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**The King and the Craft.**

This time-honored sentiment of Freemasonry has long enjoyed special honour among Brethren, so special, indeed, that it almost stands alone as a dual item.

In Freemasonry most things go in threes, but a grand exception is made in the case of the King and the Craft, a sentiment always first honoured at every social meeting of Freemasons, and loyally acted up to by Brethren of the order. It is, of course, a recognition of ourselves, but the King is placed in the front, and Freemasons consider themselves particularly honoured in such good company.

When the Prince of Wales became a member of our Brotherhood there were some who ventured to advocate an alteration of the time honoured premier toast, and considered it would be better to make the first call the King, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Craft. The idea did not meet any approval, and it is gratifying it did not—not that the Craft was unmindful of the honour of the Her Apparent coming among us, but rather because there was no need or desire to put anyone between the Monarch and our Brotherhood. Further, in recognising the King or a Queen in front of the Craft, and in association with it, homage is paid to the Throne direct, and when it is paid to the Throne direct it naturally means to include the next in succession. During the War abroad, in consideration for the reconstruction of the world, as also in the present war at home, Masonic speakers, of all ranks, have taken the opportunity when referring to the King and the Craft, of pointing out that the first half of the subject really includes recognition and respect for the State which affords us protection; and, above all, urge us to never lose sight of the allegiance due to the Sovereign of our native land. Thus we might almost make a trio of the sentiment, rendering it as the King, the Country and the Craft—but that is not necessary; the greater includes the lesser, and Brethren generally will realise that when they pledge the King and the Craft they have done more than coupled an individual with our Brotherhood. The latter is taken as a noun of multitude and the former must also be so regarded.

Loyalty to the Throne, we are told day after day, is essentially a Masonic characteristic, and Freemasons can show that loyalty at the present time in marked and conspicuous fashion. We are told time after time that the basis of the proposed League of Nations is nothing more than a general application of the Principles of Freemasonry; that class warfare, trade disputes, and all of the ills the workers of the world have to contend against would vanish if humanity was imbued with the spirit of Brotherly Love, practised Relief, and respected Truth—not merely truth in words, but truth in life and action. The opportunity has arisen for this last-named characteristic, and if the Truth can be established there is little fear the present troubles will be speedily ended.

It is no part of Freemasonry's work to consider politics, but the present state of affairs is far beyond politics, although it may be possible to introduce the political element into it. Freemasons, therefore, should keep quite aloof; but in order to take their share in the defence of the country they may take action on one of their three great Principles—Truth. Statements put before the public by the two sides are so widely different that nobody in his senses can fail to think there is a great mass of misrepresentation, even deliberate lying, going on somewhere. Let us therefore seek to get to the Truth of the matter, then. Brotherly Love and practical Relief will follow as a matter of course. One side of the controversy demands Justice, the other side offers it in what they consider ample proportions! To get at the Truth, Masonic spirit must prevail, and it behoves every member of the Craft to do his little best to get to the bottom—the truthful bottom—of the subject.

It is very difficult to urge the Craft to take action in the National struggle, lest they appear to mix up with politics. But there is a way, a clearly defined way, of acting Masonically, without stepping over the border-line. The Craft recognises the King as equal, even premier to itself, and there is ample justification under such circumstances for individual members to take direct action in support of the Throne, and when the Throne is supported it must of necessity follow that the Ministers of the Throne are also included. Freemasonry can aid the whole Nation if its members loyally and wholeheartedly support those in authority. —Freemason's Chronicle.

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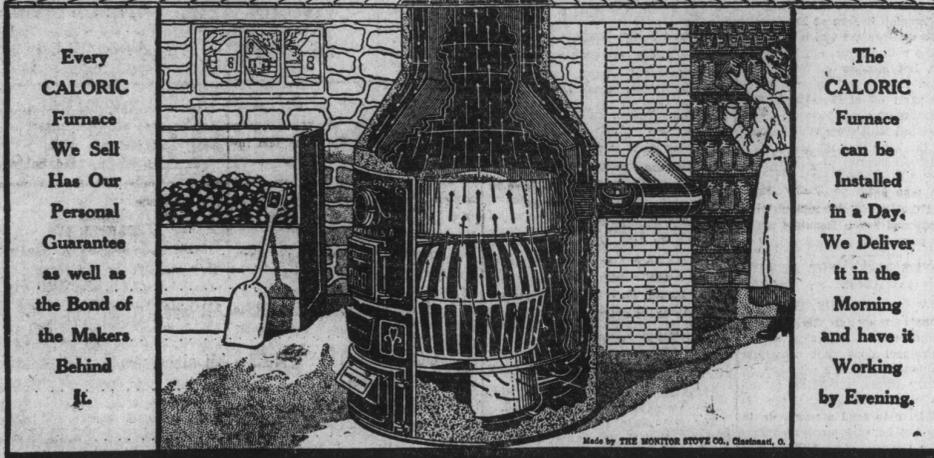
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German Prepared for Act of Dishonor.

London, Dec. 4.—In view of the German Government's reply for responsibility for the sinking of the German warships in Scapa Flow, the British Admiralty last night published a number of documents, including all the secret instructions of the German Admiral Von Reuter to his officers on the preparation for and the method of scuttling of vessels when over the signal to do so was given from his ship, the Emden, his intention being to send the vessels to the bottom should the British attempt to seize them without the consent of the German Government.

Referring to the possibility of Germany agreeing to surrender the ships, Admiral Von Reuter said in one of the documents:

"Then the ships will be handed over, to the lasting disgrace of those who placed us in this position."

The weightiest document the Admiralty discloses, is a letter from Rear Admiral Adolf von Trotha, chief of the German Admiralty, written to von Reuter, dated Berlin, May 9, and marked "most secret." It was found in the safe of the Emden at the time of the salvaging of that cruiser.

This letter discusses at considerable length the negotiations then proceeding at Paris regarding the fate of the German ships, and it gives no actual instructions for the scuttling of the vessels, though one sentence runs, "their surrender to the enemy remains out of the question."

The Admiralty does not claim this as proof that the German government ordered the scuttling of the warships, but it claims that the letter proves the German government was able to communicate with Von Reuter.

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