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Bohemia Day, August 12, 1893

at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

The Bohemians of Chicago, assisted by nearly one hundred countrymen from Prague and thousands from Omaha, Cleveland, and other points having large colonies of Czechs, began the celebration of the glories of their beloved country with a procession in which two hundred Bohemian societies took part.



This parade numbered ten thousand men in line, besides carriages of all kinds and floats descriptive of great events in the history of Bohemia. Among these were representations of the victory of the Bohemians over the Tartars, the founding of the University of Prague, Prince Krok and his three wise daughters, the introduction of Christianity into Moravia, and the victory of the Hussites over the Crusaders.

The trades were also liberally represented. At noon the proceedings were continued at Jackson Park in Festival Hall. Addresses were made by the Hon. Charles Jonas, Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin, and other speakers, and a concert was given under the direction of the celebrated Bohemian musician Anton Dvorak. The Sokol societies, numbering five hundred athletes, gave a gymnastic exhibition in the Stock Pavilion.

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