## HISTORIC PARIS.

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PLACE DE LA CONCORDE.

There is a piece of territory shaped almost like a parallelogram extending from the heart of the city of Paris westwardly a little more than a mile and averaging in width probably a quarter of a mile. In order more clearly to describe it I will divide it into four sections by drawing three ginary lines straight across it from north to south. The section at the eastern end or nearest to the centre of the city, is occupied by buildings. The first of which is the old Louvrea large square structure with an open the centre-known as the court of the Louvre, from this structure the new Louvre stretches virtually in two parallel piles of building, skirt ing opposite edges of the section until they reach the one, the northern, the other, the southern extreme of the palace of the Tuileries, which latter (in ruins since 1871) passes across what I designate at the parallelogram. The immense space thus inclosed by the one side of the old Louvre, both wings of the new Louvre and the palace of the Tuileries is for a short distance known as the Place Napoleon, then the Place du Carrousel, and lastly beyond the high iron railing stretching across the space, the Court of the Tuileries. The second section of the parallelogram is occupied by the exensive and picturesque garden of the Tuileries. The third section which presents a vast, bare, yet imposing appearance, void of all decoration monuments and fountains and which might be said to be the heart of the parallelogram, for it is almost equi-listant from either end of it, is the subject of this sketch, "Place de la Concorde," and the fourth and longest section is entirely taken up by the Champs Elysees. These names are familiar with the student of history, and that one will concede that there is no spot on all the globe, reckoning its eventful associations from the close of the middle ages to the present, more historic than this parallelogram.

In the centre of the Palace de la Concorde, from a base prepared for it rises the obelisk of Luxor, a tall Egyptain monolith that stood before the temple of Thebes far back about the almost forgotten days of Sesostris. It had seen the centuries when Troy was destroyed. It was ancient and gray and a relic of another age when Romulus founded Rome. Its hieroglyphics, so distinctly defined as though produced but yesterday, were traced and carved by hands that ceased to labor thirty-three hundred years ago. This contemporary of the sphinx and of the pyramids, turned away from its antique some forty years since, traversed desert and sea to finish out its days among the modern of another continent, and the marvel is that this is not already an accomplished fact, for the most desperately contest-ed barricade of the late communist insurrection stood across the Rue Roy? al just facing the obelisk. The adornments about it suffered almost to destruction, whilst it, strange to relate, escaped uninjured.

this indignation assumes the form of open revolt, then popular fury is apt to seek out the author of the hardship, Rue Rivoli (which street hems the northern edge of the Place), and and popular clamor to at least call for separated from each other by the Rue Royale, a short street running at right his humiliation. Should the oppres-sion have rested with the weight of a calamity, then popular clamor in angles with the Rue Rivoli, were built before the revolution as the "Garde almost every instance demands the extreme immolation of such an one, ber fell under the bane of accusation Meuble de la Couronne," a safe deneutrie de la Couronne, a sale de-posit for valuable crown property. The one on the right is now used as the Ministere of Marine. It was from this building in 1792 that forty lhieves that only seems to work the ultimate degree of satisfaction. The revolution sought for a victim, it was presented in an orator of that finished class that the person of the vascillating Louis 16, attracts and impresses by the beauty made a partially successful attempt to the man whose advent to the throne carry away the crown jewels, as also these very people had hailed with joy, found argument; Gensonne, one of iunocently taken part in the festivities the valuable diamonds of Cardinal and to whom they had given the ap- these clear reasoning minds that ripen of the occasion. When the republican and to whom they had given the ap-pellation, "The Desired." His true into the great statesman if allowed to the valuable diamonds of cardinal Richelieu. The magnificent temple pellation, "The Desired." His true respects, and as is the great statesman if allowed to children were sent to Paris for trial— the more distant end of the Rue Roy-al, that is the church of the Madeleine. Turn to the south. The river Seine was that he isentiments of men were ex-form a long with a new, strange and libnows along that side; the bridge span-ning here was built of stones taken from the notorious Bastile. The large building decorated with statuary near the other end of the bridge, is the Pa-lais Bourbon now Palais du Corps Legislatif. The great guilt dome a bigle beword is the dome of the La eral philosophy. Tried and condemn-ed, he was taken from his prison, the Temple, on the 21st of January, 1793, brought as far as the Rue Royale thence out through it, between the same garde meuble that yet stand Legislatif. The great guilt dome a little beyond, is the dome of the In-valides. Turn to the east. The bauch of trees and shrubbery spread-ing away in that direction is the Gar-den of the Tuileries. Looking be-tween the sculptures of Fame and there—for what? To atone for the wrongs and oppressions inflicted by his progenitors. The great red frame of the guillotine stood a short distance away from the present location of the obelisk and towards where the foun-Mercury mounted each upon a pega-sus-adorning the sides of the en-trance into the Garden-the smoked tain now stands dedicated to the seas. The man once a king, but shrunk and resolved back into a mere human trance into the Carden—the smoked and ragged walls seen peeping up be-yond are the ruins of the Palace of the Tuileries. The dense sea of green foliage on the west is the Champs Elysees. The great wide avenue coursing its centre is the "Avcreature, mounted its steps. A multi-tude of one hundred thousand people, who were once his subjects, stood about him; with hands tied he turned towards the east to address them. His utterances were brief, lest for the people might weaken in uncertainty, the drums were ordered to drown his voice. enue of the Champs Elysees"-the fashionable drive of Paris. Those hashionable drive of Faris. Those hugely designed marbles upon high pedestals standing upon either side of the entrance to the avenue counter-balancing Fame and Mercury each of The executioners rudely dragged him away and under the axe. His confessor who stood beside him stupefied by the excitement of the hour unknowingly exclaimed as the instrument swiftly descended in its groove: "Son of St. Louis ascend to heaven." Soldiers colored their blades with the blood as a horse tamer struggling with a horse are "the Horses of Marly." They are "the Horses of Marly." They are familiar figures to many Ameri-cans at first sight through a cheep plaster copy erroneously termed "Al-exander and Bucephalus"—scattered in perfusion through the eastern and middle states. Far out on the avenue and beyond the parallelogram that great heavy mass stretching over the roadway is said to be the largest and

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most beautiful and triumphal arch inexistence—a project of Napoleon 1st— "The arch of triumph of the star." The immense stone statues in seated posture circling the interior of the place about you each upon an elevated block base represent the cities of Lyons, Marseilles, Brest, Rouen, Nantes Bordeaux, Strasbourg and Lille. That one conspicuous with crape and immortelle is, it is needless to say, Strasbourg. The beautiful fountain in bronze work and granite between where you stand and the Rue Rivoli error is dedicated to the rivers, the Rhine and the Rhone, from the chief alle-

gorical representations, and the figures emblematic of corn, wine, fruit and flowers, represent the productions of the country. The companion fountain between where you stand and the Seine is dedicated to the seas, its chief repre-sentations are the Pacific ocean and the Mediterraneau sea, and the minor figures are significant of four sorts of fishery. If the weather is clear and the hour between noon and four o'clock or even later you will see a perfect stream of equipages and pedestrians passing in and out of the avenue of the Champs Elyses, the Bois de Boulogne (or woods of Boulogne) lying beyond the Arch of Triumph is the

load stone drawing the map. This vast square you have seen is the Place de la Concorde of the present. In 1763 an equestrian statue of of Louis XV was erected where the obelisk is now located, and the square was termed Place Louis XV .-Great ditches then surrounded it which were since filled up during the rule of Napoleon III. On May the rule of Napoleon III. On May 30, 1770, six hundred thousand people gathered here to witness a pyrotechnic display in the honor of the marriage of Louis XVI: from some cause a panic ensued in which almost twelve hundred lives were lost. In 1792, when France was about turning herself into a republic, the statue of Louis XV was demolished and a clay statue of Liberty was subsequently erected in its stead. Then the square took the name of Place de la Revolution. It was named successively Place de la Concorde, Place de Louis XV, Place de Louis XVI, and again, subsequent to 1830, Place de la Concorde, which name it has since continuously retained.

Should you know the past of the surroundings you must wonder how a people who could build this most beautiful city and decorate so exquisitely all about you could be guilty of the crimes history imputes to them.

This square has witnessed scenes that must ever make France to blush for the weakness and cruelty of her people. It was here the guillotine first plied its bloody task. Its labors closed upon almost twenty-eight hundred decapitations in twenty-eight months.

The masses rendered indignant by the extravagance of a di-solute royalty and a corrupt court, turned to that last great resort of abused peoples revolution. Intoxicated early with the magnitude of their success, they blindly staggered into excess; there fore the continued horrors of the guillotine. It is ever when a nation is oppressed and burdened beyond sufferance by its rulers, that it indignant-Place yourself at its base; the two rather new looking buildings of beau-tiful and rich design fronting on the When protests in some manner.

When the momentary excitement habits, he swam boldly into the mael- Baltic, wild and almost barbaric Cos- died. Under his successor the work the revolution stood agast strom of the revolution. He associapassed away and stupefied at the step it had taken. ted himself with the cause of the mas Had it stopped here futurity might see, but was at length swallowed up in have forgiven the deed, but no, this the vortex that engulphed friend and sacrifice instead of satisfying rendered foe. He too perished here, but with a more intense its zeal and showed how far its revenge could go, when reaction followed it rolled madly on. In the consummation of this crime was its

Marat sprung from the degraded slums and haunts of the great city, sat a high priest in the carnival of crime and cruelty, his proscriptions were as sweeping and merciless as those of the Roman Triumverate of Lepidus, Augustus and Antony. The civilized world looked on in horror The until Charlotte Corday, a guileless maiden from Normandy, sought the capital and with a poignard obliterated the monster. Her reasons were many, a republican at heart, but not a Jacobin. She said: "I have killed one man to save a hundred thousand.' A great Frenchman of a later day deprecated the crime, but admiring her self sacrifice and its promptings termed her "the Angel of Assassination." She too perished in this square. As the axe fell some clapped their hands, others pitied her in silence, but when the executioner lifted the severed head from the basket and struck the cheek a blow, it is said a blush suffused it. This atrocious barbarity drew from the spectators an exclamation of horror and a tremor of aversion.

General Custine, a brave soldier adored by the army, had been unfor-tunate. He had erred, but not through design. His trial was an empty form, his condemnation a mockery and his execution a murder. With his arms pinioned he too came to his fate here. the scaffold its vapory ruins, slowly Fouquier Tinville, the public accuser dissipating into empty air. Turning (who afterwards perished on the scaf-fold), superintended the accusations. Now the Reign of Terror found for him the enemies to the republic and the guillotine was her altar upon which he immolated them. To suspected was a crime punished with death. Marie Antoinette, daughter of Maria Theresa of Austria and widow of Louis XVI. had languished in prison for sixteen months, tried and She was brought here condemned. with bound hands from the Conciergerie over the Pont au Change subject to every insult. The mob laughed, it was for them a fete day in the Rue St. Honore. A non-juring priest hidden away, from an upper window gave her absolution. When the tumbrel in which she sat reached the square it halted for a moment near the turning bridge which then connected the place with the garden of the Tuileries at the entrance now adorned by the figures of Fame and Mercury. As the eyes of the woman mechanically wandered over her palace of the Tuileries tears welled into them. Soon she was at the foot of the scaffold. Bravely she ascended its ladder and was bound to the plank. It is said that when Samson, the headsman, loosened the steel that terminated her life, though executions were with him a business of daily occurrence, he on this occasion trembled from head to foot.

The party in the national assembly known as the Girondists was led and guided through the treacherous quicksands of the revolution by some of the man by forced bravado. brightest intellects of France, though there were those among its leaders who had voted for the death of the monarch, yet it was classed as the more moderate element. The mutability of public opinion saw only in this moderation a fault : twenty-two of its numneath the axe they and were cast into the cells of the Conciergerie. Among them Vergniaud, of eloquence and convinces by pro mathematician solves the problem, he accepted its results not with regret for himself, but with pity for the rest of death. Now it was the abbess and mankind. Fauchet, bishop of Cal-vados, one of those intellectual giants whom the revolution found a chnrchman. It whispered into his soul and he descended from the pulpit to as-cend into the tribune-though metamorphosed to the layman yet was he still the religious, clinging to the sac-redotal semblance his garb was more a cassock than a toga. Tried and con-demned one of their number Valaze sunk by his own hand in death before his judges. But the barbarians that scntenced the dead to be conveyed with the living that all might share a common grave, as though to avenge the axe for the loss of a victim by com-pelling the presence of the inanimate clay at the extermination of what had been its companions in life. They met their fate in this square not with sacrilegious defiance but boldly and with that stoical indifference that characterized the sacrificed of the revolution. They were great men whom the era produced but to destroy. to destroy. known

ses, but was at length swallowed up in cool, strange indifference, dressed in ed a benevolent desire to first remove his boots. "No, no; you will do it more easily afterwards," he remarked, he remarked, and perished with the joke on his lips. General Houchard, commanded the French army in the north, was victorious at the battle of Hondschoote, but tardy about completing his success he was condemned for gaining only half a victory, and here terminated his career beneath the axe. A little French girl, who held in her hand a copy of Plutarch's lives,

was asked why she was weeping : "I weep," replied she, "bccause I was not born a Roman maiden." A quarter of a century later a woman stood with her hand upon a lever and a throne that held a royalty ruling over what was once a vast province of Roman conquest trembled. The child was the daughter of an engraver at Paris; the woman was known in his-

tory as Madam Roland-they were one and the same person-inspired with the sentiment of republicanism

she confidently plunged into the revo-lution. What Mirabeau had been to it in its infancy she was to it in its youth. Brilliant in diplomacy the suggestions of her opinion were sought for by the less violent of the assembly ; she was to them, what the compass to the mariner. This prestige was but ephemeral, her dream of a republic faded away, and she surveyed from from the axe and bowing to the clay statute that decorated the spot previous to the obelisk she uttered this memorable sentence, "Oh Liberty, Liberty how many crimes are com mitted in thy name!" Madam Du Barry by self degrada-

tion had climbed to opulence and bethrusts her aside. When the revolu-tion came, she hurriedly buried her treasure and fled to England. At length tempted back to France with the hope of securing it, she was be-trayed by the base ingratitude of a negro upon whom she had lavished favor and she ended her days here. "Life, life, life, for my repentance; life for all my devotion to the republic: life for all my riches to the DBtion;" such were her cries, but her tears and lamentations were in vain. The populace knew its victim and they returned applause in lieu of commisseration

General Biron; though a noble and a courtier, had fought with Lafayette on this side of the ocean for American independence, later he returned and offered the services of his sword to the revolution, brave, courageous and poplar, he became one of its greatest generals, a pretext presented and he met death beside this Magdalen, with an air of nonchalance. The contrast of which rendered more conspicuous her lack of womanly courage. Each equally debased the final hour, the woman by craven conduct and the

Camille Desmoulins and Dantou. ruling spirits of a faction, had sent numbers to the scaffold, but soon they became in their turn an object for de struction, and they perished here behad so often caused to descend upon their enemies. When the Prussian troops occupied the city When of Verdun the inhabitants gave a ball in honor of the occasion, for they imagined they saw in it the overthrow of red republicanism. Some children had

all the steppes of Russia, Prussians from the hills of the Rhine, and Austrians from the regions watered by the Danube, combined and overwhelmed him. More than twenty-one years have elapsed since the death of Louis XVI, it is now the 10th day of April, ting forth the reasons for its execution, 1814, the victorious Allies hold this adds : "Itaque memoratum editionem, Hark ! a solemn service ascends, it is peritis, ad id a S. S. Rituum Congre-Hark ! a solemn service ascends, it is the long delayed funeral rites of the murdered king, whose blood rendered hallowed in the eyes of kings this spot. Does it not rebuke the ambition of the dead republic and hurl back into the face of France the recollection of the crime of the revolution? This is an outline of the history of

the Place de la Concorde-over and over again has it been the scenes of stormy and terrible outbreaks, nearly every tumultuous rising of the populace has stained the place with blood, yet look about you, and so effectually are the traces of discord wiped away, and so peaceful seem all the circumstances, that one can hardly credit the tale.

# THE GREGORIAN CHANT.

THE POPE'S DECREE UNIFYING CHURCH MUSIC IN THE ROMAN COMMUNION. m the Pall Mall Gazette.]

Through the medium of its special ress, the Vatican has lately known to the world a brief in which Pope Loe XIII., completing a work already begun by Pius IX., decrees the unification of church music in all Roman Catholic churches throughout the world. Pio Nono had considered that it would be more seemly, and that would, as it were, solidify the faith, if, instead of their being as at present one form of music used in one country another in another, there should arise one sound of song, as there is but one form of prayer, throughout Latin Christendom; and to this end he instructed the Sacred Congregation of Rites to seek out and re-write for mod. ern use the old Gregorian chant in its original purity. As long ago as the come a power at the degraded court of Louis XV. His unfortunate successor thrusts her aside. When the revolu-was placed in the hands of the Popes ; and in one of its sittings the Council specially condemned by a decree "De Observandis et Evitandis in Celebratione Missae" the introduction of impure, and, as it was quaintly termed, lascivious, music either in the instrumental or vocal part of the service. some years after the Council Pope V. (afterwards canonized) autho-Pius rized the issue of a missal and breviary reformed according to the intention of the Council, to which, in the form of an appendix, a corrected form of church music was intended to be added. Some authorities desired to adhere rigidly to the "canto fermo" of the Gregorian chant, to the absolute exclusion of all harmony, but at this time Pierluigi da Palestrina and Guidetti had begun to write, and their church music charmed all ears, was considered so pure and divine that it silenced opposition and was even approved by special from Sixtus V. There official letter There had previously been issued "for the use of all churches and colleges," a collection of antiphons selected from ancient ones and those still in use ; and this selection, revised by Palestrina and reported on as the most correct, is still in the hands of choirs and is the one recognized throughout the Church. The original copy presented to Gregory XIII., the then Pontiff, who had granted a sort of copywright to the author, is still pre-Things were at this point when, during the reign of Paul V., in 1614, there appeared a Gradual, which has since been known as the Medicean Gradual,

sacks from the banks of the Don and all the steppes of Russia, Prussians both the Pauline or Medicean edition and those parts of the Gradual during the lifetime of Pius IX. had been preceded by Apostolic briefs, the remainder of the work is prefaced by a brief in which Leo XIII., after setongregatione deputatis, revisam, probamus ateque authenticam declaramus, reverendissimis locorum ordinariis, cæteris que, quibus musices, sacræ cura est, vehementer, commendamus; id potissimum spectantes, ut sic cunctis in locis ac diocesbus, cum in cæteris quæ ad Socram Liturgiam pertinent, tum etiam in cantu, una eademque ratio servertur qua Romana utitur Ecclesia." Notwithstanding, however, this approval and direction for general use, it seems that some churches, especially in France, do not accept the new edition, denying that it contains the true Gre gorian chant-an objection which it eems French choirs made to the Roman style of singing so long ago as when Charlemagne came to Rome, when Charlemagne came to Rome, though apparently then with little suc-

cess, for he answered them, "Which is likely to be purer, the spring or the streams that run from it?" and ordered them to return to the original chant of Gregory the Great.

# CONTRADICTING ST. MARTIN.

MADDOX ON THE STAND-DENYING THE STATEMENTS OF SHERMAN'S WITNESS WASHINGTON, February 5 .- The Potter committee met to-day, Messrs. Potter, Morrison, Blackburn, McMahon and Cox present.

General Lyman Sheldon, one of the Hayes electors in 1876, was sworn, and made a brief statement relative to the certificates which have been claimed to contain forged signatures. He knew of no forgeries having been committed. He was quite positive that Governor Kellogg, Mr. Birch, Morris Marks and himself signed at the same time. He thought H. Con-quest Clarke, Governor Kellogg's secretary, was present at the time they signed.

Joeseph H. Maddox was examined relative to the charge contained in the affidavit of Mr. St. Martin. Maddox denied every assertion made by St. Martin, and said that he never conversed with St. Martin previous to his appintment as Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms on the Louisiana sub-committee. He thought, however, that through his influence St. Martin secured his appointment, he having mentioned him as a good man for the place. He never gave St. Martin subportas to serve upon witnesses; did not witness the examination of Dula by the sub-committee and had nothing to do with the preparation of the testimony of the vitnesses in New Orleans until after the termination of Dula's examination. He had frequent conversations with Weber in regard to certain witnesses who Weber claimed would corroborate his testimony. Maddox's duty in New Orleans was to interview witnesses when they arrived in the city, ascertain all the points of the testimony they would give and prepare a memo randum thereof for the guidance of the Democratic members of the subcommittee.

### MRS. SENATOR BRUCE A FAVORITE IN OFFICIAL SOCIAL CIRCLES.

Washington Letter to the Baltim When Mrs. Bruce took up her residence here the first person to pay her social respects to the bride was the wife of the President. She was so much pleased with Mrs. Bruce's ladylike bearing that she repeated her iunocently taken part in the festivities of the occasion. When the republican troops again occupied the city these signs of African blood. I have often heard in the South that these signs were unmistakable, and, no matter how fair in complexion and how far removed from the negro, the marks of African blood were always visible. Mrs. Bruce puts such theories to flight. Senator Bruce is of the color designat-ed in the south as "saddle-colored," and is a 250-pounder.

the morning that followed the tumnuns of the Abbey of Montmartre who were martyrized en mass then the vigreat had been the number executed here that the very soil refused to re-ceive within it the blood spilled; it stood in coagulated pools. Finally the guillotine found its way back, but the men who stood under its frame-work bound for execution were those who had caused it to work the more fre quently-Robespierre and his brother, with Couthon Henriot and St. Just, the last remnants of a cable stained with the blood of their fellow creat tures. Men of genius but devils in heart, despised and unpited they went under the axe and the last sound that greeted their cars was the plaudit of hose whose idols they had been. The blade now fell at longer inter vals and upon fewer victims. vals and upon fewer victims. Soon it rusted in its inaction and was brushed

sented to Paul V. From that time to this no other authorized version of the musical part of the Church service has been put forward, until Pius IX., de-sirious to supply the need for it, and perhaps also from a pardonable desire cinity rose in indignation against this unholy use of the place and the great instrument of death was forced away and set up in Barriere du Trone. So Church, nominated a communication of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. The men appointed were Liberian Basilica, as president; Pro-fessor Tommaso Carosi, Chamberlain of the Pontifical Chapel; Cavaliero G. of the Pontifical Chapel; Cavaliero G. Capocci, master of the Cappella Pia Lateranense; and Cavaliero S. Me-luzzi, master of the Cappella Giul Vaticana; and these with the assist-ance of the codes and choral books preserved in Rome and elsewhere, and following as nearly as possible the Papal archives, completed the work begun under Paul V. The Medicean Gradual had first to be reprinted—a work entrusted to Cavaliero F. Pustet, of Ratisbon, editor to the Congregawork entrusted to Cavaliero F. Pustet, of Ratisbon, editor to the Congrega-tion of Rites; and while this was do-ing the Antiphonary, Psaltery and Hymnal were being prepared after the Venetian edition of Pietro Lichten-stein, printed in 1567. During the lifetime of Pio Nono only the Gradual was completed; the Antiphonary was about to issue from the press when he

from the press whence it issued.