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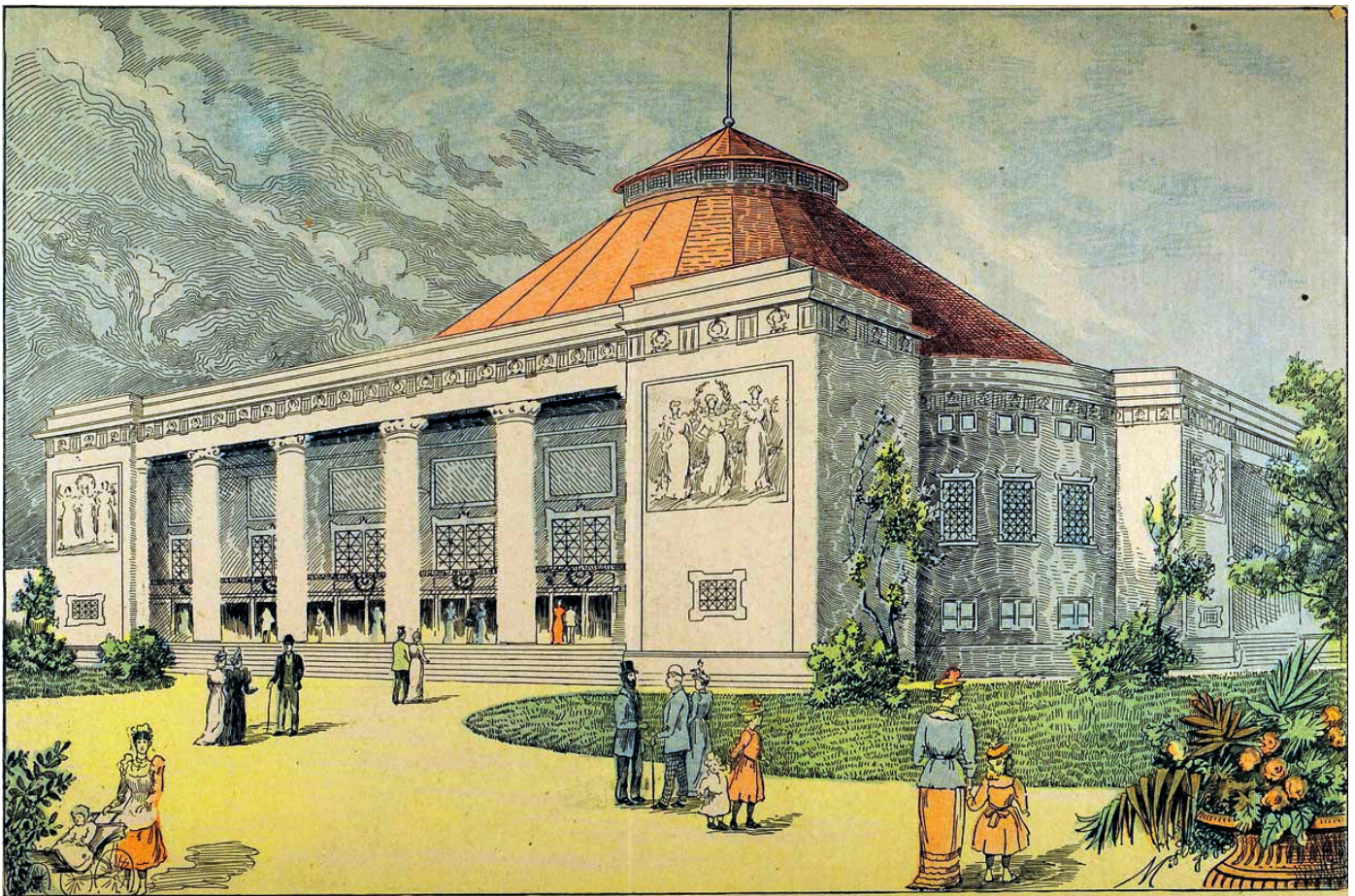
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# Netherlands Day, August 31, 1893

at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago.

The standard of the House of Orange floated high on this day in honor of the thirteenth anniversary of the birthday of Queen Wilhemina, last descendant of the great William of Orange. Formal exercises took place in Festival Hall at 11 o'clock am.



*Festival Hall*

In the introductory address, by George Birkhoff, Jr., Royal Commissioner General and Consul of the Netherlands, he referred to the remarkable opportunity afforded by the Exposition for the expression of national feeling, this being the first great union of the Dutch in the United States for the celebration of a national holiday. Other addresses included one on The Obligations of the United States to the Hollanders and one on The Influence of the Netherlands on the United States. The program was interspersed with music, at the conclusion of which a general movement was made to the Java Village in the Midway Plaisance, where coffee was served while the native orchestra played their strange music. Nearly five thousand Netherlanders took part in this celebration.