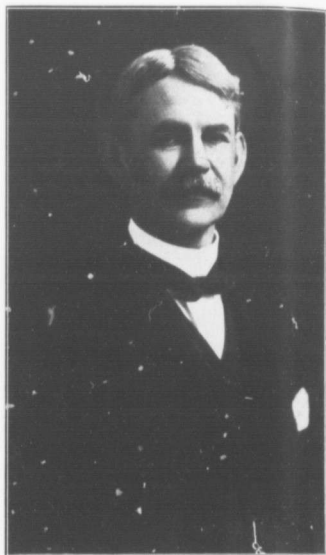


### The Jamestown Exposition.

(Adapted from an article by Mark O. Waters.)

At noon on April 26, everything about the Jamestown Exposition having reached a finished state, the public was invited to behold a beautiful city on the shores of Hampton Roads, a city complete in every detail. The days and months past had been busy ones at the beautiful point of land projecting out into Hampton Roads, opposite Old Point Comfort. The woodland and meadow were transformed into a paradise of beauty, with trees of many varieties, fragrant flowers, imposing palaces, handsome State buildings and pretty cottages covering and adorning this great exposition ground of five hundred acres.

The Jamestown Ter-Centennial is to commemorate the birth of the American nation, an event which transpired when John Smith and his adventurous party landed on an island forty miles from the mouth of the great river of Virginia, and formed a settlement which they called Jamestown, on the mighty river James. Here on the thirteenth day of May, 1607, the axe was buried in the trees and the first logs hewn for the first English settlement in the new world. But the foundation was a mighty event in the history of a great government, and nothing could be more appropriate than a proper celebration in commemoration of that occurrence by a great international exposition. Having decided upon this, the United States Government issued invitations to all nations to share in the event. Nearly every world power accepted the invitation and are being represented by war vessels and bodies of military, as well as



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by exhibits in the industrial, educational and historical departments of the Exposition. Military drills and parades by the finest soldiers in the world are and will be daily features of the Exposition from the opening until the closing days. A thirty acre parade ground having been arranged for this purpose.

Naval evolutions of many kinds by vessels which travel under the water, constitute another attraction which visitors will appreciate. The great warships of England, Germany, France, Russia, Italy, Japan and a dozen other nations are seen in the waters of Hampton Roads near the magnificent piers leading from the Exposition grounds out into the harbor a distance of 1,600 feet. Naval manoeuvres and sham battles constitute entertaining features, and water pageants