

FRENCH REVOLUTION DESCRIBED BY THE VICTIMS' LETTERS

Historic Communications, Penned by Chief Actors in the Great Tragedy, Are Now on Exhibition in New York—Robespierre's signature on several documents—Danton's Notes to His Associates.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL

New York, March 25.—Eloquent in the style, the greatest and the earnest of the French Revolution, one of the most remarkable of all collections of historical documents, and the only one in existence which outlines completely the events of France's bloody social upheaval has just been put on exhibition at the Lenox branch of the New York Public Library, where it will remain open to the public for a month.

This collection contains letters and documents of men who were the principal actors in the events of that appalling period. The exhibition is peculiarly fitted to these times, when the eyes of the world are fixed on Russia, watching anxiously the development of events bearing so close a resemblance to those which were the forerunners of the Reign of Terror, in 1793.

The autographs exhibited represent only one-third, being the rarest and most important of the whole collection of John Boyd Thayer, who has loaned them to the library.

It was only after thirty years of indefatigable labor and indomitable persistence that he succeeded in completing his collection, surmounting obstacles that would have discouraged men with less determination of purpose, being compelled at times to outbid and out-rite some of the best known European collectors, librarians, museums and even Governments.

Mr. Thayer has given much time and labor also to arranging the autographs in chronological order, and in compiling a very complete catalog which begins with the famous words of L'Esprit des Loois: "Les Revolutions" must be followed by "Fosterie les juges"—"Revolutions kill men; posterity judges them," his purpose being to teach the outlines of history, and particularly of the French Revolution, by means of historical illustrations. "For," he says, "the writing of a man is the most perfect relic he leaves behind him. Something physical as well as intellectual and moral, belonging to his personality, has gone into the material substance carrying with it his individuality."

AUTHENTIC ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS OF IMPORTANCE

The feature which impresses one as the most remarkable of the collection is the number of authentic original documents of vital importance. This is all the more impressive when it is remembered that at the Revolution of 1793, the autographs of Louis XVIII to the throne, numerous papers were destroyed by families that had been connected with the Revolution because they feared prosecution or persecution.

One of the most striking of these letters is that written by Danton to Marie Antoinette at the Conciergerie, a photograph of which is here on exhibition. It was obtained from a dual house in France, the first Duke reading it from the balcony of Louis XVIII in 1848. Louis XVIII's police had taken it by force from Honoreville Courtois, member of the National Convention who was appointed on the 10th Thermidor, Year II (July 28, 1794), to inventory and seal the effects of Robespierre, Danton and others. This letter reads thus: "Antoinette, you will place over your door those words: Unity, Indivisibility of the Republic, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity or death."

Two views have been taken of this interesting document, one of which is here on exhibition. It was written to humiliate the Queen, as her enemies afterwards did when they built the guillotine in her cell, that the guillotine should be placed in the room which she occupied. The other view is that he was endeavoring to aid the Queen in escaping either from her prison or from the extreme penalty contemplated by her enemies. The incident of the Revolution will incline rather to the latter view, for, despite the leading part he took in the execution of Robespierre, despite his fiery, impetuous harangues and his participation in many bloody tumults, the stormy Danton was never small or selfish; he scorned the individual and first and last fought for the freedom and greatness of the French Republic, which was uppermost in his mind. He belonged to the "Simeon martinet," to that class of men who, having a faith in internal convictions, are strengthened to face death by the same cause because their minds are lifted above common life and its trivial affairs.

DANTON URGED MEN TO "FORGIVE DANTON"

Another document signed by Danton recalls the time when France was in danger from the allied armies of the East, and he made a vehement speech ending with the afterwards proverbial words: "Il nous faut de l'audace, et encore de l'audace, encore de l'audace, et toujours de l'audace." From that time he was called the "Mirabeau of the Revolution." He was arrested on the night of March 29, and the following day, St. Just made his remarkable arraignment according to which he was charged with having conspired, first with Mirabeau and then with Danton, to overthrow the Republic, and finally with the Girondins, against liberty. Tried by the Revolutionary Tribunal, in response to the question, "Your name and residence?" Danton said: "My residence will soon be nowhere, my name you will find in the Pantheon of History."

Another document of the greatest interest is reproduced here in the original order of the National Convention on which Robespierre and his friends were later on to the guillotine. It was written during the night of July 27-28, 1794, and reads: "On the sixth day of Thermidor, the year second of the French Republic, one and indivisible—"

The National Convention has put out of the law Robespierre, the Mayor of Paris and all the members of the General Council of the Commune who have declared themselves in rebellion, and have received in their common persons declared under arrest in the citizens of Paris. "To the assembled constituted authorities and the public force of the national convention retired by the Convention."

"Written according to the original by us, secretary of the National Convention, at Paris, the ninth Thermidor in the second year of the Republic, one and indivisible."

ON A PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED BY ROBESPIERRE

An autograph, signed simply Robespierre, is also in the collection. It is dated November 6, 1793, and it is signed also by Billard, Varenne, who, eight months later, with Tallien, sent Robespierre to the guillotine.

These, with other autographs, outline the history of the creator of the revolution of 1793, which was the soul of the Reign of Terror, as the guillotine was its right arm, and which, in time, got better and better. As the guillotine was the Mountain party, Robespierre fought and defeated the Girondins, the Hebertists and the Dantonists, which was the height of his career. From then to his fall on the 7th Thermidor (July 27, 1794), his descent was swift and terrible. The fight between the convention and the commune ended in victory for the former, and Robespierre and his associates, faults and misfortunes under the knife.

The collection is so arranged in the order of the French Revolution, so that the papers are placed in the order of the immediately preceding and following periods develops itself in orderly sequence. PHILosophers AND ENCYCLOPEDIsts REPRESENTED. The first of the autographs of early writers; philosophers like Montesquieu, Voltaire and Rousseau; economists like Quesnay and Mably, encyclopedists like Diderot and D'Alembert; then of financiers and statesmen, first of all French statesmen, thought to reason with the people, and of Calonne, of whom Mme. de Staël said: "He did more than any other man to create the French Revolution."

Two specially interesting autographs are those of the Marquis de Lafayette, sometimes written L'Enclous, whose charms attracted three generations, whose name became the symbol of eternal youth, and who, at an age nearer 60 than 30, could hold at her feet the most dashing tribulation of Paris. She bequeathed 2,600 livres to Voltaire with which to buy books. The other is of Mme. d'Épinay, the patroness of Rousseau, to whom the Marquis de Lafayette, the Hermitage, others concerning the court at Versailles, the Queen at the Tuileries and the opening of the revolution, follow.

Then appears a most interesting group of original and original letters of the "Affair of the Neckties," which injured the reputation of Marie Antoinette and made her despised by the people. It is quite complete, and from it a vivid picture of the whole affair can be drawn. On the completion of the beautiful ornament, valued at more than \$1,500,000, word of it was sent to Louis XVI, who was then in the hands of the revolutionists. He declined to accept it, saying that he could not afford to buy it.

Extremely Low Rates to Southeast. On April 4 and 15 round-trip tickets will be on sale from St. Louis and vicinity to points in Georgia and Tennessee at the rate of \$2.00. C. C. Christie of this city is to be the chief factor in the new company, of which officers of the De Forest Company will be members.

"I have a contract with the De Forest Company for the organization of this subordinate company," said Mr. Christie. "It will have charge of all the market, news and sporting reports—in fact, all reports that people buy and sell. The commercial telegraph business is to be handled by another company."

"The company I am to organize will sell reports. I would have to make a contract with the new company for market reports, but I naturally would get a favorable contract, being a member of the company."

Hundreds of useful articles are advertised in the "For Sale-Miscellaneous" columns of to-day's Republic.

GRAND CONCERT SOUVENIRS

By the following well-known artists: CARRE, BENOIST, STARR, E. H. GRAY, F. HENNING, R. J. STARR, Lovers of Music should not miss this event.

GREAT HOUR SALES!

- At 8 A. M. 61c Cotton, all colors, 2 1/2 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 62c English Lenoche, 2 1/2 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 63c Washed Pillow Case, 50 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 64c Honeycomb Huck, 2 1/2 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 65c Wash Yarn, plain, checked and figured, 12 1/2c. 66c Silk Mohair Brilliantine, 40 yds wide, per yard, 7.95. 67c pair Lace Curtains, 25 yds long, each, 2.95. 68c Wash Yarn, 25 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 69c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 70c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 71c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 72c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 73c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 74c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 75c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 76c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 77c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 78c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 79c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 80c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95.

Our Credit Dept.

First four balances, will open accounts with responsible parties. A monthly charge account here means saving and convenience.

GREAT HOUR SALES!

- At 10 A. M. 81c Black guaranteed Taffeta, 25 inches wide, all the new patterns, on sale at, 65c. 82c China Silks, 27 inches wide, in every shade and color, 25c. 83c White Embroidered Wash Silks, 27 inches wide, special for, 35c. 84c Dotted Silks, 25 inches wide, in every color, 25c. 85c White Wash Silks, 25 inches wide, for, 42c. 86c Black All-Silk Suits, 26 inches wide, go for, 75c. 87c French Broadcloth, 27 inches wide, 2 1/2c. 88c Washed Pillow Case, 50 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 89c Honeycomb Huck, 2 1/2 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 90c Wash Yarn, plain, checked and figured, 12 1/2c. 91c Silk Mohair Brilliantine, 40 yds wide, per yard, 7.95. 92c pair Lace Curtains, 25 yds long, each, 2.95. 93c Wash Yarn, 25 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 94c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 95c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 96c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 97c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 98c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 99c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 100c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95.

Another Big Silk Sale! 39c Silks at 12 1/2c! 50c Silks at 25c! Etc.

- 81c Black guaranteed Taffeta, 25 inches wide, go at, 50c. 82c China Silks, 27 inches wide, in the newest colors and latest designs, 58c. 83c Black All-Silk Pique, 25 inches wide, the best wearing silk made; goes at, 25c. 84c water-proof ladies' silks, 27 inches wide, in black and colors, 45c. 85c Black All-Silk Suits, 26 inches wide, on sale at, 33c. 86c French Broadcloth, 27 inches wide, in black, navy, champagne, cream and brown; special at, 38c. 87c White Wash Silks, 25 inches wide, on special sale, 19c. 88c All-Silk Lenoche, in every color and shade; sale price, 25c. 89c White Wash Silks, 25 inches wide, on special sale, 19c. 90c oil-belled Tulle, in every shade; 20 inches wide, 29c. 91c Silk-Wash Washings, every shade; 25 inches wide, 12 1/2c. 92c Black All-Silk Suits, 26 inches wide, go for, 75c. 93c French Broadcloth, 27 inches wide, 2 1/2c. 94c Washed Pillow Case, 50 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 95c Honeycomb Huck, 2 1/2 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 96c Wash Yarn, plain, checked and figured, 12 1/2c. 97c Silk Mohair Brilliantine, 40 yds wide, per yard, 7.95. 98c pair Lace Curtains, 25 yds long, each, 2.95. 99c Wash Yarn, 25 yds wide, per yard, 1 1/2c. 100c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 101c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 102c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 103c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 104c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 105c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 106c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 107c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 108c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 109c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95. 110c English Cotton, 25 yds wide, all colors, 2.95.

3,000 Beautiful Waists Sacrificed! 10c for 50c Waists, 25c for 75c Waists, Etc.

Advertisement for waists featuring illustrations of women in various styles. Text includes: 'This Waist 50c', '50c Linon Waists 10c', '\$2 Linon Waists \$1', 'This Waist \$2.00', '\$12 Silk Suits Only \$5', '\$3 for \$6 Cover Coats', '\$8 Brilliantine Skirts for 4.50', '\$5 Silk Waists \$3', '\$10 Silk Waists \$5'. Includes images of a woman in a white dress and a woman in a dark dress.

Get a \$15 Suit, Top-coat or Cravenette for \$12

Advertisement for suits featuring an illustration of a man in a suit. Text includes: 'They're for men and young men and comprise 50 different styles of all-wool single and double breasted suits in up-to-date patterns, also 10 styles of whipcord, covert or cravenette coats; each garment is worth \$15; special to-morrow \$9!'. Includes image of a man in a suit.

FREE BASEBALL OUTFIT

Advertisement for baseball outfits featuring an illustration of a baseball player. Text includes: 'A. J. Reach catcher's mitt or ball and bat with Boy's Suits. \$4 and \$5 Suits \$2.40. Blue and fancy All-Wool Chevrons—All-Wool Double-Breasted Suits—Sobby Norfolk Suits—Boat Sailor Suits—Elegant Blouse Suits—See the Boys' \$7 Suits To-morrow, \$4. Standard 75c Waists 45c. The celebrated "Star" waists—The well-known "Puritan" waists—45c.

\$1.25 for \$3 Ready-to-Wear Hats

Advertisement for hats featuring an illustration of a woman's head with a hat. Text includes: 'Every one of these is handmade over wire frame of imported brads, solid colors and mixed shades, in all the latest turban effects, Monday special 1.25. Chiffon Hats Worth \$2 for 79c. 100 dozen of handmade tuckered chiffon Hats, turbans and dress shapes; positively worth 2.00. Monday special 79c. Beautiful Foliage at 7 1/2c. 3,000 bunches Rose Foliage, 15 leaves to the bunch; worth 2c. Monday special 7 1/2c.

WIRELESS SYSTEM TO CARRY MARKETS

Branch of De Forest Company to Be Organized Soon in St. Louis or Kansas City to Handle News Reports.

THINKS BOLL WEEVIL WILL FLOURISH THIS YEAR.

Colonel Peters Advances Diversity of Crops as Only Solution for the South.

Sacrifice Flower Sale

The entire contents of the World's Fair Greenhouse, consisting of hundreds and thousands of plants, have been moved to the Manufacturers Building and will be sold at a sacrifice.

SALE NOW ON AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ALL ARE SOLD IN MANUFACTURES BUILDING

CHICAGO HOUSE WRECKING CO. WORLD'S FAIR GROUNDS

HIGHLY EDUCATED WOMEN IN COOKING SCHOOLS.

Graduates of High School and Washington University Take Domestic Science Course. Among the large class of young women who will be graduated from the domestic science department of the Women's Training School at No. 1238 Locust street, next week, are some who were also graduated from the High School and Washington University. Unprecedented interest in domestic science is being manifested at this institution. The young women seem to have realized that their education was incomplete without a thorough understanding of cooking and housekeeping, and that as Rustin said: "To be a good cook means the economy of your great-grandmother and the science of modern chemistry; it means much better and no wasting; it means, in fine, that you are to be perfectly and always ladies (God give), and you are to see that everybody has something nice to eat."

SPURIOUS ANTIQUES TO GO.

Metropolitan Museum to Be Rid of All Rubbish. "The fact that many are disappointed here because the appointment was not given to an American. Surely such a disappointment is unreasonable, as it is difficult for America to produce such an all-around man. She is too far from the center of things—too remote from the Old World. This is not yet the right atmosphere to breed such men. Both the copy-right and the high-class dealer should rejoice in having at hand an expert so well qualified to detect spurious antiquities. For it is stated that there has been a spring trade for years in objects of this class. "Some say that Mr. Furber's appointment will be a menace to the dealer both here and in Europe, but I prefer to look upon the matter as one making for international purity."

Advertisement for Sonnenfeld's flowers. Text includes: 'The Greatest Flower Sale of the Year!', 'Begins To-Morrow Morning at 8 O'Clock', 'L. ACKERMAN, Mgr., 419-421-423-425 NORTH BROADWAY, E. B. ALINE, Mgr.'

Flowers From Auction

The Failure of one of New York's Leading Millinery Importers—and the Sale of his Entire Stock at Public Auction—brings you the Grandest Flower Bargains Ever Offered in St. Louis.

We bought heavily—took all we could get of this stock—for we knew the public would take prompt advantage of the unparalleled values! The goods are here—ready for your selection beginning to-morrow morning—a tremendous assortment of the newest and most desirable flowers and foliage for this season's wear—every kind and color and shade that you can ask for—and they all go at One-Half to One-Third Their Real Value

5 25c 95c This is one of those occasions where the first choice is the best—so we earnestly suggest that—before all other things—you give this sale your very first attention to-morrow morning.

WOMEN WAR ON GAY POSTERS.

Trenton Club Would Have Censor for Larid Lithographs.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. Trenton, N. J., April 1.—Trenton society women, members of the Civic Club of this city, have started a crusade against sensational billboard advertising. The subject is to be investigated by a committee composed of Misses Margaret M. Baiter, Miss Alice M. Metcalf, Miss M. Baiter. The club's strongest protest is against pictures of chorus girls in abbreviated costumes and to the pictures of torture of political prisoners in some of the Russian plays. The reformers say such displays are harmful to Trenton morals. Appeal for reform is to be made to the managers of the Trenton theaters, and if this does not bring relief the Common Council will be asked to pass an ordinance making it illegal to put such posters in public places.

A public censor of theatrical advertising is likely to be asked for at an early meeting of the Civic Club. Hundreds of useful articles are advertised in the "For Sale-Miscellaneous" columns of to-day's Republic.

How to Vote for BOND ISSUE. "For Increase of Debt—No" "For Increase of Debt—Yes" Attention is given "No" means a total of 2-3 Vote of qualified voters necessary

Wednesday, April 5th, We Will Inaugurate a Manufacturer's Price Sale on Bedroom Furniture.

Prices Marked in Plain Figures to a Value Which Will Make the Sale. We Mean Just What We Say. Sale Ends April 12th.

Advertisement for J.H. Crane Furniture Co. Text includes: 'J.H. CRANE FURNITURE CO. Cor. Fourth and St. Charles Sts., St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A.' Includes image of a woman in a dress.