven unroll, thy chords as friendly flags unfurled, And wave the world's best lovers' welcome to

the world."

Every word of the basso solo by Myrn N. Whitney, was distinctly audible at the rear of the guests platform. The assemblage maintained excellent order throughout and loudly applauded Whitney, who acknowledged by repeating a portion of the cantata.

At the close the members of the chorus called for Buck, the composer of the music, who made his appearance and bowed an acknowledgment of the compliment. At 11:48 began the presentation

speech by Gen. Hawley turning the exhibition building over to the President of the U.S.

GEN. HAWLEY'S SPEECH.

"Mr. President-Five years ago the President of the United States declared it fitting that the completion of the first century of our national existence should be commemorated by an exhibition of the natural resources of the country and their development, and of its "Ladies and gentlemen, if in the progress in those arts which benefit past we have met with disappoint- mankind, and ordered that an exments, difficulties and trials, they hibition of American and foreign have been overcome by the con- arts, products and manufactures sciousness that no sacrifice can be should be held under the auspices too great which is made to honor of the Government of the United the memories of those who brought | States, in the city of Philadelphia, our nation into being. This com- in the year 1876. To put into effect memoration of the events of 1776 the several laws relating to the exexcites our present gratitude. The hibition, the United States Cenassemblage here to-day of so many tennial Commission was constitutforeign representatives, uniting ed, composed of two commissioners with us in this reverential tribute, from each State and Territory, is our reward, we congratulate you nominated by their respective govon the occurrence of this day, ernors, and appointed by the Many of the nations have gathered President. The Congress also here in peaceful competition. Each created our auxiliary and assomay profit by the competition, ciate corporation, the Centennial each may profit by the association. Board of Finance, whose un-The more thoroughly its lessons been nobly borne. A remark are learned, the greater will be the able and paralyzing disturbance of gain, and, when it shall haveclos- the finances and industries of the engaged in it shall have learned task, but we hope for a favorable be hoped that veneration of Him attained. July 4th, 11873, this who rules on high will become ground was dedicated to its present universal, and the angel's song uses. Twenty-one months ago this once more be heard-Glory to God | Memorial Hall was begun. All the in the highest, and on earth peace; other one hundred and eighty buildings within the enclosure have been erected within twelve months. All the buildings embraced in the plans of the commission itself are Gen. Hawley arose and said the finished. The demands of applicants exceeded the space, and strenuous and continuous efforts have been made to get every exhibit ready in time. By general consent the exhibition is appropriately held in the City of Brotherly Love. Yonder, almost wir in your view, stands the venerated edifice wherein occurred the event this work is designed to commemorate, and the hall in which the fir & Continental Congress assembled. Within the