

Paris: The Great Flood of 1910

Before

- The Seine River runs through Paris
- Paris had been dredging the Seine River since 1867 to deepen it
- The Seine River typically rises in the winter, but returns to normal levels quickly



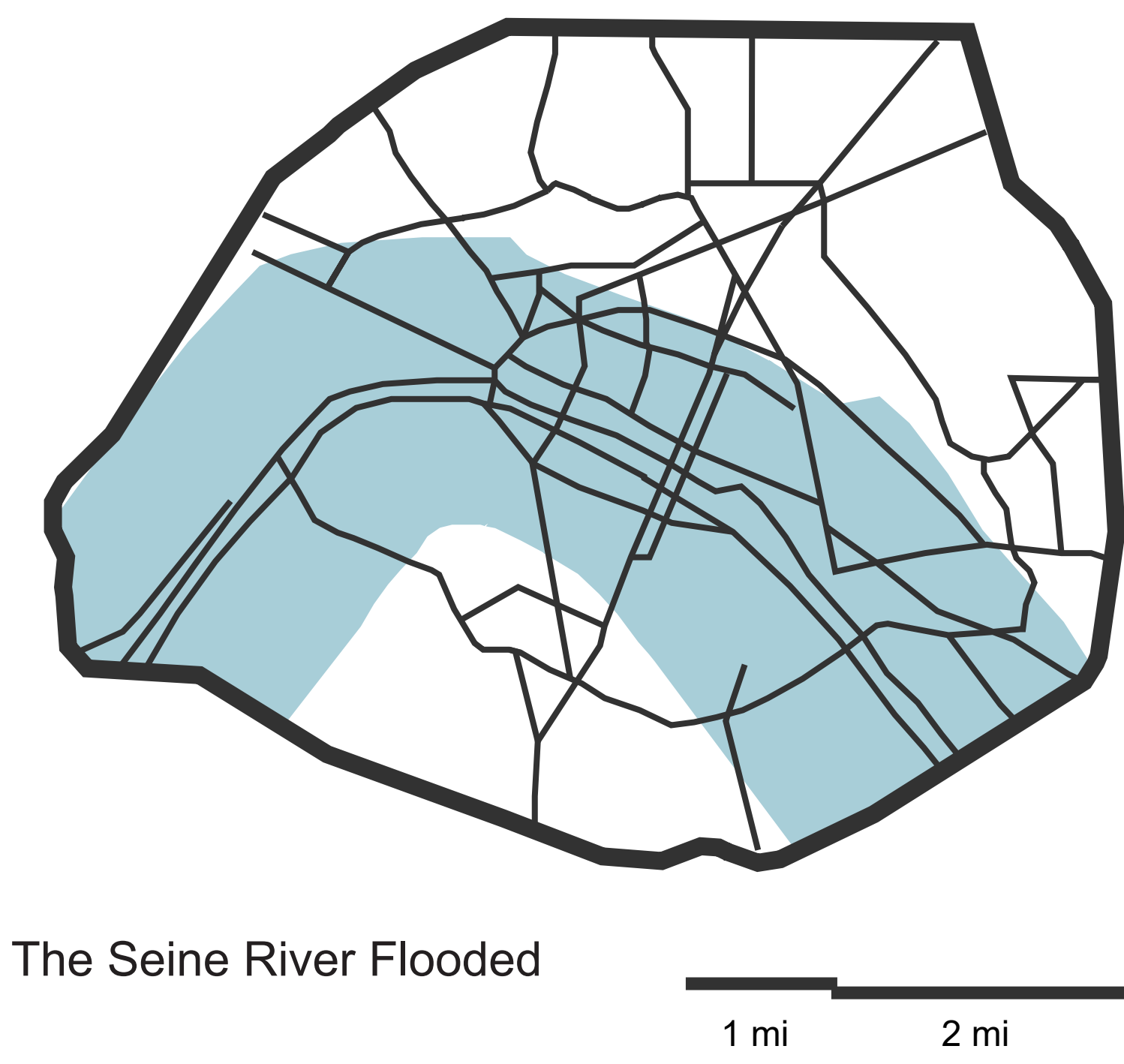
The Seine River



Seine River at normal level.

During

- The Seine River overflowed one mile on either side of its banks
- Residents used make-shift bridges and boats to make their way through Paris
- The water that flowed through the streets was polluted by underground sewers, tunnels, and drains



The Seine River Flooded



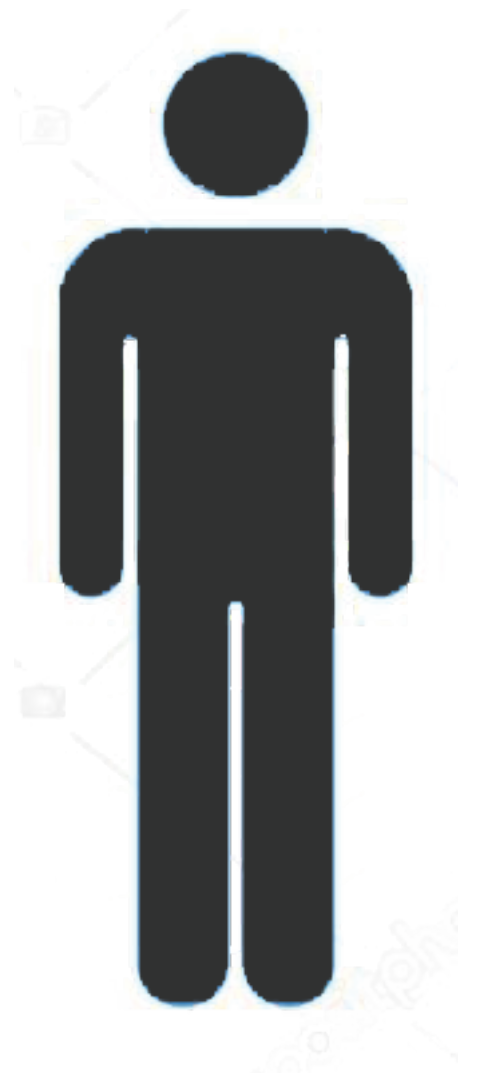
Make shift bridges keep people out of the polluted water.



Parisians used boats to navigate the streets.

After

- Continued dredging and deepening the Seine
- Added the Cresent and Chaumecon reservoirs in 1932
- Paris flooded in June 2016 and has learned that it is not prepared for another 100 year flood



The polluted water spread Scarlet Fever and Typhoid that killed 150,000 people.



These photos show the Seine River flooding over its banks in June 2016.