

# TAFT STARTS EXPOSITION

Touches Golden Key in White House That Puts Wheels in Motion in Seattle.

ALL NORTHWEST REJOICED.

Salute of Twenty-One Guns Fired, Guns of War Fleets in Harbor Responding.

Buildings Are Bunched, A New Display—Many New Features—All Exhibits but One Installed.

Seattle, Wash., June 1.—President Taft in the White House at 3 o'clock this afternoon, pressed a telegraph key of Alaska gold and sent a spark across the continent that put in motion the wheels of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, loosed the waters of its fountains, unfolded its banners, started its bands playing, released showers of daylight fireworks, called upon the saluting guns of the American and Japanese fleets, set all the steamers in the harbor and all the locomotives in the railroad yards bellowing and shrieking and brought forth universal rejoicing from all Seattle which had tolled for years to bring about this day.

## PRESIDENT'S TELEGRAM.

Following is the text of the telegram sent by President Taft after he had been notified that the fair was ready for its official opening.

"Mr. J. E. Chittberg, president Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, Seattle, Wash.: I congratulate you and your association on this auspicious opening of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, and I congratulate the people of the north-west on the courage and enterprise they have shown in bringing it forth. The exposition, designed as it is to exploit the natural resources and many-colored wealth of Alaska and the development of trade and commerce on the Pacific slope, should appeal not only to the people of the west, but to the people of the country at large. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is a work of birth and that it will prove a source of instruction and education to the people of the world."

## JUDGE GOWANS HOLDS COURT MINUS A CLERK

Solves Embarrassment by Going It Alone—Cases Piling Up on Account of Wrangle.

Judge Gowans of the juvenile court solved the embarrassment of the court this morning when he acted as judge and clerk and committed Ellen Butters, 15 years old, to the state industrial school for two weeks, on account of the wrangle over the appointment of a clerk. Judge Gowans, who is a clerk himself, said that a session of the court has been held for two weeks, on account of the wrangle over the appointment of a clerk. Judge Gowans, who is a clerk himself, said that a session of the court has been held for two weeks, on account of the wrangle over the appointment of a clerk.

## CEREMONIAL EXERCISES.

The ceremonial exercises were held in a vast natural amphitheater sloping to Lake Washington. The stage, seating 1,500 persons, is at the lake's edge, and the audience, seated on the grassy slopes, is on either side of the stage.

The program consisted of music, an invocation by Catholic Bishop Edward J. O'Day, brief addresses by Director General A. A. Naudeau and President J. E. Chittberg, the long address by James J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern, and the invocation by the Episcopal Bishop Frederick W. Keator.

Then just before noon, Pacific time, word was flashed to the White House that all was ready and President Taft's reception set loose the flags, bells, machinery, curious Japanese fireworks and noise. When the message was announced a huge gong struck five strokes, and an enormous American flag was unfurled and hoisted to the top of the flagpole.

A mountain battery fired a salute of 21 guns, the Japanese and American fleets, the harbor, several miles away, crashed out their tribute, and a band was served to invited guests at the speaking platform and in the New York building. During the afternoon there were receptions at all the state buildings. The day was warm and party cloudy.

The fair as thrown open today was finished and carpenters and painters were nowhere to be seen. The delayed exhibits will be installed at night. The only serious deficit is in the Hawaiian and Philippine displays but the transport Dix is speeding hither with them and should arrive next Thursday.

Seattle, Wash., June 1.—The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition cost \$10,000,000 and was planned in two years. The grouping of buildings is much different than at other expositions. The structures are compactly placed; there is no long, tiresome walk from one exhibit to another. After entering the main gates, two buildings standing in a cluster of trees to the left, first meet the eye. One is where the administration of the exposition is centered and the other the auditorium, a brick and steel building of imposing architecture.

To the right and across Puget plaza, is the fine arts palace, this building contains a valuable art display loaned from famous collections all over the world. A beautiful picture of the section of Olympic place and Alaska avenue. To the right is a view down the "Pay Street," the exposition amusement, and to the left, a front view of the auditorium and the University of Washington, in the distance.

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The woman is charged with conducting, keeping and having control of one or more houses of ill-fame, within the precincts of the place on the west side known as the "stockade," and that she so conducts the houses against the statutes of the state and ordinances of the city.

The Citizens' Investment company, which owns and controls the houses in the "stockade" is charged with being the owner of the premises and houses which are resorted to for lewd purposes, also directly in violation of the state law and city ordinances in regard to the matter.

It is the purpose of all moral minded men and women to crush, if possible, this blighting influence of the "stockade," and to this end a number of the local organizations devoted to the maintenance of high standards of purity are arranging to have a good attendance of the people back of the movement to clean the notorious spot from the west side out of existence, to give support to the county attorney and others interested in bringing the woman and the company controlled by her to justice.

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