

PRESIDENT TAFT, WHO WILL DELIVER ADDRESS AT STATE FAIR, AND VIEW OF MANUFACTURERS' AND LIBERAL ARTS BUILDING.

State's Greatest Fair Looked For This Year

President Taft Accepts Invitation to Speak---Unusual Interest on Part of Exhibitors---New Attendance Record Probable.

THAT the seventy-first New York State Fair, to be held at Syracuse Sept. 11 to 16, will compare favorably with the greatest agricultural and industrial exhibitions of the year is the opinion of state officers who have kept in touch with the preparations for the numerous departments of the Fair. The interest on the part of exhibitors, many of them from distant states, and the number and character of the attractions

invited last year to cancel his engagement, and he will probably welcome the opportunity of inspecting what New York has done toward providing a \$2,000,000 plant as a permanent home for its annual exposition. The state's first work on the permanent grounds is seen in the magnificent Manufacturers' and Liberal Arts building near the main entrance to the grounds and forming the south side of Empire State court. This building, erected at a cost of \$220,000, contains

dent Taft and Governor Dix, who will follow the custom of chief executives of attending the Fair on at least one day, is expected to help materially toward establishing a new record for attendance. The attendance figures for the past few years show such a healthy growth in the Fair that there seems little reason to doubt but that over 200,000 people will visit this year's exposition. Members of the State Fair commission predict that with favorable weather the attendance will go over 225,000. The record attendance for the week of the exposition is 197,000, made last year. This bettered the attendance of 1909 by 17,000, and 1908 was ahead of 1907 by 20,000. The surplus from the receipts of 1910 turned into the state treasury by the commission was approximately \$71,000. In 1909 it was \$41,000; in 1908, \$26,000, and in 1907, \$20,000. These figures are pointed to as proving the wisdom of the permanent grounds plan and as warranting appropriations annually for new buildings.

AEROPLANE IN WAR.

Possibilities For Using It to Be Tried Out at State Fair. After deciding to contract for an aeroplane for exhibition flights about the New York State Fair grounds at the exposition in September, the State Fair commission went a step further and arranged to have a biplane of sufficient size and power to permit of the carrying of passengers. The object of this move is to demonstrate the possibilities in the utilization of the aeroplane in war by carrying messengers, throwing fake bombs and firing rifles from the machine. It promises to be one of the most spectacular series of exhibitions where the heavier than air flying machine plays the important part ever seen in this country.

State Fair Commissioner C. A. Wieting of Cobleskill, who is in charge of the attractions which are to furnish free entertainment for State Fair visitors, has closed a contract for the use of a Wright aeroplane which positively flies on schedule time. There will be two exhibition flights daily of over fifteen minutes' duration each, when the Wright aviator will carry passengers selected by the State Fair commission. When the aeroplane is not in use it will be on exhibition for inspection by Fair visitors.

The Wright brothers positively invented the aeroplane, constructed the first man carrying machine and sold to the United States government its first aeroplane. The Wright machine was the first to fly in America, France, Germany, England, and, in fact, all of the European countries.

The State Fair commission felt it very important in arranging for aeroplane exhibitions that a machine be secured that would fly at the times advertised. An investigation showed that at all of the large aviation meets last year the Wright machines were in the air all of the time regardless of wind or rain. At the Boston meet, where twenty-five machines of different makes were entered, Ralph Johnstone, who was later killed in executing his famous spiral glide, flew for two hours in a Wright machine for the duration prize when other aviators dared not leave the ground.

Concerts by Famous Band.

It will be a source of pleasure to many lovers of good music to learn that the band concerts which have furnished one of the very enjoyable features at the State Fair will be continued this year. Arthur Pryor and his famous American band, which have entertained critical audiences in all of the large cities of the United States, will be heard in the morning in Empire State court and in the afternoon in front of the grand stand at the race course.

Mr. Pryor is known as a leader of exceptional ability, and he has surrounded himself with very able musicians. The musical programs will be promoted, compare with anything that has been heard at out of door concerts in this country.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERMONS BY REV. SAMUEL W. PURVIS, D.D.

THE EXTRA MILE.
Text: "Whoever shall compel thee to go a mile go with him twain"—Matt. V. 41.
Not much choice about it. If Roman officer or courier wearing "S. P. Q. R." and imperial eagles above it on his cloak said you'd have to conduct him over an unfamiliar mile you'd have to go. You might be drafted for any service at any time at any place. No redress. When the Nazarene fell stumbling and fainting under his cross a rough soldier's hand was laid on the shoulder of a stranger in Jerusalem. Simon of Cyrene, a disinterested bystander watching the strange procession going up Calvary's hill on the way to the execution. "By the authority of the senate and the Roman people thou art commissioned to bear this felon's cross." Ugh! Carry a gibbet to the place of torment! Ye gods, a grewsome task! But there's no choice. Queer! By the irony of fate this very Nazarene had taught that his disciples should willingly go the requisitioned mile and then cheerfully, unasked, go an extra mile! Anybody, everybody, had to go the first mile, and off with scowling face and muttered curse did they do it. The first mile, therefore, showed nothing of Christian character, but the second free, joyous mile took away the bitterness of the first from the drafted recruit and left the courier with amazed eyes. "He surely was a follower of the Christ!"

Why Should We?
"Except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees," said Jesus. The Pharisee's mile was measured with exactness. He did what he had to, no more. He tithed all his garden herbs and said the required number of prayers, but no more. Too many modern Christians measure their miles to God.

Oh, these stingy Christians! They've to learn that generosity reacts. "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over." Some folks go to church just enough to keep up their membership. The prayer meeting and the communion service never see them. They know to a dot the Sunday the special coal collection will be taken—sick headache that day! It's a mighty hard mile for those who walk with God through sense of duty, fear, prudence or necessity. There is no virtue in compulsory obedience. No wonder some religion is irksome. Christians are to be known in their excess of the claims of duty, custom or conventionality. The extra miles are the marks of a Christian.

Sublime Concession.
"But that 'extra mile' isn't practicable; it isn't good working hypothesis. The world isn't ruled by men with velvet gloves." True enough. But we've tried the mailed fist ever since the days of Christ and before. It isn't such a glowing success either. The armed camp of Europe is the answer. Millennium's far off as ever. The millions and energy had better be spent on our gigantic social wrongs. The toiler needs that extra mile. Our great thinkers believe society is making the criminal and underdog instead of helping him. Christian United States returned unasked the loot indemnity money to heathen China—the extra mile. Did it pay? You and your workmate had words long ago. You're a Christian; he isn't. He nodded half recognition the other morning. You gave chilly response. Shame! 'Twas for you to make the advance. "If ye salute your brethren only," says Christ, and "if ye love them that love you" only, "what reward have you? Do not even the publicans the same?" Do the weak, the wounded, the erring, make you impatient? You've "done enough for them." Say, try another mile! You've done your part to "make up" with your friend? Yes, but it was cold, frigid, punctilious. Throw a little warmth, affection, enthusiasm, into it; go an extra mile and watch results. You'll break his heart and bind him to you with hoops of gold.

The Extra Mile.
"Do you mean meet a person half way, preacher?" Yes, and, more than that, always be a little kinder than you need be; do a little more than could be reasonably looked for. Mary's week in the kitchen, Martha's upstairs. "Say, Martha," calls Mary, "I've a blinding headache; would you kindly dry the dishes if I wash them?" "Certainly, girl; just you go lie down; I'll both wash and dry them." Next week Martha calls to Mary, "Sister mine, don't you have to meet Mr. Eligible at the 4:30 train?" "Yes." "Well, you'll never make it, child." "I know it. Would you mind sewing on a button for me?" "Sure I will. And just let me finish the parlor dusting for you while you run and get dressed." Listen, brother, is your employer very exacting? Rest of the fellows do what they're paid for—no more? Do they "leave their hammers hanging in the air" when the whistle blows? Other clerks watch the clock and loaf in the dressing room? You the only Christian in the crowd? All right. "What do ye more than others?" Now, tomorrow work just a little harder and a little better than the boss could reasonably expect. It's the service not down in the contract that wins respect. It's the fellow who does more than he's asked to do and is willing to do what other clerks are unwilling to do who finally lands the plump promotion. Try the extra mile!

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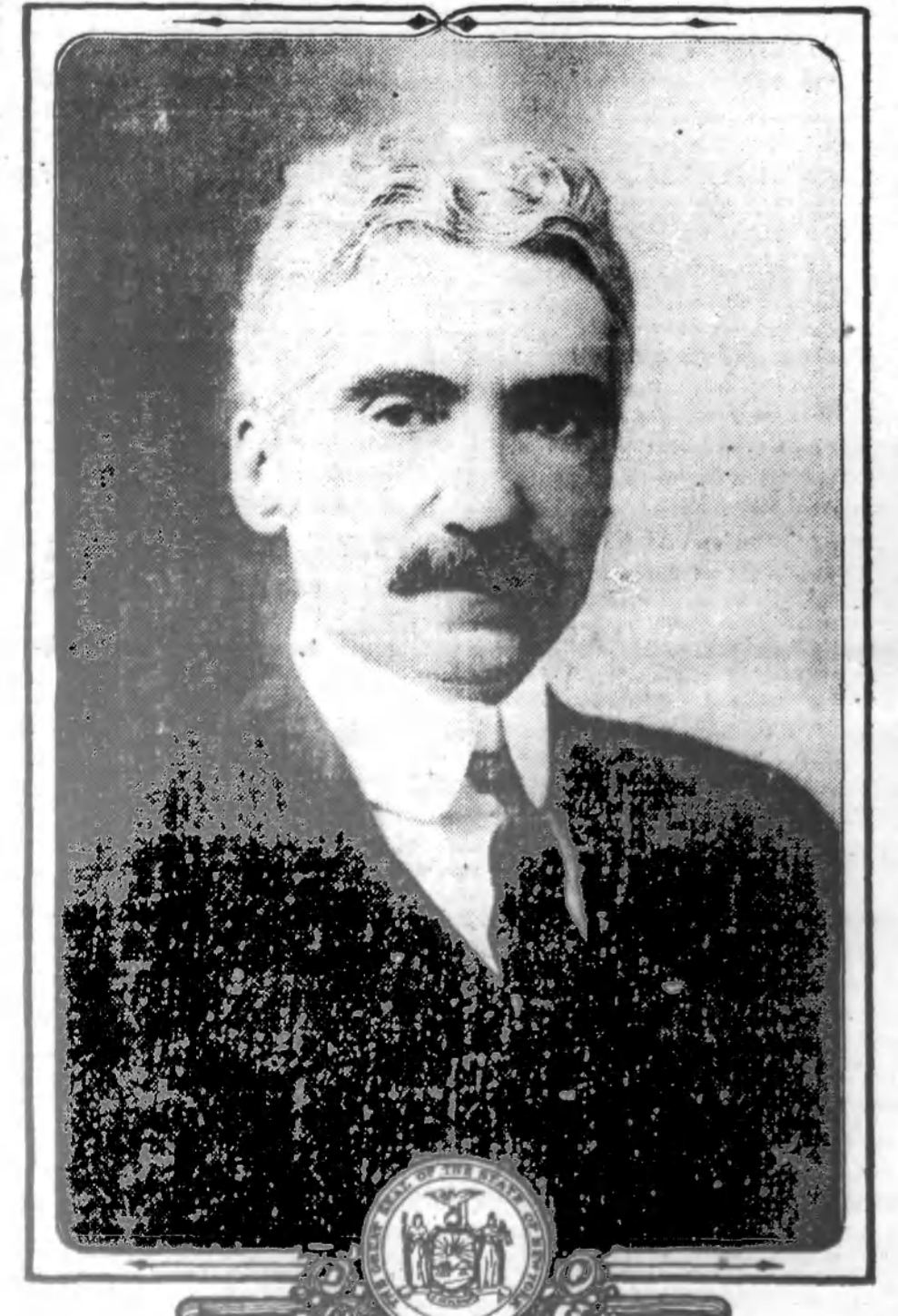
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR THOMAS F. CONWAY, NEW HEAD OF THE NEW YORK STATE FAIR COMMISSION.

tions arranged for the entertainment of the crowds leave little doubt but that the New York exposition will this year take its place with the big fairs of western states.
President William H. Taft will be one of the distinguished visitors. Announcement is made that President Taft has accepted the invitation extended by Lieutenant Governor Thomas F. Conway, head of the State Fair commission, to visit the Fair and deliver an address in Empire State court. It will be the president's first visit to the New York State Fair grounds, he being forced after accepting a similar

90,000 square feet of floor space, and this space will be occupied by seventy-seven manufacturers and merchants from nine different states. At the north of the court are the Dairy, Grange and State Institutions, buildings, joined by towering white colonnades. The entire new construction represents an expenditure of over \$600,000. The next important work to be undertaken by the State Fair commission when funds are available will be the erection of brick cattle buildings with suitable judging rings, a step strongly favored by Governor Dix.
The presence at the Fair of Pres-

