Louisiana Will Have Exhibit In Paris Exposition

Early French Acadians Will Be Featured In “Tableau-Vivant”

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Louisiana Girls To Go On Paris Trip

Acadian Spinning Wheel From St. Martinville Is on Display

Announcement that Louisiana is to be represented by an exhibit at the International Colonial Exhibition in Paris, is made through Mr. Andre Lafargue of New Orleans, who is deputy United States commissioner at the exhibition.

The Louisiana display will be in the nature of a “tableau vivant,” featuring the early French Acadians in the state, the booth including among its attractions an old loom and spinning wheel under the operation of young ladies dressed in the quaint costume of the early days, weaving and spinning and singing the Acadian weaving songs. Louisiana moss and beautiful paintings and views of the Teche country and Louisiana will complete the exhibit to be installed in the United States building, which is a replica of Washington’s home, Mount Vernon. The French glimpse of the early days of Louisiana will be of interest to the thousands of visitors to the exhibition.

Exhibit Historic Loom

A touch of romance is attached to the presence of the loom in France, since it was originally owned by the Countess Madeline de Livillier, wife of Count Dela-houssaye, both of whom were living in Louisiana at the time, the count having been in the court of King Louis and sent to America as his representative in 1803, the year Louisiana was sold to the United States by France, the countess presented the loom as a wedding gift to Celeste, daughter of Baron and Baroness du Clozel, and Chevalier de Blanc. Ownership of the loom finally passed into the hands of Mrs. A. A. Anding of Opelousas, who generously loaned it for the exhibit. The spinning wheel was loaned by Henry Olivier of St. Martinville.

La. Girls With Exhibit

The ladies who are accompanying the exhibit are: Miss Yvonne Pavy, daughter of Judge and Mrs. B. H. Pavy, of Opelousas; Miss Viola Lallande, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lallande; Miss Helen Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bell, and Mrs. Olivia Blanchard of New Orleans.

The exhibit is sponsored by a number of officials, firms and individuals who desired that the state be represented at the Paris Exposition.