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**Form:** Circular

**By:** G. Prudhomme, Paris Mint

**Date:** 1900

**Ref:** AM: 137; Hern: 308; ME: France 4; Laidlaw: 0227;

**Variations:** **Size Metal Mass Value**

73 mm Bronze \$1,200

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Seated female facing left dressed in a light gown, cloak billowing behind, wearing a coronet. On the right, a shield bearing coat of arms of Paris supported by her left hand. On the left, the French Cock in front of a view of the Hôtel de Ville. Signature round the rim on right: "G. PRUDHOMME". Legend: "VILLE DE PARIS". In the exergue: "FLVCTVAT NEC MERGITVR" (and not sinking). The N of NEC is inverted.

**Reverse:** Within a circle of dot surrounded by a laurel wreath: "LA / VILLE DE PARIS / AU PRÉSIDENT / KRUGER / 27 NOVEMBRE / 1900". Legend: "DEPARTMENT DE LA SEINE"

**Notes:** When President Kruger visited Paris he was received as a visiting head of state. He was invited to a reception in his honor at the Hôtel de Ville (municipal palace). This medal (possibly in gold) was presented to him by M. Ernest Gay, the Chairman of the Municipal Council.