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BELGIUM BRACES FOR WAR

Brussels--The citizenry of this central European capitol are rapidly preparing for the onslaught of war. An editorial in the nations largest newspaper, Volksgazette, warned the populace that occupation by a major power was inevitable. The most obvious major power to occupy Belgium is, in the words of editor Erik Van Looy, "probably the Germans or the French." His own personal hope is that the English occupy first. "At least we won't have to worry about rationing food," he stated. "The English won't rape the country of its food." And what do the people think of the upcoming war? All, of course, expressed concern for their tiny country. But one shopkeeper summed it up best when he said, "If I had a diplodollar for every picture of the Kaiser sold in Belgium I'd be a diplo-millionaire!"

TSAR SPEAKS OUT

Petrograd (Russian Imperial Press)--At a time when all of Europe seems posed on the brink of war, Tsar Nicholas II spoke to the Russian people to inform them of Russia's actions. While his speech is too lengthy to be reprinted here in its entirety, the important points will be mentioned.

First, mobilization plans are in effect to bring Russia's two army groups and two fleets up to full strength. Plans were disclosed for the two fleets to move to Rumania and Sweden to aid the governments who have requested aid.

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BIG CROWD HEARS THE POPE

Rome--(Jan. 3) "My fellow Italians," began Pope Infallibility II, addressing teeming millions that had swarmed into St. Peter's square, "I have called you here for two reasons. War is coming. Despite our every effort, armies are even now being mobilized on our borders, while vast armorments and fleets are being readied... Thus our orgies must stop, our wild dancing in the streets must come to an end for there will be great toil. People of Italy, we will go forth to victory!" As the millions shouted "Victory!" "Victory!", his Holiness smiled, and then with a wild cry he announced, "LET THE LAST AND GREATEST ORGY BEGIN"

Never has there been such a sight and never again will there be one quite like it! Thousands of hours swarmed into the college of cardinals and into St. Peter's as out in the square nothing could be seen but bodies upon bodies, layer on layer.

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HOLLAND RESTORES STATTHOLDER

Amsterdam(Dec. 29, 1913)-- Leaders from the seven provinces: Gelderland, Overysse, Drenthe, Groningen, Friesland, Holland and Zeeland, have revived the historical off of Stattholder. They chose Charles Stuvysent, a member of the famous House of Orange. Charles (Chucles Chuck) said in his acceptance speech, "As in the time of my ancestor, William, in the 17th century, the people of the Netherlands

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SWEDEN GOES ON ALERT

Stockholm(Nov. 12)--Foreign Minister Sven Ferguson has accepted an invitation to visit the Czar at the Winter Palace. The topic of discussion has not been disclosed, however sources indicate closer ties with Russia will probably be the main item on the agenda.

Stockholm(Nov. 19)--Under Secretary Willard Olafson yesterday arrived in Berlin for a series of talks concerning the naval-military exercise in the Baltic planned for next year.

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EDITORIAL

Bern(CHP)--This editor has just finished typing about 6½ pages of Aquarius and it is Saturday afternoon, not bad. Actually, I started early this week with early press and this is one reason why it looks a little unorganized. Having more experience under my belt, I have decided to formulate more rules for press. To make it easier on our typesetter, I will have to ask that each game and press be written on separate pieces of paper. I have a filing system set up to take care of each three games by itself. For organizational purposes, press will be divided into the following areas: 1) National and war news: this will cover your orders in press style (along with regular orders) explaining or whatever, your country's war efforts, etc. In addition, you may include your more important world news. This material will have prime

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TSAR SPAEAKS, CONT.

Although the two armies are expected to be kept in reserve at this time. Yet, one army might be moved to the Ukraine to keep the revolting peasants under control.

Concerning the domestic political arena, the Tsar ordered the dissolution of the Duma, saying that "In times like this we need strong leadership, not a group of weak-willed children."

When asked about the Bolsheviks who seem to be getting stronger by the day, the Tsar refused to comment. The reporter asking the question was escorted from the room by half a dozen policemen. It was later reported that he had been killed while crossing the road. It was said that a horse had run over him. Finally, the Tsar said that he was sure that all the Russian people would unite behind their true leadership in these troubled times.

BIG CROWD CONT.

Out from St. Peter's spread the celebration, and soon the Tiber river itself ran red with wine. Not for two months was there a drop of wine to be had in the city, while throughout the year dart-sharpeners enjoyed immense prosperity. His Holiness called his friends to him--The Mad Man of Venice, Commander of the Imperial Army, and Admiral Sadista, Commander of the Imperial Navy. Together they gave a wild whoop, and turning to the business at hand, they shouted, "Mamma mia, that's a spicy *censored*!!!"

POPE BURPS AT THE PRESS

Rome (Jan. 3)--Nearly recovered from the annual New Year's Orgy and Dart Throwing Contest, His Holiness, Pope Infallibility II, Emperor of all Italy, her numerous territories and possessions, Commander of the Swiss Guard, Vicar of Christ, Holy See, leader of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and grandmaster of all orgies addressed himself to the press today. To the first question about the rumors of war, he replied, "Buurrrrrppppp..." His press secretary then dismissed the gathering, stating that more important announcements would be forthcoming, ((see page one--Ed.))though His Holiness' last message undoubtedly had some hidden meaning and that the press corps would do well not to overlook it.

HOLLAND RESTORES CONT.

have turned to my house to protect them in a time of crisis. I will honor duty's call. Besides, this beats the unemployment line any day."

In Groningen, rumors are circulating that the Kaiser came over the border with Germany to meet secretly with the Stattholder. There is no hint as to what might have been the subject of conversation. (Non-Spanish) Haarlem--Informed sources reported that the Stattholder wishes to unite all peoples of the historical Netherlands, those of the present United Netherlands as well as our southern brethren severed from us during the war of Independence with Spain in the 1600's.

SWEDEN ALERT CONT.

Goteborg, Nov. 24--Fleet HQ today confirmed that all coastal defense units are to go on full alert the second week of March. Admiral Cushin has just returned from London via Berlin. When questioned concerning his twenty day meeting in London, he replied, "The English were very sympathetic to our requests. I personally expect them to show us in no uncertain terms. But, we must remember, Great Britain is a major world power and must act with discretion." He did not comment nor answer questions concerning his 36 hour stop-over in Berlin.

SINS IS FORMED

Arboga, Dec. 6--Today wealthy liberal industrialist Rober Carnegie announced that he and several close associates have formed an independent news service. The accelerating deterioration of traditional news handling prompted the formation of the Swedish Independent News Service, to be known as SINS. SINS will have correspondents throughout Europe and is trying to arrange for the inclusion of the United States and Japan. Articles will be received in Stockholm and will carry a SINS dateline. Such notables as Eric Seversin, who covered Gandhi's non-violent demonstrations against the British and Gustav Wilson who will be remembered for his fearless reporting of the Russo-Japanese War, are among the outstanding reporters signed by SINS.

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HOLLAND SIGNS TREATY

HOT NEWS FROM NAF

Amsterdam(Feb. 24)--Press Secretary Ron ZiegZagler announced the signing of a treaty with the Kaiser. Although the treaty was described as defensive in nature, there is speculation that the Kaiser has committed his Government to helping the Stattholder to bring the Flemish speaking people of Belgium into the United Netherlands. The Kaiser was overheard remarking, "We Germanic people must stick together."

Rotterdam(March 3)--Reports are reaching this city of demonstrations in Antwerp and other cities of Brabant. The inhabitants who speak Flemish, which is closely related to German, claim that the Walloons, who speak French, are discriminating against them. Belgian government sources suspect Dutch agents of stirring up the trouble.

SICILY DECLARE INDEPENDENCE

Sicily(Jan. 12)--Don Massaro, Kingpin of the Mafiosi and Chief Drug Trafficer of the world, today proclaimed the Island of Sicily of right and in actual fact, and independent state. To the shock and utter astonishment of the world, the Don denounced Pope Infallibility II and decried his allegiance to him, "We want nothing to do with war, for war will only hurt the economy of our beloved Sicily. It will destroy our trade, so vital to our survival." He then went on to warn the Emperor that should he dare to challenge the independence of Sicily, all houris trade will cease immediately as well as all prostitution parlours ceasing to function throughout the Italian Empire. "We welcome all ambassadors to our country, especially those from the Turkish Empire and the French Republic."

Rome(Jan. 13)--Utter, absolute, and shocking silence.

BOLSHEVIKS ON THE MOVE

Petrograd(R.I.P.)--Word was circulating around the city that well known emigre Vladimir Ilich Ulianov had left Switzerland along with two close companions. Where they are now is not known, but speculation is that they will end up in Petrograd. Ulianov, better known as Lenin, is reputed to be the head of the Bolsheviks. With Lenin is Leo Trotsky and another Bolshevik known only as Rurik the Red.

Fez--Today, which comes after the day after the day before yesterday, the Crown Prince (ss?) expressed his (her) concern about the French ability to fight. He (she) also stated that the Italians were incapable. Although he (she) was assassinated several minutes later, the harm was done. The move had been mailed to John Boyer by that time.

Sahara Desert--((It's damn hot there)) The four members of the Rattlesnake Trio were to appear here last night, but it seems that they were held up by an insane camel driver and his two deaf assistant water boys. Anyway, the trio turned up this morning, and boy! do they smell like they were held up! For 30 days! Over a square mile patch of camel dung and lacerated monkey feet!

DR. OLMES' ARRIVAL IS EMINENT!

Monaco(Dec. 21)--Crown Prince Ranier I today announced to the citizens of Monaco that Dr. Peter Hershey Olmes has been called in as a consultant to the royal family. Since this past autumn when the major powers of Europe began rearming for a possible conflict, the revenue from the casinos has been far below that of past seasons. Therefore, the royal family decided that there was only one course of action to take--and that was to hire the world famous expert on European affairs: Dr. Olmes. It is hoped by the royal family and the citizens of Monaco that Dr. Olmes will be able to predict the trends of battle in the upcoming war. This will allow Monaco to offer special excursion travel packages to the high society of to-be-defeated countries. As the Crown Prince said, "We don't want all of that wealth fleeing to some second rate gambling power like the banks of Switzerland or the casinos of Jamaica. With Dr. Olmes' aid we shall be the profiteers of this war!"

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14K FAKES FOUND IN ANTWERP Flaw In Screening Process

Antwerp--Diamond merchants in Antwerp are making preparations for the rapid transfer of their stocks to Switzerland and other neutral countries when counterfeit diamonds began appearing in the great diamond clearing houses here. It is not clear how these diamonds passed through the rigid inspection

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Ilion, NY, U.S.A.(Dec. 27)--The household of Dr. Peter Hershey Olmes was in quite a turmoil as the doctor prepared to leave for Europe. In retirement for the past six years, Dr. Olmes has not used his expertise since the "Xenogogic Affair" when with his help the German Government defeated France, but to then only have the English sweep in from the north. He then aided the German retreat to Munich where the German Government sat out the rest of the war. Since that time new governments have formed in Europe and this new crisis makes his knowledge valuable once again.

Monaco(Jan. 3, 1914)--It was announced today that Dr. Olmes would arrive in Monte Carlo by mid-February. After consulting with Prince Rainier he will start his travels across Europe to observe the fluctuations in the major powers' strategies as they vie for control of Europe. In this way Monaco will be on top of the developments as they happen.

14K FAKES CONT.

procedures, but all the diamond brokers in the diamond capitol agree that someone within the organization is responsible. Speculation has it that the fake gems are being sold to unsuspecting merchants and the money sent out of the country. "Obviously for the purchase of military arms and raw materials" observed one broker. He refused to comment when asked to which country this money could be going.

HOLLAND CLOSES THE SCHELDT

Vlissingen(Mar. 8)--The Dutch Government has closed the river Scheldt to all Belgian commerce! Diplomats are speculating on war. The confidence of the Stattholder leads many observers to think that he expects military help from Germany. Belgium has called on all governments to uphold the treaty guaranteeing Belgian neutrality. This is looked on as an attempt to stir French and English public opinion.

Utrecht(Mar. 14)--Wayt A. Minuet, acting for his cousin the Stattholder, has offered to buy Antwerp for \$24 in glass beads. He has given the Belgian government until March 21 to reply to his offer.

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Paris--Today a spokesman for the Ministry of Defense announced, "we intend to begin a campaign promoting peace and brotherhood through out the entire continent. We wish to make it completely clear that we desire to be at peace with all our neighbors as we detest the violent and physical measures being proposed by some leaders....however.... if some people do not change their attitude quickly we are going to break every bone in their body!" Oh well, so much for the campaign of peace and brotherhood.

SWISS GUARD PREPARE FOR INVASION

Bern--The Prime Minister has just come back from a top secret conference with a neighboring power. The topic of the conference was rumored to be a joint invasion of Lichenstein. It was understood that Switzerland was offered this piece of territory for future services to this neighboring country. Whom has made this offer is not yet known. Yet, the Swiss National Guard/Army has made preparations for invasion of Lichenstein by next season.

POPE, FOREIGN MINISTER TALK

Trieste--Pope Infallibility II, Emperor of Italy has been meeting with the A-H foreign minister concerning the partition of Sicily from Italy. So far there has been no word on what has gone on but it is known that the Pope is very upset with A-H for concerning themselves in an Italian question. In a related development, Don Massaro, Mafiosi par excellence has been in Budapest for many weeks. Massaro is the leader of the free Sicily movement.

VANITIES FROM A MOSQUE

Turkey--In October of this year Hobbi Nob Job reportedly was quoted as Hollaring from a mosque top in Constaninople, "You @###% Christians now we pay you back for all them @###\$\$ Crusades you %\$\$ kept sending at us in the 11th and 12th centuries." When asked how he dared utter such a phrase without consulting his guiding light, the Sultan Blank, Nob Job replied, "last night while me and the Sultan were toking the fine tobaccos of norther Turkey, the Sultan suffered the ill effects of a OVER TOKE sending him coughing to his knees before me. Having my

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together myself, I immediately saw my chance to convince the superstitious Sultan that his falling from the O.T. at my feet was an indication that he was to follow the leadership of Alla for one year and that since I was Alla's chief servant, that He would convey all his orders through me." The Sultan was questioned to the truth of this statement but was unavailable due to the fact that he was suffering severe withdrawal effects from the previous night.

Dec. 25, morning--Sultan Blank, looking forward to the 1916 Olympics, sent the entire Turkish Track team on errands to the far corners of his vast empire to ask local governors what type of aid they would send him for the forthcoming Crusade. So far, he has received 45632 pounds of old rusty armor from the previous Christian Crusades with instructions to please send this junk back. All governors have reportedly answered the summons to arms in various ways except the Arabian. This is partially due to the fact that the messenger sent to this far off outpost blew a tennis shoe on the Turnpike in Syria where he then proceeded to roll himself 43 times and suffered severe lacerations from the wall he smashed into. The runner was further delayed by the fact it took 4 days to send him a size 13 tennis shoe to replace the blow out.

STUDENT UPRISING IN BUDAPEST

University of Budapest (from Jesuit Scroll)-- Student unrest has the city fathers upset. A radical group of students has been clamoring for the freedom of Serbia and South Tyrol. One ring leader, Alden Prolick, has been arrested for attempting to plan an armed revolt by the Slavs and Czechs.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY IN BELGIUM

Brussels--Despite the darkening warclouds over Europe, people of this lowland country continued to prepare for the festive New Year holidays ahead. Until yesterday.

The festive mood of the people was shattered suddenly when it was discovered that counterfeit money was being passed in Brussels and in Antwerp. The funny money was first noticed in a grocery store when the owner wondered why the Kaiser on a 10 mark note only had half a moustache! Word of the phoney marks was quickly passed to banks, (cont. next col.)

stores, and exchange houses. Bankers and owners alike began closely inspecting all foreign money and soon discovered that Italian liras and Austrian crowns were also being counterfeited.

As was expected, when news of the rubber money reached the public, there was an immediate run on banks to exchange foreign money back to Belgian francs. But with all foreign currency being closely scrutinized, people stood in line for hours waiting to turn in their marks, liras and crowns.

Finance minister Christian Spaak immediately contacted the countries concerned to find out about the possibility of a conspiracy, but was unable to get any responses. A directive was also sent to all customs and immigration officials to confiscate any of the suspected currencies coming into the country.

Minister Spaak conceded that this could be the first step leading to war in Europe, "Probably the fastest way to defeat another nation is to create financial chaos. The best way to do that is flood the market with counterfeit money."

UNDERGROUND PAPER BLAST THE KAISER

The Berlin Socialist Weekly, An Editorial-- ((Please note that this is not German press)) Peoples of Germany! The time has come to face squarely the issues at hand. The Kaiser, monarch supreme and destroyer of human rights, has once again begun the mobilization of the German Army--for self-defense, he claims. Do not let this fool you! People of Germany, he is about to lead you into war, to crush the smaller, peace-loving states of Europe and make war upon his capitalist brethren in the name of "nationalism" and "patriotism." Do not listen! There is only one struggle--it is not with Germany or against her; it is not with France or against her; it is the struggle of the people! It is the struggle of the people to overthrow the tyranny that now chains them to machines and armies of destruction like slaves, it is the struggle to provide freedom and equality for all, everywhere!

Peoples of Germany! March on your government (sic). Tell the bloodthirsty Kaiser that you are sick of war! You are sick of being hauled off to slaughter like so many chickens or sheep! Demand of the Kaiser and his government (for it is not your government) peace...Peace! Peace to work for liberation (cont. next page, col 1)

from tyranny, for brotherhood among men, for equality and liberty. Soldiers! Throw down your guns, refuse to fight. Workers! Refuse to work in their factories or war, in their slave labor camps. Peoples of Germany! Arise and work for the betterment of mankind!

AUSTRIA HIRES NEW MARSHALL

FLASH##--Austria Hungary gets Field Marshall Tomnensen. He is reported to be very happy with the offer and will be accepting the position immediately. All other rulers will be receiving offers for treaty or declaration of war soon.

Later--Francis Joseph and his new Field Marshall, General Tomnesen, sat in the Benedictine monastery on the Danube, Melk. "General, how do you plan to handle our multifarious problems?"

"Ole Joe, I feel when Italy's city-states united and Prussia united our western possessions, our military position was compromised."

"Everyone knows that you..." General Tomnesen interrupted Francis, "So I plan to take over Serbia, get Russia's aid, attack Turkey and have Italy take care of our western possessions."

Now Francis listened intently as General Tomnesen outlined the rest of his plans.

Meanwhile--The peasant organizer in the central valley between the Noric and Rhaetian Range sat at the tree line watching the Royal Armies move southward. Thousands of wagons and even a few motor lorries followed the huge army. Boris counted the troops as they flowed through the valley floor. He hoped a foreign power might help him overthrow the ruler if he had information to trade for their arms.

NEW A-H FOREIGN MINISTER

Vienna--Francis Joseph I, King of Transleithania (Hungary) and Emperor of Cisleithania (Austria) son of Archduke Francis Charles, nephew of Ferdinand I, in the 83rd year of his life decrees that Mark James Matthew Tomnesen, diplomat and tactician extraordinaire, is Austria-Hungary's new foreign minister. All future communications with my country shall be made through my foreign minister.

Between peace and war is hell.--Anonymous.

Sultan Blank's Palace--The pondering Sultan today announced his Chiefs of Staff: Commander of the Turkish First Army in Constantinople... Mohamid Salidin the Vicious; Commander of the Turkish Second Army in Smyrna...Abdul C. Nile, the forgetful; Commander of the Turkish First Fleet in Ankara...Aland Lubber, fresh from his conquering of the Dardinells in only 76 days aboard the Turkish flagship, "McGuppies I" (Interesting story behind that name--remind me to tell you all about it someday); Chief of Staff...Whoop Ingup, A Norwegian whale harpooner who mistakenly harpooned the Sultan while off the coast of Turkey hunting whales in what he thought was the Artic Ocean; Grand Keeper of the Faith...Grand Vissier of Constantinople...Hobbi Nob Job. Nob Job is long remembered for his oratory feats that seem to please every listener.

WORLD NEWS HIGHLIGHTS (SINS)

St. Raphael, France via Stockholm(Sept. 23)-- Today the first air crossing of the Mediterranean was completed. Crossing from St. Raphael via Corsica and Sardinia to Bizerte, M. Roland Garros flew the 700km (453 miles) in seven hours and fifty minutes.

Washington, D.C., U.S.A. via Stockholm(Oct. 10)--This afternoon at two p.m., United States President, Woodrow Wilson pushed a button installed on the South Portico of the White House and exploded the last obstruction in the Panama Canal. This was to dramatize the fact that the canal was expected to be completed sometime early next year.

New York City, U.S.A. via Stockholm(Jan. 11)-- The National Automobile Show in New York today introduced a new type of automobile called a "Sedan" with four doors and is fully enclosed against the weather. Thus far, only the Hudson Motor Car Company manufactures this luxury auto.

Washington, D.C., U.S.A. via Stockholm--Ground was broken this afternoon for a memorial to honor the sixteenth President of the United States. It will contain an enormous statue of the President and the words of his immortal speech. ((forgot the date: Feb. 12, 1914))

WANTED TO BUY: Approximately 1200 miles of HO track to complete a Berlin to Constantinople Railroad. (PennCentral Railroad; USA)

Little spaces like these can be filled with your filler! Jokes, ads, short news, etc. are all welcomed by this Editor. (Aquarius)

FOR SALE: POPPI'S!!! Make fine household floral arrangements. Beautiful odors useful and does wonders for the body. Inquire at the Turkish Empire.

WANTED TO BUY! Assorted small arms of any type: all types of artillery pieces, various types of Biplanes (non used), munitions of all types, and various types of uniformed clothing. Needed to help keep PEACE in Europe. Contact any European Head of State for information.

FOR SALE! Swiss Government is manufacturing articles of war for profits. We guarantee our famous craftsmanship on all of our war equipment. We are also the leading center of research and testing for military armor and munitions. We also are working on a new type of biplane for dogfights. See us now and get the lowest deal around. Hurry and come before the war starts. When it does, our prices will skyrocket way up! Easy terms and big trade in values! Also, we remain confidential as our famous banks are noted for! Contact the National Swiss Government's Department of War Profits.

WANTED! Hippie commie pinko acid-freak and all around nice guy for roommate in three day liquor/drugs/sex orgy in Chicago Hotel. Must be willing and able to discuss the relative merits of thiotimoline, negative virginity, the USPS, and the effects of tripping on ditto fluid with a high degree of straight publications, c/o the editor. You will be notified via the Kremlin within two weeks. Seig Heil! ((This is a real ad, folks. Write me and I'll get in touch with the person in need of a roommate to the DipCon. Any normal conservative establishment type will be okay))

EDITORIAL CONT.

placement on the front page. Major countries will get first placements, but we'll try to get most such news articles started on the front page. By the way, please write your various news/articles with a headline that ties the points made. I had trouble deciding titles that would be appropriately newstitles and yet cover the contents of the press. We need less of the story type and more of the news type. For stories and continuing dramas, we will have our "Magazine Feature" section. In fact, Aquarius will be divided up much like
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a regular newspaper into different areas of news: National and War News, Finance News (Bourse reports and related press), Political News (C. of C. reports and related press), Sports Page (if Soccer League starts), and the Magazine Feature (entertainment section). The latter will include comics, jokes, stories by the writers, etc. Someone also has agreed to having a "Dear Abby" type column but only it will be "Dear Uncle Mortimer." I think this is correct, but I can't find the info just at this moment--it is probably in the other game press. If I'll find it, I'll have an ad. Anyhow, I think the writer will want to start with his own questions so to give the readers and players an idea what he'll accept.

So, the new rule is to keep your press organized on separate pieces of paper so that I can file it away in its proper spot. It will help me to organize it more quickly and decide what will have to be omitted. I ask each to continue to write, but we may have to restrict amount of press if someday we have too much to fit in this zine. As it now looks, that may occur in the not too far future. Really, you guys have been great with press, and I'm sure once you people start to respond to each other's loud claims, hurt prides, vanities, declaration of wars, etc., that we will have a rollicking press going. Mind you that we should contain a thread to history and the atmosphere of this time period!

If I have room, I'll explain elsewhere some more clarifications on the C. of C. game, but everyone seems to know what they're doing. We have a lot of trading already and a few surprises too! We still have to print the Bourse and C. of C. reports and press. One last note here, though: In the C. of C. game, Switzerland will be my de facto veto apparatus and I will use it to squash anything or body that gets out of line. I'll simply use it to nullify the effects of any passed acts on individuals or on other games. But, for prestige point purposes, I must allow the motion to accrue points or delete points in accordance to the final votings. After that, if I veto it, we just forget what we passed, otherwise, it will take effect as a new rule or whatever. In general, I will not allow C. of C. to influence the other games' rules nor hurt any player in any punitive actions. As a matter of fact, there is one up for a motion that will ask to deduct prestige points, but I cannot allow that to take place. We can, however, have motions to award individuals, but never hurt them. Understand? We'll work these things out as I veto them now and then.

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FINANCE PAGE

PORTUGAL LIQUIDATES

Portugal, Bank of--It has been decided by this bank to slowly liquidate its supply of Lires, Crowns, Marks and Piastres and convert to primarily Roubles, Pounds and Francs due to the recent rumors of war in Europe. The bank has studied the situation quite critically and decided to put its money in what it figures to be the most stable countries.

TRANS-SERBIAN QUARTERLY REPORT

Trans-Serbian Stock Exchange--There has been extremely heavy trading of Austrian Crowns in the money markets of Europe and Serbia for the past few months due to the most recent war scare and continuing inflation in the Dual Monarchy.

It is feared that the Crown will have to be devalued to offset Austria's trade deficit. Financial experts in Serbia predict that the Crown may replace coal in many furnaces this Winter due to its long lasting and heat giving properties, but mainly it will be its cheapness. The only alternative left to avoid economic disaster in the Dual Monarchy will be war with Serbia. Such a war is eagerly being avoided by the Serbians as representing little, if any, profits.

DUTCH BLAME AMERICAN OILMEN

Eric Clarified, (Dutch Public Service) the Evening News--The big story has been the furious trading on European money markets. Although the German and Austrian Governments deny they are concerned, this reporter thinks they are mighty worried over the precipitous drop in marks and crowns. Financial analysts blame the crisis on speculation by American oilmen.

A NEW RULE FOR THE BOURSE?

Bern(CHP)--It has come to this editor's mind that it could be possible to allow players to exchange currencies among themselves at their own fixed prices or whatever. This would help facilitate diplomatic and political dealings in the other games. If allowed, an example could be that France would order the GM to transfer 1000 units of German marks to Germany if Germany would help France in the war efforts. Orders on this ruling would

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SWISS CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Bank of Europe, Switzerland(CHP)--The market in Bern opened with a bang this Winter when threats of war produced heavy trading of all national currencies. A record of 14,850 units were sold or bought making this season the heaviest on record. In brief, three currencies suffered from plummeting prices while four others made gains. In particular, both Pounds and Roubles made huge gains with a current tie of a value of 139 diplodollars (pts.) for 100 units of each. On the other hand, the most traded currency was the Austrian Crown that suffered severe losses on the market. Extremely heavy selling of the Crown resulted in a price drop of 49 points. This is the lowest price of any currency in European history at 51; it was also, the biggest drop for any currency in the history of the Swiss Currency Exchange. Not far behind were the Marks at the current price of 59 diplodollars (pts.). There was also a drop in Lires, but people in this market are confident that the Lire will bounce back. Actually, much of the precipitous drops of prices resulted from a trading tactic apparently being employed by the major countries of Europe: they sold their own currencies! Evidently, it was surmised by market experts, these countries were hoping to lower their currency prices in order to buy back huge amounts in hopes of a successful war forcing their currency prices up and result in, of course, "a killing of the market." Below, you will find the market quotations for this season. In columns from left to right you have the old currency price, the currency's name, how many units were bought, how many were sold, the difference, and the new price of the currency caused by the difference.

Old Pr	Currency	Buy	Sell	Change	New Pr
100	Crowns	200	5150	-4950	51
100	Francs	3350	1000	+2350	123
100	Lires	800	2800	-2000	80
100	Marks	200	4300	-4100	59
100	Piastres	2316	1500	+816	108
100	Pounds	4017	100	+3917	139
100	Roubles	3967	0	+3967	139

Total Volume of Trading: 14,850 units!

National Holdings--

Austria: C-500, Fr-1700, Li-500, Ma-500, Pi-500, Po-1700, Ro-1600; Belgium: Cr-500, Fr-2000, Li-500, Ma-500, Pi-500, Po-2000, Ro-1000; Denmark: Cr-500, Fr-1000, Li-1500,

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Ma-500, Pi-1000, Po-1500, Ro-1000; France: Cr-500, Fr-1000, Li-1000, Ma-500, Pi-1000, Po-1000, Ro-2000; Germany: Cr-1000, Fr-1200, Li-1100, Ma-500, Pi-1200, Po-1000, Ro-1000; Holland: Cr-500, Fr-1400, Li-500, Ma-500, Pi-1600, Po-1500, Ro-1000; Italy: Cr-500, Fr-500, Li-500, Ma-500, Pi-1666, Po-1667, Ro-1667; North Africa: Cr-1200, Fr-800, Li-800, Ma-1200, Pi-1000, Po-1000, Ro-1000; Portugal: Cr-500, Fr-1500, Li-500, Ma-500, Pi-500, Po-1500, Ro-2000; Russia: Cr-500, Fr-1200, Li-1200, Ma-1000, Pi-1000, Po-900, Ro-1200; Serbia: Cr-500, Fr-1300, Li-1000, Ma-1000, Pi-1200, Po-1000, Ro-1000; Sweden: Cr-850, Fr-1050, Li-900, Ma-1000, Pi-1050, Po-1150, Ro-1000; Turkey: Cr-500, Fr-700, Li-1000, Ma-700, Pi-1600, Po-1000, Ro-1500.

The experts figure that at this moment, Portugal is the wealthiest nation in Europe with national holdings equal to 8,200 diplo-dollars.

Question for thought: Do you want these statistics in column format? If so, it will take more room and won't fit in one column. Let me know if you're strongly against the above format. Also, would you rather have me report what each player bought and sold rather than give you current holdings (which allows the other info to be discovered thru a little math using the previous listings of national holdings)? Other players stood still.

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have to be made clear to the GM what is to be done. No transfer of currency can be made to another player on any conditions. It must be stated as a free gift and have no strings. It is up to the other player to follow through with his part of the bargain. Having conditions would make it too easy. We must also set a limit to size of transfer in order to prevent losing players to throw the game out of kilter. The limit would be on total give-away of currency. Thus, a player could give away up to, let's say, 1000 units per season, but no more. Let me know what you think of this rule. If you like, you may bring it up in the C. of C. game and we shall work from there. It will be treated as an exception to the normal ruling of no intra-game interference from the C. of C. game.

Aquarius is three games joined together by diplomacy, politics and war--make use of that fact by dealing between games! (helpful hint)

BELGIUM BLANKS SWISS
Score 3-0 win in First Round

Bern, Switzerland (via LGB)--The Belgian National Soccer Team scored an impressive 3-0 victory over a strong Swiss team as they advanced to the next round of the World Cup Soccer finals.

The match was much closer than the score would indicate as neither team could manage a score in the first half. The Swiss team constantly put pressure on goalie Rudi Van Audenhove. But Rudi was equal to the task as he turned back shot after shot on his goal. Meanwhile, the Swiss defense was tenacious, permitting the Belgians to penetrate the Swiss half of the field only two times and allowing only one shot on goal.

But the second 45 minutes was all Belgium. Rigo Hermans broke the game open after 4 minutes of the second half with a head shot into the upper left corner of the goal. He scored his second goal of the game just 2½ minutes later when he bounced a corner kick off his chest past the diving Swiss goalie.

The next 32 minutes consisted of the two teams working the ball back and forth, but neither team was able to penetrate for a score.

With time running out the Swiss team was forced to throw caution to the winds and gamble on offense. But with the game all but won, the Belgians could afford to wait for the Swiss to make a mistake. And with only 3 minutes remaining, Bobbie Houben intercepted a Swiss pass and raced in to score the third and final goal of the match.

After returning to Brussels, the team will begin practice sessions for their next match.

SWISS SOCCER LEAGUE CALLS
FOR FORMATION OF EUROPEAN
SOCCER LEAGUE

Bern(CHP)--The President of the National Swiss Soccer League announced in Bern, the league's headquarters, that they would push for the development of a European Soccer League. He felt that many countries had fine teams (all except the lucky Belgians) and a continental league would be no problem to start. A method of scoring has been found that would help speed up league action. In brief, the system would use two sets of numbers from each national soccer team: one as offense and one for defense. The numbers (cont. page 10, col. 1)

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would be chosen by the players from 1 through 6. The two sets of numbers from each player would be matched up to form a game score. If the total, however, of one player's offense number and the other player's defense number was over 6, then 6 would automatically be subtracted. This introduces a random factor that could only be eliminated by prior arrangements between the players. An example is given below:

Belgian Nation Soccer Team: Offense number was 3, defense number was 4
Swiss World Champions: Offense number chosen was 2, and defense number was 4. Now, we match up the numbers:
Belgium: 3 + 4 = 7 - 6 = 1
Switz: 2 + 4 = 6

Game score would be: Switzerland 6, Belgium 1. A set of numbers would be chosen for each game played. In a league schedule, we would announce who plays who during which season of the dippy game. A league would thus run for one dippy year. Depending on the number of entrees into the league, we will have so many games to play. I will stagger the games so that we won't know who's exactly ahead such as is often the case in baseball standings. In the end, everyone will finish the games up and have equal number of games with each of the other players.

So, I am calling for the formation of a European Soccer League. I am asking for volunteers to play this game. It is not required, but it should be lots of fun. You will have maybe up to ten games per season to play. You can give the same numbers for all, if you like. Next issue of Aquarius will announce league members, and a schedule to produce the European Soccer League Champs for 1914.

DEVAREUX WINS TOUR DE FRANCE, ENGLISHMAN NEXT

Paris(LGB)--French cyclist Henri Devareux won the grueling Tour de France to the cheers of thousands of his fellow countryment. His victory earned him the right to wear the coveted gold sweater, symbol of victory in the most famous of all cycling races.

Englishman Terry Clark won the green sweater, symbolic of second place in the Tour de France. It was only his third time in the Tour, but he is already established as one of the young promising cyclists in Europe.

Early in the race, Devareux fell way behind during the hillclimbs in Southern France.

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But once the flat country of Central France was reached, he quickly made up ground and took the lead outside of Laon. He remained in front for the last 90 Kilometers of the race and was leading by a full 2 kilometers when he crossed the finish line under the Arch de Triumph.

OLYMPICS IN EUROPE?

Bern(CHP)--In 1912, the Olympics were held in Stockholm and saw the strong United States team take the title. That year, the Board of Directors discussed possibilities of forming a separate European Olympics in order to give European nations a chance of winning the Olympics. By restricting entrance to European teams, we would eliminate the United States' perennial favorites. The idea was well received, but it remained to be seen whether countries of Europe would ever adopt the proposal. First of all, the Olympic Committee would have to have a site for the next Olympics--hopefully by 1915, Winter. Also, a site would be needed for the Summer events in 1916. However, with a war going in the near future, the Olympics would be difficult to hold. It might be possible to hold the Winter Olympics in Switzerland, but some other site would have to be used for the Summer events. Perhaps a country not in war at that time would offer a location? The Olympic Committee in Bern, Switzerland will be open to ideas from other nations of Europe on holding a European Olympics. Send your ideas in care of this newspaper's Editor, John Boyer.

SWISS NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM
CALLS BELGIAN MATCH A FIX

Bern(CHP)--William Tell, the Head Coach for the Swiss National Team held a press conference in Bern to discuss possible illegal procedures used by the visiting Belgian team during their recent match in which Switzerland lost by a score of 3-0. The coach expressed his feelings that the Belgian team had employed non-Belgian players in order to improve their Soccer team. The regulations of the match stated explicitly that each team was to be absolutely restricted to citizens born in their country. The Belgian star, Goalie Rudi Van Audenhove, was held by the Coach as actually having been a German, born in Munich, who moved to Belgium to find employment. The coach said that Switzerland would persue this matter in court.

COUNCIL OF NATIONS

WINTER 1913 PROPOSALS

Bern(CHP)--The newly established Council of Nations has officially opened its first session for peace in a peaceful mood. There were, thankfully, no shoe banging. The temporary General Secretary, Johann Boyer, of Bern, Switzerland, opened the first session with a brief speech:

"My fellow delegates, we have come here together in order to form a more perfect union of thought and will. I am dedicating myself to my task as Temporary General Secretary of this Council of Nations for 1914 with the objectives of peace throughout Europe. I will then step aside for whomever this distinguished group of representatives will elect next Winter. Until then, I intend to guide this peaceful organization through its first few difficult birth throes and through its first year of childhood. I hope that when I step down, that I will have helped to establish an organization that Switzerland can point with pride as, 'made in Switzerland.' Thankyou."

There was a sudden polite applause for the General Secretary, but that was all. First on the agenda was a proposal from the Turkish Empire.

"Gentlemen, we have a proposal from the Turkish Empire's representative. I must first admit that I will withhold my personal opinions and veto power until I can see what develops. Since a motion that is brought up before the Council must be counted toward prestige points, it must be voted upon. But, I reserve Switzerland's veto power in my position as General Secretary, please proceed."

"Turkey would like to introduce a motion that would void the neutrality of the country of Switzerland in this diplomacy game.

Argument for the motion: I refer everyone to issue 111 of Hoosier Archives which is published by Walt Buchanan. Specifically, I would like to refer us all to the article on page 8 of this issue titled, "The Influence of Switzerland" by Don Kellogg. The article states, "Thus, the placement of Switzerland in central Europe effects four of the seven powers. To the Germans and Austrians, it is a nuisance never to be totally disregarded; for the Italians, Switzerland is a boulder in a flowing stream forcing the waters to part in two directions, and for the French, it is a 'fourth Army' which can be utilized in preventing the flow of foreign invasion."

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I agree with Don on this and contend that the elimination of Switzerland as a Impassable neutral would make Italy and Austria much easier powers to play giving Italy a third common choice in where to expand and giving Austria an easier time of getting Italy off her back early in the game. This would also help Germany in her position by enabling her to form a good continental ally that would actually benefit her. This would hiner France, though, but as I see it, the interests of the three central powers far outweighs this small inconvenience to France."

"Thank you, sir, I, as General Secretary, will label the Turkish motion as CC#1. We will call for opposition arguments for next season.

Now, we have a motion from Austria-Hungary."

"Sir, Austria-Hungary moves that Sicily be permitted and granted its inherent sovereignty." No arguments.

"Thank you. That is CC#2. We have a motion from North Africa."

"General Secretary, we propose that all delegates must make a vote on at least one proposition per season (when there is one) or else they will lose 25 prestige points for that season." No arguments.

"That is CC#3. We recognize the person representing Italy. You may have the floor."

"Thank you, sir, I have this brief note to make as a motion for this distinguished organization. I shall read it:

"The Imperial government ((Italy)), being a member in good standing, hereby submits this proposal to the Council of Nations for their approval:

RESOLVED: That the nation of Italy, its Empire and all its possessions, is one and indivisible; that the Emperor of Italy, its numerous possessions and territories, Pope Infallibility II, has absolute power, as given to him by the people of all Italy through their elected representatives, throughout the Empire, over all its people, and to suppress all uprisings against the government of the Empire of Italy; That Don Massaro, in lieu of his recent statements, is an enemy of the people of the Empire of Italy; That the self-proclaimed Republic of Sicily is, and always will be, an integral part of the Italian Empire under the sole administration of the Emperor and the Italian State; and that, therefore, the Council of Nations hereby gives its consent to and its approval of the actions to be taken by the government of Italy to suppress and crush this rebellion, and to meet out to Don Massaro the full

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punishment in accord with the laws of the Italian State, a traitor may receive; and that, furthermore, the Council of Nations condemn this action which Don Massaro has partaken of, and furthermore, resolve to suppress and condemn any and all similar actions, nationalist movements, "people's liberation movements", etc. which would seek to destroy the territorial integrity of the States of Europe as they now exist, or to undermine the government now established in any said state by means other than those acceptable as legitimate by the Council of Nations."

"Thank you for your most eloquent speech. We now must proceed to the motion from the country of Portugal. We will label the Italian motion as CC#4."

"Members of the Council of Nations, it has recently been discovered that North Africa has been dealing in the slave market. As soon as this was learned, the Ambassador from Portugal immediately put in a motion to fine North Africa to censure it for its poor conduct. The Portuguese Ambassador urges all other nations to support this motion as the trading of flesh cannot be tolerated in the world of today. I now present to you the motion: That North Africa be fined 100 prestige points for his dealings in the slave market."

"We have heard from the Portuguese representative. That was CC#5. The Belgian Representative now has the floor."

"Sir, Belgium proposes that, along with a General Secretary, the Council of Nations also elects a Deputy General Secretary and that 10 prestige points be awarded with the post."

Our argument is, if, for any reason, the Secretary General is unable to continue in his duties, either through resignation, death, impeachment, etc., some elected official should be available to assume the duties of Secretary General without the need for the lengthy process of nominating and electing a new Secretary General. The Deputy Secretary would automatically assume the duties of Secretary General for the duration of the former Secretary General's term of office."

"Whew, thank you, sir, we will label your motion as CC#6. That takes care of all current proposals leave one from Switzerland. I shall read my country's proposal:

"Switzerland proposes that the Council of Nations increase the annual allotment of prestige points for minor countries to 100 prestige points. Major countries--those with
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national currencies in the Bourse, will continue to receive their current annual allotment of only 50 prestige points per year. That is our proposal. Our argument is that we must protect the minor countries that lack self defense capabilities. I, as General Secretary, have labeled this motion as CC#7. Thus, we have seven motions up for debate during next season. Thank you, Gentlement, for your quiet consideration. I pronounce this session as over." Bang, bang.

PERTINENT AQUARIUS INFORMATION

Bern(CHP)--Next Aquarius issue will be out the weekend of June 1st. The deadline for the following list is June 1, 1973: Spring 1914 Diplomacy game orders, Spring 1914 Bourse orders, Debates on the first seven C. of C. motions, any new motions, volunteers to join a European Soccer League, and of course, all press for all games. Please keep everything on separate sheets of paper and please type it, if you can. Try to keep the motions to a minimum of length. If you make a motion, remember that you must vote for it and not against it, and that you must allocate points. So, don't make motions recklessly--you can lose points that way.

We have some material that we haven't printed, but we felt that we should save them for next issue. Included are a short story, an excellent cover (we have already stencilled it, but want it as a front page but we did the first page before we got the drawing) drawing, as well as two comic cartoons. Hopefully, we will have more time to print everything. We intend to print everything when we can--even if it goes over the one ounce weight limit. We do not have the time, but we can afford such waste of money. Thus, this will be mailed in an envelope because I have used up the 12th page and need an envelope to mail it, but it will be just over the ounce mark and require an extra stamp. Oh well, what is luxury but extravagant spending of money?

I want to congratulate everyone for their excellent press writing. What we must keep in mind that we want quality press and not just quantity. We already have had more than 12 pages worth so I would strongly suggest that you people spend your time perfecting your press in the forthcoming press wars we'll have. The Council of Nations will probably have to be streamlined and proposals limited much more severely, but that's life!

Until next time--peace!