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# France Day, July 14, 1893

at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

The French struggle for liberty, begun by the taking of the Bastille on July 14, 1789, was the next great national event to be celebrated at the Fair.



*Fountain in the Courtyard of the French Building.*

The comparatively limited number of French citizens of Chicago precluded the possibility of a demonstration on a large scale, and the ceremonies were therefore entirely social and informal. In the afternoon a garden party and promenade concert were held at the French pavilion, which was beautifully decorated with French and American colors and flowers. The Lafayette room in the French pavilion, filled with relics of that great man, many of which related to his association with Washington and connection with the American Revolution, attracted many visitors.