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1893 World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Illinois *Chicago Day, October 9, 1893*

Chicago Day, October 9, 1893, commemorated the 22nd anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Illinois.



Unused Chicago Day WCE Adult Ticket.

Extensive planning was needed for this special day. Train fares to Chicago were reduced. Major companies bought thousands of complimentary tickets for their employees. Businesses were closed so workers could take their families.

Officials even had known pickpockets arrested to boost public confidence. The tremendous crowds, fabulous parades, special ceremonies and breathtaking fireworks all helped make Chicago Day the greatest day of The Columbian Exposition, and one of the proudest for the city of Chicago.

Chicago Day was the most attended of any day in its 6 month operation. Chicago Day was the largest single day attendance of any World Fairs up to that time. The Exposition Universelle of 1889, held in Paris, roughly 397,000 was their highest day of attendance.

The final tally including paid admissions and free passes was 761,942 attendees. The largest attendance day up to this point at the World's Fair was 283,273 on the 4th of July.



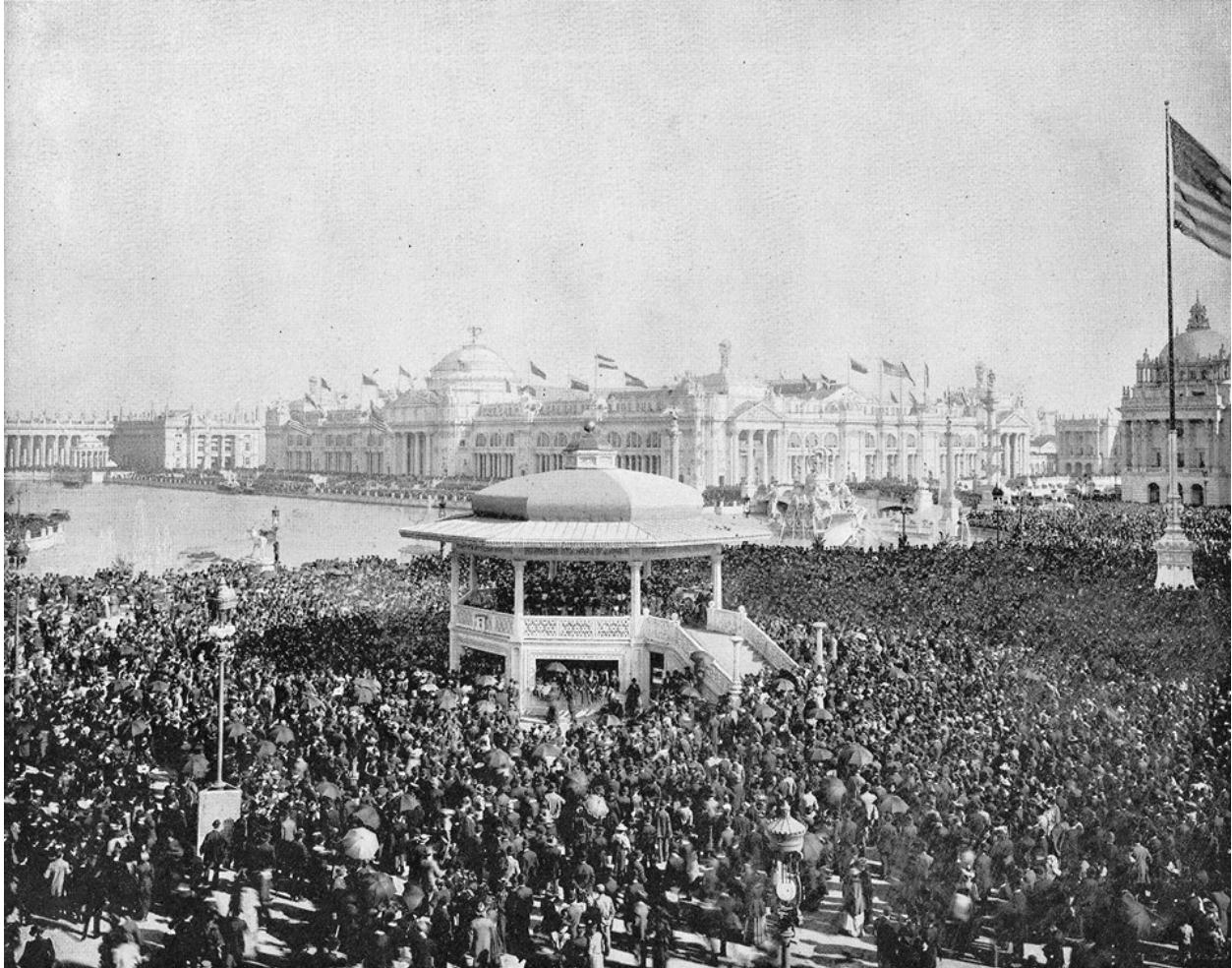
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Chicago Day, October 9, 1893, at the World's Fair.



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