



FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC —
CONTINUED CONSOLIDA-
TION

From our own Correspondent

Paris, June 6

Advices from Paris indicate a continued effort on the part of the present Govern- ment to consolidate the institutions of the Republic. Though the disturbances of a decade past have receded, their memory is not without influence upon the temper of the populace, and measures directed toward stability are received with cautious approval.

Public works proceed apace, and commer- cial activity, though subject to fluctuation, is reported to be steady. Observers remark that the lessons of recent history remain near at hand, and that the authorities are resolved to avoid those excesses which formerly gave rise to disorder.

IMPERIAL AND COLONIAL
AFFAIRS

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICA-
TIONS EXTENDED

From our Colonial Correspondent

The extension of telegraphic lines through- out the Empire continues to reduce the interval between occurrence and report to a degree previously unimagined. Messages which once required weeks may now be conveyed within hours, with evident conse- quence for commerce, administration, and the dissemination of intelligence.

It is observed that this increased rapidity has likewise given rise to new considerations, as the immediacy of information renders error more swiftly apparent and correction more urgently demanded.

This increased flow of information is envi- sioned to be revolutionary and a boon of victorian ingenuity

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE
METROPOLITAN THOR-
OUGHFARES

From our own Reporter

Various works undertaken within the Me- tropolis for the improvement of principal thoroughfares are reported to be advancing with commendable regularity. Particular attention has been directed to the widening of certain congested streets and the better regulation of traffic in districts of increasing commercial importance.

While inconvenience to the public has necessarily accompanied these efforts, it is generally conceded that the long-term bene- fit will justify the present disruption.

COURT AND SOCIETY

A GATHERING IN MAYFAIR

From our Society Correspondent

A reception of considerable elegance was held this week in Mayfair, attended by a select company drawn from both established and newly distinguished circles. The evening was marked by agreeable conversation and the display of numerous articles of orna- ment of notable workmanship. Observers remarked upon the continued fashion for pieces of a more restrained char- acter, suggesting a preference for refinement over ostentation in present taste.

COMMERCIAL REPORT

MARKETS STEADY — CAU-
TIOUS CONFIDENCE

From our City Correspondent

Business in the City during the past week has proceeded with a steadiness that, while not indicative of rapid expansion, affords a degree of reassurance to those engaged in trade. Securities connected with railway

enterprises remain the subject of attentive scrutiny, and investors are said to proceed with measured caution.

Merchants express a guarded optimism, not- ing that present conditions, though modest, are free from the sudden disturbances which have at times unsettled the market.

CITY INTELLIGENCE

UNRESOLVED MATTERS OF
A PRIOR DECADE — A POSSI-
BLE RECURRENCE

From our own Reporter

Attention has recently been directed to- ward a number of occurrences of some years' standing which, having at the time occasioned remark, were never brought to a conclusion entirely satisfactory to those concerned.

Among these may be numbered the disap- pearance, in the year 1871, of a valuable article from the residence of a gentleman of position in the western districts of the Me- tropolis. The circumstances attending that affair were such as to give rise to suspicion, though no recovery of the property was ef- fected, nor was any formal charge ultimately sustained.

It will be recalled by some that a person then engaged upon the London stage was, for a time, associated in public report with the matter, his presence within the house on the evening in question having been noted. The individual in question withdrew there- after from his professional engagements, and has not, to the knowledge of this paper, resumed them.

Interest in the subject has been renewed by a recent occurrence of a similar character within the Metropolis, wherein an article described as a piece of personal ornament of uncommon workmanship was found to be missing under circumstances not dissimi- lar to those previously reported. No signs of forced entry were observed, and it is under- stood that only a limited number of persons had access to the rooms in question.

While it would be premature to suggest a direct connection between the two affairs, the resemblance in their principal fea- tures has not escaped notice. It is further remarked that, as in the earlier case, the matter is at present the subject of discreet inquiry. Whether these events are to be regarded as coincidental, or as indicative of some method not yet fully understood, remains to be determined.

GENERAL NOTICES

OCCURRENCES OF THE
WEEK

From various Correspondents

A minor fire occurring in a warehouse along the river was brought under control with commendable promptitude, and no loss of life has been reported. In the east- ern districts, complaints have been made regarding the condition of certain streets following recent rains, though remedial measures are said to be under consider- ation.

Elsewhere, gatherings in the public parks have proceeded without disturbance, and the general course of metropolitan life continues in its accustomed manner, marked alike by industry, inconvenience, and occasional alarm

POLICE INTELLIGENCE

OBSERVATIONS UPON CER-
TAIN CLASSES OF OFFENCE

From our own Reporter

In recent communications from the Met- ropolitan Police, attention has been drawn to a class of offences distinguished less by violence than by the absence thereof. These occurrences, while infrequent, are remarked upon for the peculiarity of their execution, in that property is removed without disturbance, and with little or no indication of unlawful entry.