

Memories of Marie Antoinette Haunt Peace Palace

**World Autocracy to Get
Death Blow on Spot
Where French Despot-
ism Fell 125 Years Ago.**

ODD, indeed, is the turn of fate which has decided that the greatest peace conference in history shall meet in the section of Versailles once occupied by Marie Antoinette. Surely the news must wake a dim rustle of ghostly satins, a faint murmuring of long-dead events in those halls which once heard the terrified flutterings of the royal butterfly caught in the steel net of the French revolution.

For Marie Antoinette, guiltless in large measure of the sins for which she suffered, was sacrificed as the symbol of tyranny on the altar of that democracy which has now triumphed. Striking out somewhat blindly in the throes of the birth of liberty, France thrust the young queen to her death in an outburst against oppression that should have been a warning to William of the Hohenzollerns.

Those rooms which saw the defeat of the last struggle of divine-right autocracy in France will see the defeat of the last struggle of divine-right autocracy in the world. The fall of French despotism was the signal 125 years ago for the fall of German despotism today. Across the turrets of Potsdam the shadow of Versailles has lain for all who had vision to see.

It was Versailles that stood at one end of the road leading straight through Ypres and Mons, Verdun and Chateau Thierry, to the very center and stronghold of kaiserism in Berlin. Unwilling victim though she was, innocent and vicarious sacrifice for the ancient crimes of kings, all ignorant of the high part her agony was to pay in the upward struggle of Europe, Marie Antoinette did not die in vain. What the French revolution began the world war has finished.

There is a corridor in Versailles at which the Hun envoys can look with bitterness only—a corridor and a gorgeous chamber. The chamber is that in which Bismarck explained to the French plenipotentiaries, Jules Favre and Louis Thiers, the crushing and humiliating terms imposed by Germany after the defeat of France 47 years ago. Roles are somewhat reversed in this year of grace, 1919. Near the chamber is that sumptuous corridor known as the Hall of Mirrors, where once the French monarchs strolled and chatted with their courts. It is the spot in which William I proclaimed the German empire, and it is the spot where the peace treaty that shatters his empire will doubtless be signed.

Strange, musty memories haunt every corner of this gorgeous palace outside the Paris walls, thrown open now to the clean, sweet winds of freedom. De Pompadour, Du Barry and the train of lesser lovely harpists—their intrigues and their wicked beauty still lend a dark gleam of romance to the exquisite tapestries against which in the yesterday of history their brocades stood out in glistening relief. Here is the mirror that reflected the cynic, appraising smile of Louis XV. There is the marble balustrade so lately touched by the jeweled fingers of the Duchess d'Orleans. In that corner flamed the scarlet robe of the Cardinal de Rohan.

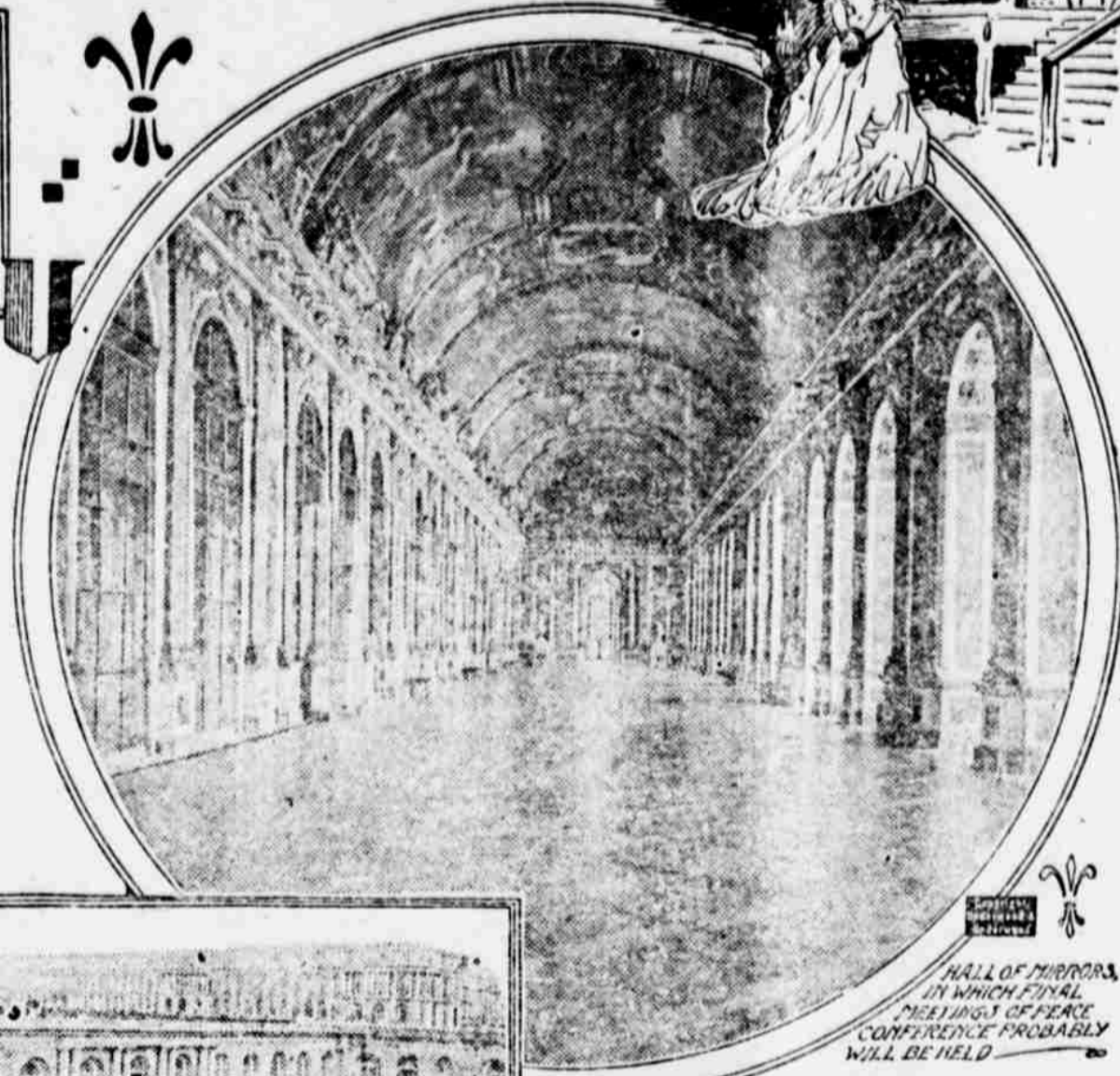
But because of her innocence and her dramatic fate, it is Marie Antoinette most of all whose presence pervades the wide, painted rooms. Over those glassy floors her irresponsible feet danced. In the Petit Trianon across the way she played at milkmaid. And the gardens still hold a faint sigh of her laugh, ringing out carefree as a peasant girl's when the white court joined in blind man's bluff. Such a blind king and court, eyes closed against the dreadful game impending. They were children, the two sovereigns—children in years and in outlook during those first holiday seasons when the court played and Paris starved and the first remote stirrings came which led by long and bloody roads to the Versailles peace conference of the year 1919.

Marie Antoinette was only fourteen years old when they arranged her betrothal to the fifteen-year-old dauphin. She was married at the age of sixteen. At the age of twenty she was queen of France. Just before her fortieth birthday she was guillotined.

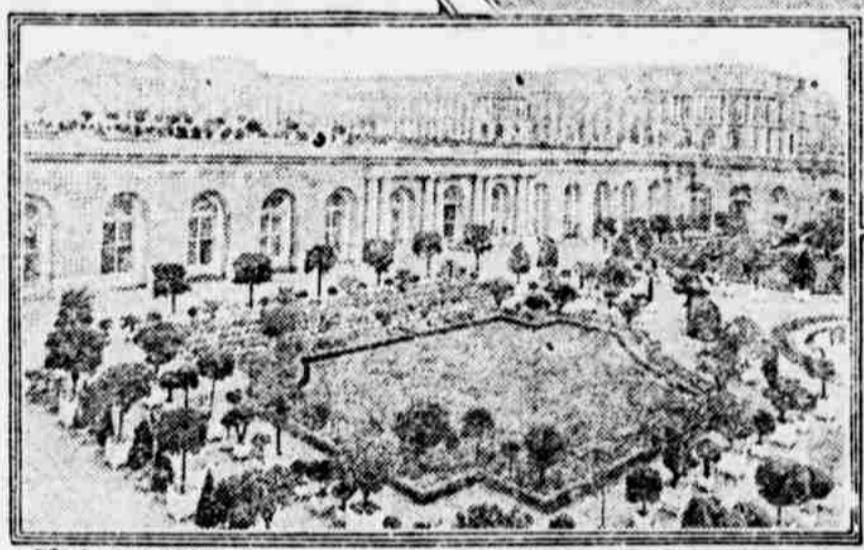
For three years the king and queen had been virtually prisoners in the Tuileries palace, whither they were returned after one vain attempt at flight. At last the revolutionary fury broke. On the tenth of August, in 1792, the steps of the Tuileries ran crimson with the blood of the faithful Swiss guard. Escaping to the national assembly, the king and queen, with their two children, were lodged in the Temple, a prison fortress.

Blow after blow fell thereafter on the defenseless heads of the royal family. The king was taken away, tried, and sent back for an agonizing scene of farewell. Standing rigid as a statue in her cell, Marie Antoinette heard the guns boom forth the tidings of his execution.

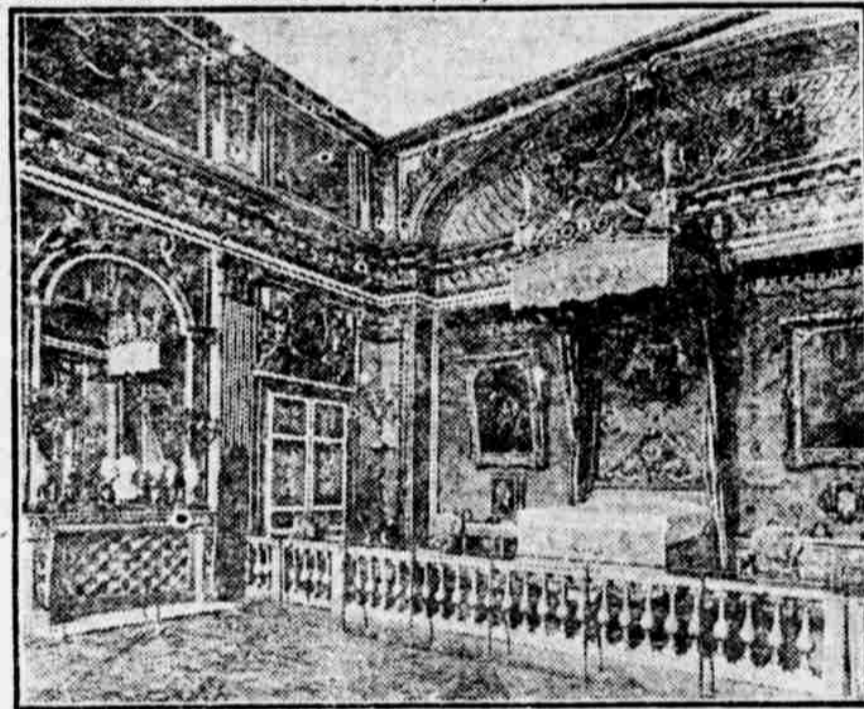
A little later she was separated from her children, subjected to revolting indignities during a farcical trial, and ten months after the execution of her husband was herself condemned to die. The fortitude which Maria Theresa bequeathed to her daughter had been shining with a pure and steady light these many months. Marie Antoinette heard her death sentence with a smile.



HALL OF MIRRORS, IN WHICH FINAL MEETINGS OF PEACE CONFERENCE PROBABLY WILL BE HELD



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CHAMBER OF LOUIS XIV IN THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

an in a white gown and a white cap with a black ribbon fluttering against her pale cheek—this was the brilliant butterfly whose wings had been shattered on the dagger-points of life. With a face of stone she accepted the ribald jeers of a frenzied crowd. Slowly, slowly they took her to the spot where ten months ago her husband had been beheaded.

They reached the Place Louis Quinze. There was no prophet to show Marie Antoinette the vision behind the grim guillotine, the vision of Versailles and its peace conference and the incredible year of 1919.

She saw only the Temple, where her children were confined. Toward that fortress she cast a glance of anguish. And then, against the old sky, she saw the glitter of a knife poised for swift descent. She climbed upward to it, eagerly.

When Louis XIV chose Versailles as the site for his new palace and park it had little to commend it, being a low, swampy area and distant from an adequate water supply. A chateau of Louis XIII, however, was situated there. The "grand monarch" lavished vast sums in laying out, completing and maintaining this magnificent royal seat. The court came here permanently about 1682, and from that time for more than 100 years Versailles figured prominently in history. Louis XV dwelt here and Madame de Pompadour and Madame du Barry reigned over this vast pleasure establishment. Here, too, Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette resided. In the palace was signed the treaty of 1763 between England, France and Spain, on the same day on which the definite treaty of peace in which England recognized the independence of the United States was signed in Paris. The meeting of the states-general, the opening act of the French revolution, took place here on May 4, 1789. Since then it has never been used as a residence. During the siege of Paris in 1870-71, King William I of Prussia made his headquarters here, and here he was crowned German emperor January 18, 1871. When the Germans departed, the French government established itself at Versailles and carried on war against the Paris commune. It remained here until 1879, when Paris was once more made the political capital.

The palace is composed of a central square, two wings at the right and left of it, and a third wing backing on the square and extending into the park. The imposing facade is one fourth of a mile long. The Court d'Honneur is entered from the palace, large pillars marking the entrance and symbolizing national victories under Louis XIV. Most of the great French painters, notably David, Delacroix and Horace Vernet, are represented here, and all the history of France, with its great battles and ceremonies, is spread on canvas before the visitor. There are also countless portraits and statues.

The royal chapel is sumptuously adorned, and has good ceiling pictures by Coppel. At the north end of this wing is the theater, built by Louis XV, and used by the national assembly after the Franco-Prussian war, and later by the senate. The Rooms of the Crusades are resplendent and covered with large paintings. The impressive Galerie de Constantin holds some of the finest battle pictures of Vernet. The Grand apartments of Louis XIV overlook the park and contain noteworthy paintings. Adjoining is the famous Galerie des Glaces—an immense and sumptuous room facing the center of the gardens. Its paintings are by Louis Lebrun. William I was crowned emperor of Germany in this room in 1871. The bed chamber of Louis XIV is imposing, and contains the magnificent bed on which he breathed his last. His Petit apartments are continuous and include the bedchamber of Louis XV, where he died. The Grand apartments of the queen are beautifully decorated. In the immense and gorgeous Galerie des Battailles—over 130 yards long—are many grand battle pictures by modern French artists. The Galerie de l'Empire contains paintings representing the career of Napoleon Bonaparte, the first emperor.

The park, with its decorative ponds and vast fountains, was first laid out by the celebrated Le Notre. It is imposing, but stiff and artificial, and has served as a famous type of Renaissance garden. Terraces, large ornamental basins, huge vases overflowing with flowers, countless marble groups and busts, statues—especially reflecting the appropriate art of Coyzevox—quincunxes, bosquets and geometrically trimmed trees, here mock nature and the natural. An immense pond stretches away in the shape of a cross in front of the palace. The playing of the grand fountains, enlivened by colored lights, is one of the great sights in and about Paris. Two immense flights of marble steps descend on the opposite side of the palace to the famous orangery, beyond which extends a vast pond which was dug by the Swiss guard of Louis XIV. In the northern section of the park are the charming Grand and Petit Trianon. Near by are the carriage houses, with many vehicles of state, including some of the magnificent equipages used by Napoleon.

WILL OUTSPEED THE OTHERS.

I noticed a boy coming downtown on a car and he was deep in a magazine. It told him not of the tangles of Neerara's hair, but of the coils of the dynamo, of the wave-lengths of the wireless, of the mysteries of the third rail and the telephonic circuit. When he had satisfied himself as to the latest progress in airships and seaplanes, he turned to the advertisements and read them as if he were listening to music.

"That boy," I whispered to myself, "is on the way to the place in the world that comes by patient research and concentrated study."

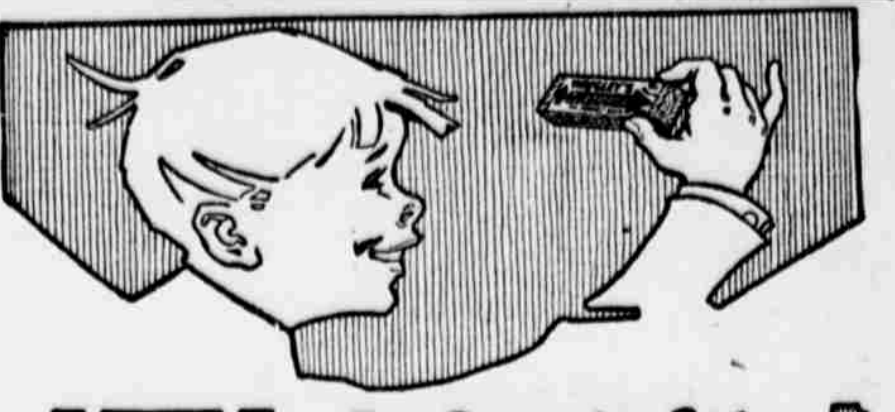
The lad with the patent office in his mind will soon outspeed the lad with patent leather on his feet.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

RED FOR JACK.

Mary—Why do you always buy two kinds of notepaper?
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