

# AVENUE WILL HAVE SIX ROADS

### Champs Elysees Commission Is at Work Considering Ways and Means for Extending Great Paris Highway Twenty Miles.

By the Marquis de Castellane.  
Paris, Nov. 28.—No American who has ever been in Paris but has admired and traversed from one end to the other the splendid avenue of the Champs-Elysees which, beginning at the very heart of the great city, runs for six kilometers out of the suburban heights known as the Heights of Neuilly.

Now there is a project for carrying out the original plan of M. Alphand. The plan is to continue the great avenue straight away to the forest of Saint-Germain, a distance of 20 kilometers. Delegates have been chosen from the two departments through which this avenue will be cut—in an absolutely straight line mark you—and a commission is studying the ways and means.

The immense avenue will have at least six roads—one for carriages, one for electric trams, and, in addition to the bicycle track, the usual sidewalks for pedestrians. There will be even a speedway for speed-loving motorists; and here they may smash themselves up, gratis, without fear of fine or reprisal—and so be it.

I am told that the municipality of New York has a police ordinance fining heavily any one creating a disturbance near a hospital. This is a wise and humane provision. Parisians should be the first to applaud it, since Paris is the noisiest city in the world and becomes daily more dangerous to live in.

Another wise measure is signalled from Germany. It has to do with the bits of cigars. The traffic in them is, I believe, very profitable. Now the

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Germany wish that these profits should go to the poor. In many cafes, restaurants and beer halls, cigar cutters are inserted in the tables and the cigar ends fall into a locked receptacle underneath the table.

A charitable society is at work placing these machines for collecting tobacco in all public establishments and beer halls throughout the cigar-smoking land. The profits on the sale of the tobacco will go to purchase clothes for the poor at Christmas.

According to reports, such societies in various towns gathered in 1907 over 469 pounds of tobacco which could be sold for \$4000, a sum sufficient to clothe completely 1736 children.

The European powers have given their approbation to the Turkish revolution. The king of England has expressed publicly his approbation to Kiamil Pasha; and the German emperor, who has always approved and protected the autocratic government of the sultan, even at the time of the Armenian massacres, has congratulated Abdul-Hamid upon his unconditional surrender to the revolution.

And from all this we are to conclude that the Turkish revolution has succeeded?

It seems that before being sure of it we shall have to know what the little nations on the frontiers of Turkey think of it. The Turks have never heeded them and they have written to them, or massacred them. That aside, they let them do as they please, fight with each other, plunder each other, keep the peace, it was "Anarchy tempered with massacre," as Hells Barker well defined it.

At this state of affairs the English publicist thought was the fault, not so much of Abdul-Hamid and his predecessors as of the Koran. The Koran is the source of all the institutions of the Mussulman people—be those institutions religious, political, civil or domestic, public or private. And it does not seem possible that Turkey can be reformed and brought into modern states unless the Turkish religion is changed and the supreme authority of the Koran is abolished. But is such an essential reform of Mahometism possible?

Edward VII can boast of having got France into a pretty mess.

Since all the world is agreed that his majesty's wishes at any price will ruin German commerce it is only fair to point out that he is trying the most practical way—that of settling other nations to make war on Germany for the good of British commerce and the destruction of the rival.

Under such circumstances, the European configuration is inevitable—though it needs courage to say it. It is a conflict done in two ways, one electrical and the other optical.

The possibility of the detection of a single atom of matter is due to the great energy of motion of alpha particles, which, as Professor Rutherford showed in 1902, are very unit charges of electricity, which are ejected from radioactive matter at a speed of about 10,000 miles per second. Professor Rutherford's more recent experiments show that 126,000,000 alpha particles are expelled every second from one milligram of radium in a radio-active equilibrium.

"From the point of view of modern theory," says Professor Rutherford, "the appearance of an alpha particle is the sign of a violent atomic explosion, in which the fragment of an atom—an alpha particle—is ejected at a high speed. In the majority of known active substances the explosion of an alpha particle accomplishes the transformation of one substance into another, and the decrease of the atomic mass consequent upon the loss of an alpha particle at once offers a reasonable explanation of the appearance of an entirely new kind of matter in place of the old."

Professor Rutherford reverts to his old suggestion, made in 1905, that very probably the alpha particle is an atom of helium, carrying two unit charges, and he refers to the difficulty of proving or disproving experimentally the correctness of this hypothesis, although the settlement of this question has been for the last few years the most important problem in radio-activity, because the proof that the alpha particle is an atom of helium carries numerous consequences of the first importance in its train.

Professor Rutherford now asserts that his recent experiments have thrown further light on this question and have led to important conclusions in several directions. The description of the experiments is too technical to be gone into here; but Professor Rutherford considers that they demonstrate the correctness of his theory that the alpha particle must be an atom of helium carrying a double charge or, in other words, that an alpha particle, when its charge is neutralized is a helium atom. It must be concluded, he says, that atoms of known radio-active elements are in part, at least, constituted of helium atoms, which are liberated at definite intervals of time.

Professor Rutherford's conclusion is put with characteristic modesty: "It may be of interest to note," he says, "that the experimental results recorded in this article lead to experimental proof, if proof be needed, of the correctness of the atomic hypothesis with regard to the discrete structure of matter."

This is truly a modest claim to victory in the greatest scientific battle of the century.

In response to a message from the correspondent of the New York Times, Professor Frederick Soddy, lecturer in physical chemistry at Glasgow university and co-worker with Professor Rutherford at McGill university, Montreal, telegraphed as follows:

"I am in entire agreement with Rutherford's conclusions. As to the alpha article it has hardly seemed possible to doubt it was an atom of helium for many years. My first impressions in the matter, dating from 1904, have proved correct. The experiments are beyond all praise."

Alfred Russel Wallace, who was also asked for an expression of his views, replied: "I know nothing of the subject and have no opinion."

Europe's birth rate is the highest in the countries in the eastern and southern portions of the continent and lowest in those in the western and northern, that of Russia being more than twice as large as that of France.

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(Herald News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
Baltimore, Md., Nov. 28.—"Shocking," "appalling," and "striking at the very roots of our social system," were terms applied today by Cardinal Gibbons, the most eminent prelate of the Catholic church in America, in discussing the divorce facts as set forth in the figures that have just been given out by the census bureau. These figures show a startling growth in the divorce evil in the United States, disclosing that one marriage in 12 ends in divorce and that divorces are two and one half times as common as 40 years ago.

Cardinal Gibbons, who is supremely interested in the divorce evil, and who has for years preached and written against it, has studied the statistics the government has just given out and is deeply impressed by them. He believes the divorce evil can be cured only by a deeper regard for the teachings of the church and that society should shun those who are divorced instead of revealing the divorced woman or man, as it now does, as if nothing had happened.

Nearly Same as Free Love.  
"The statistics given out by the census bureau," said Cardinal Gibbons, "are simply shocking. The revelations are nothing less than appalling. The extent of the divorce evil is so great as to strike at the very roots of our social system. I myself am writing and speaking constantly on this subject and I am in sympathy with any effort to check the growth of divorce in this country."

The government figures show that divorces are multiplying about three times as fast as the population. They disclose that one marriage in 12 ends in divorce. The figures are the more striking when considered by the state, where the number of divorces is relatively small.

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that marriage is getting to be little better than a system of free love.

Divorces should be shunned.

"People are too much bent on pleasure. Men and women enter the marriage state without regard to the sacred nature of the bond they are undertaking. They look too much upon life with regard only to what pleasure they can get out of it and with too little regard for that solemn word 'Duty.'"

"Where does the fault lie? Is it in our system of education? No, it is the result of false, loose interpretation of the gospel. Every one of the gospels is opposed to divorce. If divorce is to be checked there must be a stricter regard for the truths of the Christian religion as they are taught by the Catholic church. If we profess to be Christians, let us be Christians."

"A reason why divorce is on the increase is found in the attitude of society toward persons who are divorced. In former times a woman who was divorced was shunned. She was not received or recognized in good society. The main reason for this is not the case. If divorce is to be checked let the divorced person be shunned."

Make Laws More Severe.  
"To what extent is the law responsible?"

"Of course the laws on the subject of divorce are responsible to some extent. They should be made more severe. As is well known they differ in different states and are in many cases lax. A man or woman, an attachment for a woman, or a woman for a man, and, regardless of any existing marriage bonds, they determine to marry. I noticed what the census statistics showed as to the decrease of the marriage rate in times of depression. It is natural that this should be the case and that people should be more readily contract marriage when times are prosperous."

"Without going into the question of the relation of economic conditions to divorces, I may say that I hope that we are on the verge of greater prosperity and better times."

Cardinal Gibbons emphasized the grave dangers to civilization if the divorce evil was to go on unchecked and the rate of increase shown to have taken place in the last 40 years was permitted to continue. He was fully convinced that no subject could better occupy the attention of the thinking minds of the nation.

# LOST BOY WANDERS IN MARSH TWO DAYS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Oakland, Cal., Nov. 28.—After being lost on the marshes near Alviso, wandering about in the mud and rowing vainly about in the water in an open boat for two days, without sufficient clothing and no food, 14-year-old Thomas Losbach returned to his home in Fruitvale, near here, today. He is exhausted from his efforts to find his way out of the marshes and from exposure, but no serious results are feared.

Losbach is the son of August Losbach, a wealthy merchant of Fruitvale. When he did not return at the expected time his parents started a search for him. No trace could be found and they had almost given up hope of seeing him alive, when he reached home.

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