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## MONARCHS WHO ARE MASONS

Three monarchs — namely, Edward VII., the Kaiser and King Oscar — belong to-day to the craft, and in each instance, they have since their accession to the throne, ceased to be active members and have severed their connection with the lodges to which they belonged finding the obligations of sovereignty incompatible with those of the brotherhood. Thus, during the last year of Queen Victoria's reign, the discovery that an atheistic Mason lodge, known as the Hiram Lodge, had been constituted in London, under a charter from the Grand Orient of France compelled the then Prince of Wales, in his capacity as Grand Master of the English Rite, to issue a somewhat violent and abrupt decree directed against French Masons, denouncing them as beyond the Masonic pale, and prohibiting any Masonic intercourse with them. True, it was in keeping with the attitude assumed by the Grand Lodge of England, in 1877, when the Grand Orient of France banished, so to speak, the Almighty from its lodges, excluding in the most rigorous fashion from its ceremonies all acknowledgment of or reference to the Grand Architect of the Universe. But in view of the role played by Masonry in the political life of France, where most of the leading statesmen, from the President of the Republic and the Premier downward, are members of the craft, it was, to say the least, awkward, and it is easy to see that if circumstances were to arise necessitating the issue of another such attack upon French Masons by the English Grand Lodge, the connection of King Edward with the latter would not merely endow the manifesto with an official and international character, but would be calculated to impair the friendly relations between the two governments.

**AN AWKWARD SITUATION.**  
This danger was brought home to the King within a few weeks after his accession, for among the earliest petitions which he received after becoming King was an appeal signed, not only by a large number of Turkish Free-Masons, but likewise by thousands of other members of the craft, calling upon him to use his influence to secure the freedom of a brother Mason, ex-Sultan Murad, who, "for the last quarter of a century has been imprisoned at Constantinople on the pretext of a mental malady" by his younger brother, the present ruler of the Ottoman Empire. It was, perhaps, fortunate that a few days before this petition reached its destination, Edward had surrendered the Grand Mastership of the order in England to his brother, the Duke of Connaught, since otherwise his Masonic obligations would have forced him to take some steps in behalf of Murad which might have clashed with the political interest of his kingdom.  
Emperor William, on succeeding to the throne, with the object of avoiding just such quandaries as these, hastened to sever his connection with the craft, nominating his cousin and brother-in-law, Prince Frederick Leopold, the Grand Master of the French Rite, and the Grand Master of the Swedish Rite, while the Grand Master of the Italian Rite, Napoleon III., however, neglected to take this precaution when he became Emperor of the French, and it was owing to his Masonic obligations that he gave such powerful support to the United Italy party south of the Alps, in defiance of French interests. For it is hardly necessary to point out that it was to the advantage of France that Italy should remain divided up into a number of petty sovereignties, instead of constituting one united kingdom that would necessarily become a menace and a danger to France.

**FORCED INTO WAR.**  
Napoleon was a mason of the Italian Rite, and he had joined the order in his youth, while living in Italy, and at a moment when the Italian lodges were the life and soul of the movement in favor of the unification of Italy, with Rome as its capital. When he ascended the throne of France he found it convenient to forget his obligations. But Mazzini, who was one of the principal dignitaries of the Grand Orient of Italy, and other influential Italian Masons lost no time in reminding him of his solemn pledges, giving him to understand that the enmity of the craft, and even punishment in the shape of death, would inevitably overtake him unless he lived up to his promises. Not merely threats, but bona fide attempts upon his life, began to follow one upon another with startling rapidity, until in 1859, he, to the dismay of all his most sensible counselors and friends, embarked France in a costly and wholly unnecessary war with Austria, for the purpose of driving her out of Lombardy, and of uniting the latter, as well as the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, the Duchy of Parma and a number of other petty sovereignties of the Peninsula, to what was then known as the Kingdom of Sardinia. He likewise gave very material support to the movement which resulted in the overthrow of the Kingdom of Naples and its absorption by what is now the Kingdom of Italy. Napoleon's Masonic friends demanded that he should help them to secure possession of Rome. But he realized that his subjects would not tolerate his taking part as sovereign of France in any movement that had for its object the overthrow of the temporal sovereignty of the Pope, and that he would risk revolution and the loss of his throne if he continued any longer to yield to the demands of his Italian fellow Masons.

**RESIGNED HIS OFFICE.**  
It was then that he caused his cousin, Prince Murat, to become Grand Master of the French Free Masons, and proclaimed his intention of protecting the craft in France in order to make it clear, both in his own dominions and in Italy, that he ceased to be a Mason or to be bound by his obligations of such, al-



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though he would remain a friend of a token of his good will to the latter he issued a decree, bearing the date of 1862, legally recognizing and authorizing the existence of the Order of Free Masons in France. It is an irony of fate that this very fraternity should have become one of the chief factors in bringing about his downfall and have constituted one of the chief obstacles to any monarchical restoration in France.  
To what extent the Masons on the Continent of Europe interfere in politics may be gathered from the fact that after the collapse of the Boulanger bubble those of his adherents who belonged to the order were subjected to severe disciplinary measures by their lodges, not because they had taken part in a political movement, but because they had happened to be on the losing side. In Italy, after Crispi's first visit to the late Prince Bismarck at Friedrichsruhe, he invoked the support of the Grand Orient at Rome for the Triple Alliance, which was very unpopular among the people. As a reward for his services in the matter, the late Signor Lemmi, the Grand Master of the craft, was granted by the Cabinet of the day the monopoly of purchasing the foreign tobacco needed by the Italian Government, the sale of tobacco to King Victor Emmanuel's dominions being a state monopoly. This enabled Lemmi and his Masonic confederates to realize enormous fortunes within the space of a few years.

**MASONS IN EUROPEAN POLITICS.**  
It was in the third and fourth decades of the nineteenth century that the Masons of Italy, Austria, France, Spain and Portugal first commenced to devote their attention to politics. This was due to the severity of the various monarchical Governments in dealing with persons professing liberal and republican ideas. The men found that it was not behind the closed doors of Masonic lodges, duly tiled, that they could make their voices

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heard and give free expression to their political opinions without peril of imprisonment, and even worse. But, while this association between politics and Masonry has served the personal ends and ambitions of many of the statesmen who were members of the craft, it cannot be said to have furthered the real interests and aims of the fraternity, which has for its primary object universal brotherhood, and one may recall the bitter resentment excited in France by two speeches of Adriano Lemmi, the Grand Master of the Orient of Italy, delivered at Naples and at Rome, in which he proclaimed his ardent hope of seeing ere long the flag of his country floating over Corsica.  
It was different over the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Thus we find King Louis XVI., who met with his death on the scaffold, and his two younger brothers, who reigned over France as Louis XVIII. and Charles X., respectively, figuring as Masons and belonging to a lodge known as "The Three Brothers." King Charles' son, the Duc de Berri, was likewise a prominent Mason. So, too, was King Louis Philippe, and also his eldest son, the Duke of Orleans, father of the late Comte de Paris. King Frederick the Great was initiated, while still heir apparent at Brunswick in 1738, and subsequently founded a lodge of his own at his chateau of Rheinsberg. His connection with the order remained very close and intimate throughout his reign, among the proofs thereof being a notable letter addressed by him to the poor before his death to the lodge in Berlin known as the "Royal York of Friendship." Both of Frederick the Great's successors were Grand Masters of the Grand Orient of Prussia.

## FORTY THOUSAND MILES IN A CANOE

Forty thousand miles in a two-and-a-half ton canoe!  
Such is the remarkable voyage which has just been accomplished by Captain John C. Voss, a native of British Columbia, and for many years master of Nova Scotia ships. By covering the distance in three years, three months and twelve days, he has broken the American record.  
Captain Voss began his journey from Victoria, British Columbia, on 21, 1901, having as his sole companion Mr. Lutton, a son of the former proprietor of the Winnipeg Free Press. By those who witnessed the start fears were naturally expressed for the safety of a craft which draws but twenty-four inches of water, and which her skipper had done his best to make seaworthy by adding a leaden keel of 3 cwt., and constructing a cabin as a protection from adverse winds.  
The Tilikum (or Friend) fore and aft rigged, possessing three masts and a canvas armor of thirty-eight yards. She was built by a North American Indian long deceased, and the skull of the dead builder was carried aboard throughout the voyage. Whether regarded as a talisman or not, it could not have acted as a charm against the perils of the sea, while the experienced belf Captain Voss had no romantic voyage was yet uncompleted.  
**MATE AND COMPASS LOST.**  
Mr. Lutton had been taken off the canoe at one of the intermediate calling places, and Captain Voss had engaged another mate. Most unfortunately the latter fell overboard twelve hundred miles from Sydney, and carried with him the only compass of which the canoe could boast. Thus deprived, Captain Voss had to discover land.

According to the captain's narrative after setting sail in British Columbia, he rounded the coast of Vancouver Island, thence entering the North Pacific, and by steering a southerly course, crossed the equator about 122 west longitude. He established most friendly relations with the natives of the Penrhyn Islands and even the cannibals of this and adjacent groups in the South Pacific manifested no hostile feeling during a stay of seventeen days.  
From the capital of Fiji to Sydney was a run of eighteen hundred miles, and it was on this part of the trip that the fatality to the canoe's mate occurred, the man having been shipwrecked before this part of the trip was begun.  
The voyage round the Australian coast was attended by an unexpected incident at Melbourne. Here the frail craft was damaged by the negligent use of a crane, and Captain Voss brought an action for damages, which he won.  
From Melbourne he went up to Ballarat, where he took part in a regatta conveying the canoe for this purpose to an altitude 1,400 feet above sea level.  
The course from Melbourne was to Adelaide, thence to Hobart, and to the most southerly point of New Zealand. While coasting here the captain was all but deprived of his mate, who was washed overboard, but happily was picked up.

**BRAVING HEAVY SEAS.**  
It must not be supposed that hitherto the Tilikum had experienced nothing but smooth seas. She had encountered at times very rough weather, and when the canoe put in at Christchurch her skipper was able to give before an assemblage of 7,000 people, a demonstration of the value of which the boat had lived through heavy seas. He had put the anchor to a practical test off the Australian coast, for it had enabled him to weather a four days' gale. He gave a second exhibition at Wellington.  
From Auckland he went an eighteen days' trip to the New Hebrides, and, his health having failed somewhat, the adventurous voyager made for Thursday Island, in the Torres Straits hoping to obtain some form at least of medical aid. The island was, however, found to be uninhabited.  
A run of 2,000 miles across the Indian ocean brought the Tilikum to

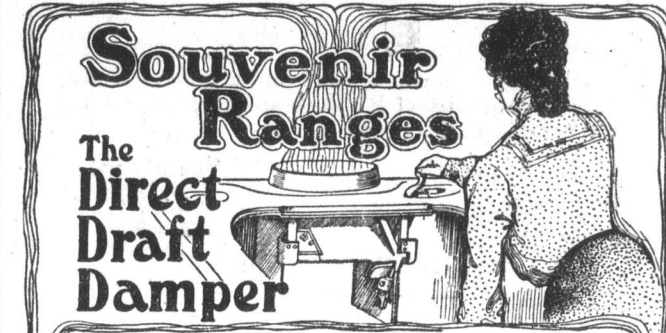
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Rodriguez Island, which is a cable station, and where the canoe was re-provisioned.  
Subsequently Captain Voss landed at Durban, South Africa, and went on to Ladysmith, Colenso, Pretoria and East London. From Cape Town he voyaged to St. Helena, and reached Pernambuco on May 21, exactly three years from the date of his first sailing.  
The arrival at the Azores was delayed owing to the indisposition of Captain Voss, who naturally was suffering from long confinement to so restricted an area as the deck of his canoe and from want of exercise.  
Making his course, after thirty days' sickness, to the English coast, Captain Voss spoke two English vessels, one of which he boarded.  
Good weather prevailed in the North Atlantic and the twenty-two days' run ended on Friday night, September 2, at Margate, where Captain Voss was welcomed by a large concourse. He shook hands with at least 500 people, who had watched the Tilikum enter the harbour and had pressed forward to congratulate him.  
It is understood Captain Voss intends to publish the story of his voyage in book form.  
He is forty-six, and a typical specimen of the British seaman.

**PECULIARITIES OF THE GREAT GEORGE SAND.**  
George Sand, or Mme. Dudevant, the famous French woman writer, scandalized her literary friends by wearing men's clothes. "A long gray overcoat," she herself says she wore, "a woolen tie and—a pair of boots." These boots were her joy. "I longed to sleep with them. On their little iron-shod heels I was firm on my feet and trotted from one end of Paris to the other."  
It was this outward mannishness that won for her the title of "Illustrious Hybrid." However, her hands were beautifully feminine. "It was," says one who knew her, "a delicate hand, all grace, tact, firmness and flexibility. One could not dream of a more perfect combination of the French working class woman's and the aristocratic or royal lady's hand." It will be recalled that George Sand boasted: "The blood of kings is mixed in my veins with the blood of the poor and lowly." She was, as she termed it, "astride" of the two classes, the peasantry and the aristocracy.

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