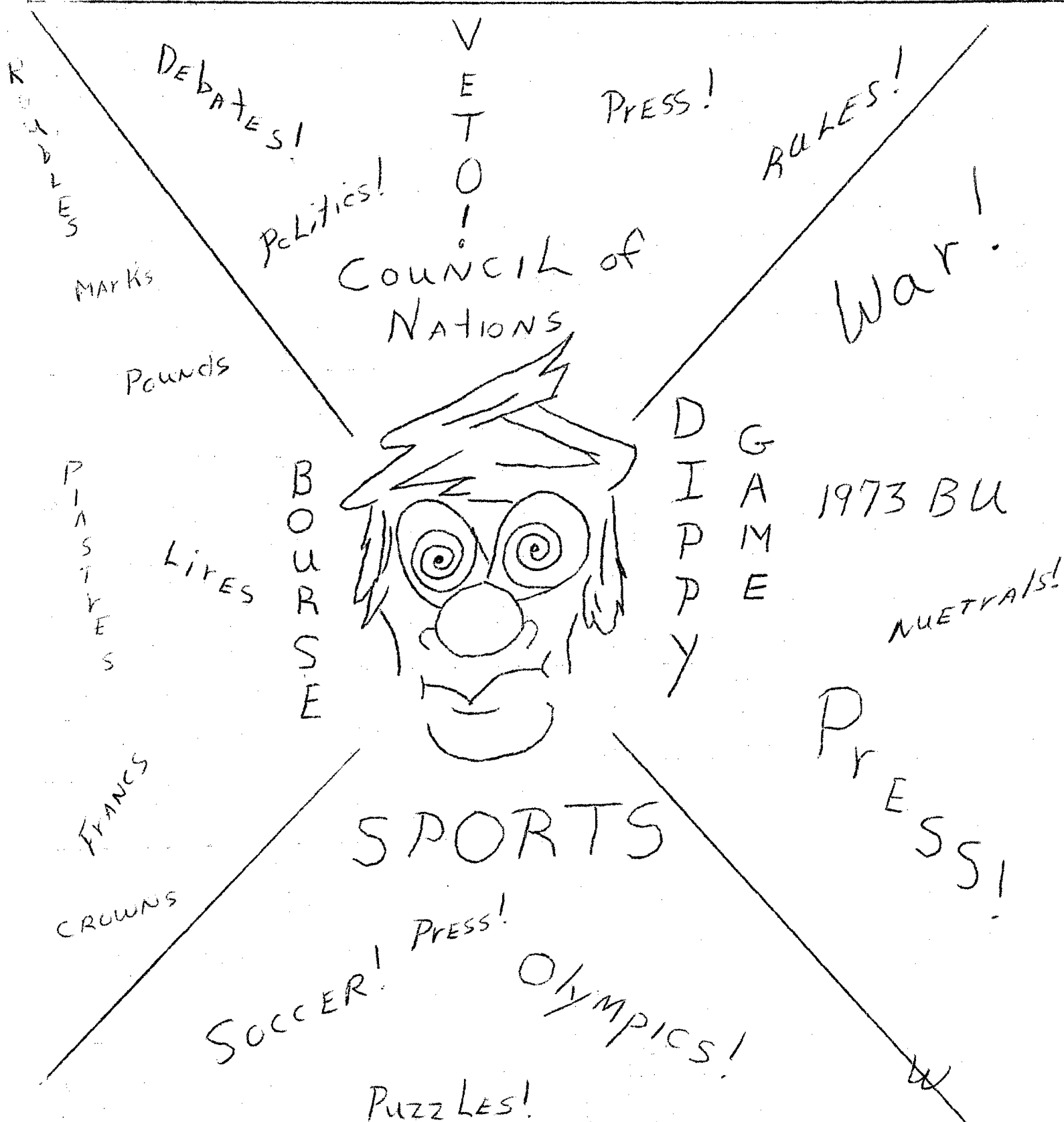


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GERMANY SWEEPS THE LOWLANDS! MORE NEUTRALS ARE INVADED! IS IT WWI?!?

SWISS GIVE WAR REPORTS

Bern(CHP)--War news filtering in from Swiss Embassies all over Europe gave this report:

Austria again stood off a Russian invasion of Galicia while completing their own invasions of Serbia and Greece.

Meanwhile, the Italians took Bohemia and now have two Austrian provinces under their control. Rumors are flying in Bern as to whether the Italian Military will invade Vienna or attack Germany. The Italian Navy headed south and captured the important southern port of Tunis. The large city of Venice was recently garrisoned from Apulia.

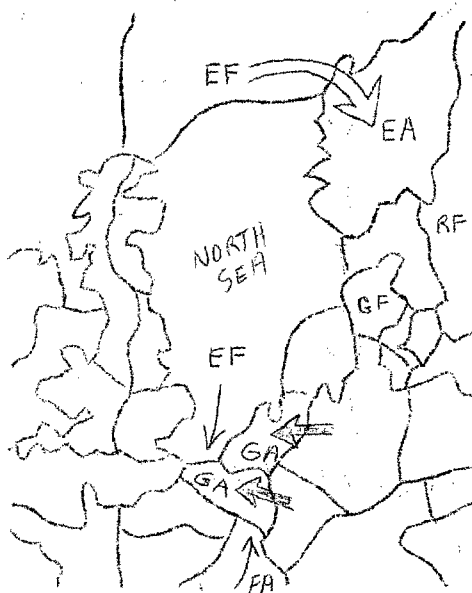
The Russians, although their second invasion failed, took Rumania in preparation of still another invasion of its apparent enemy, Austria. The Russians invaded Sweden and met no resistance whatsoever. Their second fleet in Sevastopol supported the invasion of Rumania from Ukraina.

The Turks announced that they had officially taken Bulgaria and were attempting to take Greece. However, our reports indicate that the Austrians were the ones who conquered Greece. The Turks sent their fleet into the Aegean for war maneuvers and their Army located in Smyrna was moved to their capital, Constantinople.

England landed an army in Norway via a convoy through the Norwegian and also gave support to Germany in taking Belgium. This was the big news of the war and a map of that situation is in the next column.

Germany rolled into Belgium and Holland while holding onto Denmark.

Last, the reports clearly
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MAP OF GERMAN INVASIONS

indicated that the French gave the Germans a fierce battle for Belgium, but lost when the English bombarded forward French positions. Otherwise, France made good inroads in the Iberian Peninsula when she completed her conquest with the country of Portugal. This will make France a formidable opponent against German blatant invasions.

PRAGUE IS DEVASTATED

Prague(Oct. 9)--The entire city of Prague lay devastated after the rath of the Mad Man of Venice as he and his entire army came screaming down the Bavarian Alps into this ancient city crying, "Revenge!" "Revenge for Sicily and His Holiness!" When asked by the few surviving residents what the hell Germany had to do with Sicily, the army stopped in its tracks and in unison said in disbelief, "Prague? But this is supposed to be Vienna!?????" The Mad Man of Venice quickly realized what had happened--leveling every-
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RUSS FLEET ENTERED SWEDEN

Goteberg(R.I.P.)--The Second Imperial fleet entered Goteberg today to see a large joyous crowd on hand to welcome them. The festivities could only be described as gay. The fleet had been sent to Sweden at Sweden's request, and will remain based in Goteberg in order to prevent any other powers from attempting to interfere with Sweden's neutrality. The only casualty of the trip was the reporter assigned to cover the event. It appeared that he was having problems sitting down for any long period of time.

PM WELCOMES THE ENGLISH ARMY

Stockholm--PM Jorgenson today hosted a gala banquet for the newly arrived British Ambassador Sir John French, and head of a newly created and loosely defined post called Minister of Liaison, Davis Lloyd George. Long time observers of protocol cannot remember a heartier welcome or warmer diplomatic climate.

King Gustavus V made a brief visit and exchanged a few private words with Sir John. Nearly all embassies attended the party. Conspicuous by their absence were the Turkish and Greek diplomats.

NORWAY IS PROCLAIMED AN ENGLISH PROTECTORATE

Oslo(W.A.S.P.S.)--Sir John Fisher today proclaimed a British protectorate over the Scandanavian country of Norway. Troops of the British territorial Army have begun to land on the Norwegian coast and will secure the Oslo area as a R&R area for the Royal Navy. It
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KAISER IS KILLED IN DENMARK

PROSTITUTION RING BROKEN

Denmark(BSSP) Oct. 13--It has been reported that the Kaiser of All Germany was killed today as he was at the head of a parade in his honor. It seems as though the Danish were all gathering about him when a shot rang out from a building off to the left of the Kaiser.

As the news reached the Home of the Kaiser, a reaction of shock struck. It was not known what would happen. A cabinet meeting is set for tonight. All officers from the Government are going to be there. There will be a big shake up in the policy of the German Government as a reaction to this horrible event. What exactly will happen is not known for sure, but it seems as though the German Government will demand something from the Danes for this.

Oostend(LGB)--Citizens in this resort town on the North Sea were shocked to learn that a major prostitution ring was operating in their city. But male pleasure seekers will have to look elsewhere for female companionship now. In a well-coordinated midnight raid, local and national police cleaned out the almost invisible red light district. Local police were not even aware of the going-ons in their city until an off-duty officer accidentally walked into the biggest of the fave cathouses operating. He had mistakenly walked in thinking it was a smorgesbord. When asked how he arrived at that mistaken impression, he remarked, "I was walking home after the 4 to midnight shift and I was hungry. So I was looking for some place that was open and I saw their sign, and so I walked in and found a house of prostitution." The sign the officer referred to stated in big, bold red letters: GRAND OPENING: ALL YOU CAN EAT \$25.

SPAIN PRESERVES AUTONOMY UNDER THE FRENCH

Madrid(SPIC) Oct. 30--Despite rumors that the Spanish King Alfonso XIII has fled the country to organize an anti-French Spanish government in some other nation, Premier Dato held a lengthy press conference today outlining a new policy of cooperation with France. "The King," he said, "has deserted his people and his heritage. May he never return." Dato went on to announce that the Cortes will convene in early winter to draft a constitution declaring Spain a republic.

"The government of France," the Premier continued, "has kept its promise of autonomy for Spain. Although we are occupied, we are not bound and gagged. Spain has sent a (cont. col. 1, pg. 4

ASSASSIN KILLS KAISER

Dermark(BSSP)--Today the Kaiser fell to an assassin's bullet. The Fleet that was anchored in the harbor, reacted with a chock. The Admiral did not know what was going to happen.

The Kaiser was rushed aboard the KAISER for medical aid. The fight for life ended very shortly afterwards.

Upon hearing of the death, a 1000 gun salute was given the fallen leader, by the ships of the squadron, which had accompanied him to these waters.

The Admiral of the fleet stated in an interview of a few minutes ago that the German fleet would not pull out until they had gotten ahold of the assassin and brought him to trial, and see him hang.

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FAMINE RAGES--DOPE RING SMASHED

Constantinople--On this day Turkey finds itself in the grasp of a famine which has gripped Turkey since the year 1912. Food stuffs have become so hard to come by that General Mohamid Salidin of Army Bulgaria has been ordered into Greece to obtain food for the coming winter. General Abdul C. Nile of Army Smyrna has been ordered into Constantinople to insure the safety of the warehouses storing the nation's winter supplies. Admiral Aland Lubber has outfitted the McGuppies I with Trawling equipment to be used to gain fish for emergency distribution, if necessary.

Elsewhere in the Empire, Hobbi Nob Job issued a call to his world scattered assassins to quit sending the dead Carnegie bodies to (cont. col. 2, pg. 4)

EYEWITNESS TO TURKISH BLOODBATH

Stockholm via Cairo(SINS)--David Winston, SINS reporter for the Eastern Mediterranean was one of the survivors of the Turkish massacre. Mr. Winston was assistant bureau chief in Ankara. On the fateful day, Mr. Winston had been attempting to check on rumored Turkish troop movement into Armenia. Arriving back in the city late in the afternoon, he was warned by friends that the perfidious Nob Job was inciting the rabble

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thing that still stood in Bohemia with his tremor-producing screech, he screamed, "The Austrians! Those perfidious ~~at the~~ realized what was going to happen to Vienna and switched the singposts in Tyrolia on us! They will not escape the wrath of the Mad Man of Venice--onward for His Holiness!" But this did not manage to stir the troops who had gone off and begun to savor some of the finer aspects of what was left of Bohemia --the brothels and the beer gardens. Thus, it appears that the 1st Italian Army will set up Winter quarters in Bohemia, as it would be impossible to recross the Alps this late in the year anyway. The Italian government has yet, we believe, to hear the news.

Amsterdam(DPS)---The Stattholder today answered the charges of the English Foreign Minister, F.O. Bull, "It is the right of all countries to control commerce along their internal waterways. Specifically, Holland has the right to control the lower Scheldt. Advance warning was given. The Southern Queen chose to ignore those warnings. We regret the necessities of war."

The Stattholder also revealed that in the war with Belgium, the Dutch Army equipped with nose plugs has occupied the border region of Limburg.

FAMINE CONT.

Turkey since we now have over 13,000 supposed Carnegies! Nob Job also sent over 800 suspected SINS agents to mountain prisons to be screened and sentenced. Whoop Ingup, recently released from the hospital after accupunture treatments, today released plans for a second Turkish Fleet to be constructed this winter. It is rumored that Ingup is seeking a Chinese navigator to Admiral the fleet although no official information is available. Sultan Blank spoke this morning concerning the supposed Italian, Russian, Turkish Alliance versus Austria, the Sultan said "Huh?" in a brief 1 second ovation spectacular. Later this afternoon, the Sultan is expected to
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PROTECTORATE CONT.

is expected that the troops will be withdrawn at the end of the year.

Sir Edward Grey assured the other concerned powers that England has no aggressive intentions in the North.

NEW PUBLISHING CHAIN

London---Lord Smith of Corona, today announced the formation of his newest publishing chain ---the World Anglo-Saxon Press Service. He stated that W.A.S.P.S. will be a non-profit organization---it is not suppose to be (but it is just turning out that way). Lord Smith stated that W.A.S.P.S. is dedicated to printing the "Truth" and nothing but the "Truth." However, when later questioned by reporters on this statement---Lord Smith stated emphatically, "No comment!"

ASSASSIN CONT.

There are no real clues to the assassin as nothing of value was found, but the weapons that were used to lay the fallen leader in his grave. The reaction of the German government is not yet known. They are at this moment in conference. It will soon be known to the world what will happen.

SPANISH AUTONOMY CONT.

communique of thanks to Prime Minister Chin, and is now embarking on a vast financial program in the Bank of Europe to recoup our losses during the war of invasion. We are active too in the Council of Nations, as a free and equal party. In addition to this, I am now free to reaffirm Spain's offer to host the 1916 Summer Olympics at Madrid, assured that France would in no way interfere."

DANISH PARADE IS HALTED

Denmark(BSSP) Oct. 13--As the Kaiser was leading a parade in his honor through the streets of the sleepy town of Dena, just south of the capitol, a shot rang out from a building to the left of the Kaiser. The next thing that anyone knew was that the Kaiser was falling over in a pool of blood.

Dato's speech ended with a vehement denial of a Danish report that "art folio" sales were up in Spain, "a vile and base insult." However, Spaniards have gained a sudden interest in the circulation of French postcards.

Police were rushed to the sight and in their search they found a Mark-Enfield rifle with one shot missing from the box of bullets
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FAMINE RECONT.

issue a statement concerning the Russian attack on Armenia which was rumored to be just a Russian-Turkish scrimmage in soccer for the upcoming season.

Turkish police also broke the "Sicilian Connection" today in seizing 400 pounds of pure Heroin destined for Massaro's distributors. Captured in the raid were two Kingpins of Massaro's eastern operations. Japanese born I.M. Hi and Re Lee Hi were both apprehended and sent to prison to await sentencing.

DANISH PARADE CONT.

that were found to the side of the gun.

No one was there and suspects are being picked up. The Police have a feeling that it was some Swedish fanatic that shot the Kaiser. Sweden was the next stop for the Kaiser. This visit, has of course, been cancelled by the events of the day.

SWISS GOVERNMENT MAKE DISCOVERY

Bern(CHP)---The National Government was informed by the Department of War Profits that the weapon used to kill the Kaiser was actually manufactured in Switzerland for the Swedish Army, but they could not trace the route of the actual weapon until they find out the serial number. It was presumed that the Swiss Government would soon be informed.

BLOODBATH CONT.

against SINS. Heedless to the great danger, Mr. Winston proceeded to the SINS offices. Fortunately, our brave representative was wearing the local dress, as is his custom. Upon entering the square facing the offices he was horrified by the gory sight of seventeen fellow employees, crucified and hanging in unendurable pain before a mass of howling screaming riffraff. Six of the unfortunate SINS employees were women. They had been stripped bare to the waist. Several of the men were dead and several more were being pelted with stones.

The scurrilous Nob Job was exhorting the pack of dogs to further violence. While our intrepid reporter tried to summon the police, Glans, Nob Job's chief henchman began to flog one of the helpless female victims with a camel whip. Only Mr. Winston's Turkish friends, who accompanied him, kept him from attacking Glans. Only after all the victims

had expired did Mr. Winston allow his friends to remove him from the city and smuggle him to Cairo.

PLANS FOR TUNIS POSTPONED

Rome(Sept. 8)---The Department of Wars and Orgies announced that plans for landing the Crusader Army in Tunis have been temporarily postponed due to the uneasy situation in Northern Italy, and the lack of any reliable information from this area. DWO stated that the Crusader Army has been sent northward to stabilize the situation and make contact with the Italian First Army which hasn't been heard from for months. "The entire Po Valley was devastated by the Mad Man of Venice's rage," said a spokesman, "and all communication is still out. Moreover, our aerial reconaissance via dirigible has spotted nothing in the general area of Tyrolia, Vie na or Trieste, although our evidence points to these locations as probable areas of the 1st Army's location. Once we have located them they will be pulled back to Italy proper, or, at His Holiness' wish, positioned to attack the Swiss and free Lichenstein. As for now, the Italian government takes no responsibility for the actions of the 1st Army."

SWISS SWITCH SIGNS

Bern(CHP)---Knowing the perfidious Italian government's desire to grasp control of little Lichenstein away from Switzerland, the Swiss Military Command, headed by Johann Boyer, ordered a defensive raid into Tyrolia. In Tyrolia, the brave Swiss soldiers switch signs in order to help the Mad Man of Venice go away from Lichenstein. Reports indicated that the plan succeeded on this objective.

Commander Johann Boyer was asked why the Swiss were fighting so hard for Lichenstein. "Lichenstein has just been made part of the Swiss Republic and we went so far as to appoint Mr. McKeon as its local constable. However, we do not plan any type of autonomy for Lichenstein as we are planning to extend our borders eastward by taking the Austrian panhandle. To do this, we have the pledge of a major power and so our attack will not fail. We shall overcome!"

NAF NEWS AGENCY FORMED

Foz---N.A.T.O., The North African Telecommunications Organization was formed in order to present information in a more interesting way.

Somewhere in the Sahara--N.A.T.O.--Head tribesman of the Nomad tribes, of the province of Gotes Nejd, was officially named Head Sultanate of Gotes Nejd. This honor was bestowed on him by John Hülland, chief delegate for all of North Africa. Some wild promises were made after everyone was stoned. One nomad was heard to declare, "Oh hell, we can wipe those Portuguese easy, if we can con John Boyer into giving us a fleet!"

SWEDEN RECALLS AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY

Stockholm--Foreign Minister Sven Fergusson called home for consultation, Victor Bellaux, Sweden's senior diplomat in Turkey. Mr. Bellaux is expected in late fall to report to the Diet on the recent difficulty with Turkey. Mr. Bellaux is reportedly to have been unable to meet with Sultan Blank or any senior official of the court. The enigmatic Nob Job exercises considerable influence in the Turkish court. Since the wanton murder of seventeen SINS employees this past spring by a mob, aroused and manipulated by Nob Job, attempts to settle the affair in an equitable manner have been thwarted.

IRISH IMPOSTER EXPOSED

Dublin (W.A.S.P.)--It was learned that the imposter, now posing as the President of Ireland--is none other than that convicted bankrobber and Offendsia freak, Hendry-Cullen (who is currently known by his alias, Cullen-Hendry). Hendry-Cullen and his companion, Mike Sheegan are currently hiding out at 353 St. Patrick's Drive, in Dublin. Asked why no one had arrested Cullen-Hendry, a police spokesman stated (quote) "What? That stupid Ulsterman in our nice, clean jail? Not on your life--if he wants to get arrested let him do something serious like double-parking his horse." (unquote)

A-H REQUEST BILLETTS

Vienna--The PM of A-H has sent requests to both Greece and Serbia asking for permission to billet our troops there in view of the coming struggle with Turkey. Both nations, if they agree will be given backing in the C. of N. for their permission. It seems that A-H is the first major power to offer to

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Pamplona, Spain (SPIC) July 7--The annual Fiesta de San Fermin began here last night as every year: on the eve of the saint's festival. It will last until the 14th, with daily bull fights, preceded each morning by the traditional stampeding by crowds of skilfully dodging boys. Arriving for the fiesta today were Premier Dato and a small army of French dignitaries who are to be given an extended tour. Pamplona is well known for its French Gothic cathedral and the Museo de Recuerdos Historicos. Nestled in the Pyrenees, the town was founded by Caesar's rival Pompey, and was at one time razed by Charlemagne. More recently, it has served as an important line of communications with France.

RUSSIANS STOPPED IN GALICIA BUT FORGE INTO RUMANIA

Petrograd (R.I.P.)--The Russian First Imperial Army was again stopped from entering Galicia by the Austrians. However, the Second army under Count von Metzskansky moved into Rumania with support by the First Imperial Fleet in Sevastopol. This is the second major attack into Galicia that has been stopped by the Austrians. The first attack's surprise was lost when a spy in the Russian camp reported to the Austrians that all the Russian soldiers were selling marks. The spy has managed to get away and is reported hiding in Iceland, but he will be dealt with.

WAR STOPS RED LIGHTS

Copenhagen(via DPS)--The Dutch troops are grumbling about being moved to the shore in readiness for a possible attack on Sweden. However, the Kaiser promised that they will return to the Bismark Hotel in the Red Light District for the winter.

NEW HEAD OF STATTHOLDERS

Holland(BMSP)--The Stattholders of Zeeland, Holland, Vriesland, Drenthe, Overyessel, Groningen and Gelderland, have all voted and announced that H. Barents was to take over the foreign policies of the Stattholders. This vote was of no real surprise since Barents has lived in all of the above sighted but Gelderland.

It is known that the German Government and (cont. col. 1, pg. 7)

reimburse a minor power for the use of its land and resources. It is hoped that soon all nations will offer such compensation to minor countries that are occupied by a foreign power's troops. Once a foreign power leaves a minor country, no compensation will be due.

NEW HEAD CONT.

Mr. Barents have been very close. It is assumed that the two will continue to be very close and should be very interesting to see what will become of the close relationship Barents had with the Kaiser.

It is also known that for some time, Barents had been acting as an agent to get German money into the land of Dikes. The results are not yet known, but it is assumed that Barents will bring much German capital into the land, and revive the Holland Tulip time that comes every Spring but which has fallen on hard times in the recent years.

IRISH HOME RULE PASSED

London(July 31st, W.A.S.P.S.)--Parliament today passed the Irish Home Rule Act granting Irish autonomy. M.P. Pat O'Malley of Dublin called this a historic day and predicted that the Act would be welcomed by all loyal Irishmen.

Prime Minister Asquith stated that independence would be formally handed over to the Interim Government of Ian O'Brian on the 28th of August, 1914. Government sources revealed that England intended to formally protest the acceptance of the Cullen-Hendry representative. Since such a development is threatening Irish unity, England must protest--in the strongest terms possible--this attempt to divide Ireland. It is understood that Cullen Hendry's government would at best represent only one-seventh of the present population of Ireland (and it is understood that 45% of this group have indicated to their M.P.s that they do not wish to be governed by a bunch of anarchists.

POPE DENOUNCES SWISS ANNEXATION

Rome(Sept. 7)--Today Pope Infallibility publicly issued a scathing denunciation of the Swiss annexation of Lichenstein, and warned their war-mongering imperialist Prime Minister that if Switzerland should attempt

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Berlin (underground)--Steelworkers of the Ruhr! Has not all that we predicted come true? You are now chained--literally--to your factories and are being forced to produce goods of war which are even now being used on helpless, peace-loving nations such as Denmark, Holland and possibly Belgium. Is this how the Kaiser things of you! To be imprisoned in your own factories and guarded day and night by soldiers of the German Army. Resist! Resist and if necessary become martyrs for the cause of peace, for the cause of brotherhood among men! Workers of the steelmills--the fate of an entire nation is your hands! The bloodthirsty destroyer of human liberty has finally shown himself for what he truly is. Revolt now and show the world you will not be intimidated by the likes of such men! There is only one struggle now--and you are at the head of it! Do not let your fellow workers throughout the world down--revolt and overthrow the tyranny that even now pervades your daily lives. The time is NOW!

BARENTS GIVE INTERVIEW

Zeeland(HMSP)--Herr Barents gave an interview with this press service and this is what he had to say.

"As you know by now I've been elected as the head of the Stattholders. I'm going to improve their lot and increase their income. They will be happy and much better off."

"The Germany Government will announce the pacts, treaties, and plans that have been signed by us within the next few days.

GERMANY ANNOUNCES BEER GARDENS

Munich(BSSP)Oct 12--It was announced today, in the offices of the Slutz Beer Co. that they were about to expand into a new direction. They were going to open up beer gardens, throughout Germany and the world. These gardens, it is hoped, will become as the place to have a beer.

As President, Olof Brewy put it, "A beer garden will be stacked with beautiful women so that the men can enjoy as they drink, and flowers will be all over so that their wives will not notice their husband's enjoyment. What more could a person ask for?"

What more indeed, the Slutz Co. has placed all their money to back this adventure, and have offices opened up in Berlin, Munich,

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POPE CONT.

to annex any Italian territory the Swiss will face the full wrath of the Mad Man of Venice. "This action of the part of the Swiss is utterly contemptible and not befitting any civilized nation. We might even have to reconsider our vote on the Turkish proposal to void Switzerland's neutrality if Switzerland does not immediately get out of Lichenstein. Lichenstein's territorial integrity has been guaranteed by the Swiss since time immemorial--yet they have broken their sacred treaty and now expect that we are to keep ours in regard to Swiss neutrality! I call on all civilized nations of the world to condemn this perfidious action by the Swiss government and by the power of public opinion force the Swiss Army out of Lichenstein. Else we will have to take matters into our own hands!" Thus saying His Holiness left to review his three specially commissioned "Alpine divisions" sometimes referred to by those in the know as the "Corps of Liberation"

SWISS-ITALIAN CONFERENCE

Bern(CHP)--Prime Minister Johann Boyer was host to a large conference with Italian leaders today when first reports on the Pope's denouncement arrived. The guests, each a leader from local Italian provinces, heard Prime Minister Boyer reply that Switzerland had no fear of the weak Italian military and if provoked, the Swiss Government would take appropriate action in the Council of Nations to punish the Italians for their perfidity. Guests at the Conference were Don Massaro of Sicily, a recently freed country, President Julius Caesar of Tuscany's little known government-in-exile, and Senior Diplomat, Hendry-Cullen II, representative from the Apulia Freedom Movement. All guests were in Bern to discuss with PM Boyer the possibility of freeing Apulia and Tuscany from the dictatorship of the Pope. With Sicily having recently been granted freedom, the Swiss government was willing to propose further motions to free Apulia and Tuscany--all in the name of freedom, justice and liberty.

As for the Lichenstein denouncement, the PM stated that by making Lichenstein an integral part of Switzerland, we have given them the ultimate protection from the Mad Man of Venice. It was noted that the Italian military movements have been most weird and the PM expressed deep concern about European security with such mad rulers in Italy--hence the freeing of Apulia and Tuscany.

BEER GARDENS CONT.

Kiel and others soon to open. The profits will have to go, for if this should fail, then it is possible that the entire German Economic system could fall.

HOLLAND GETS GARDEN

Munich(HMSP)--It was announced at the offices of the Slutz Co. that Holland was the next country to get a Beer Garden. It will be opened by the end of the winter, just in time for the Tulip time that is coming up this year.

"It is a real challenge to place a garden in Holland," said Mr. Brey, "But if it goes here, we know for sure that we will have something that others will want. It was Mr. Barents that gave us a very good offer, one that we could not refuse."

Mr. Barents, in his Zeeland office, had this to say. "I'm very happy that the Slutz Co. had the faith to allow us to use their name and money to build this garden. It is just the thing we needed. This will open up new jobs and many other things. Also, I'm assured that it will make the next Tulip Time one of the biggest in the history of this country."

TRIBUTE TO PORTUGAL

Jibraltar--N.A.T.O.--We, the people of North Africa, are joyous to hear that Portugal has been conquered! This has given our people some revenge for that ridiculous statement about slave trading! Incidentally, we wouldn't trade people anyway; they are too few in number! Why else could we afford only one radio for all of our region!? We must also commend the French on their first brilliant move of this "war"!

FRANCE ANNEXES PORTUGAL

Paris, France--Prime Minister Chin today announced that the First French Fleet has docked in Lisbon and took over the decadent Portuguese government. Plans are now being implemented to revise and improve the local government to the high governmental standards of the French Empire. As with Spain, Portugal will retain autonomy, but foreign policies will be in French control as well as strategic materials and resources that are necessary for our war efforts.

Monaco--Doctor Peter Hershey Olmes mysteriously arrived here recently after traveling through Europe. A copy of Dr. Olmes' report to Prince Rainier was acquired by the press and is reprinted below. It summarizes the Great Powers' plans for Fall 1914.

England will occupy Norway to prevent Germany or Russia from subjugating the independent countries of Scandinavia. At the same time England will continue her control of the seas with the marines intervening in the Low Countries.

France will claim rule over Iberia. In this way, they can recruit new troops for the French Republic. Also, there is a rumor in the French capital that the army in Burgundy may try for an attack on Bavaria. This is called Plan 17.

Private sources are saying that Germany will violate the neutrality of Holland and Belgium. This is already true in Denmark. The question now is whether or not the English and/or the French will come to the aid of the Low Countries.

From Italy comes the word that the Italian army in Apulia will be transferred to Tunis to prevent riots in Rome. The other Italian army has been ordered into the Austrian Alps with speculation that they may join up with the French in Munich or camp in Prague for the winter.

Austria will move its fleet into Greece to complete its control of the Balkans. It has already put down the revolt of the Serbian patriots in the major towns of Serbia. The army in Vienna will be ordered to the Russian border again to repulse the Russian army crossing the Carpathian Mountains.

The Russians have plans to guarantee the independence of Rumania--by taking it. At the same time Army Warsaw will liberate the Czechs and Slovaks of Galicia in the same manner; or so the Russians hope. In the north the fleet out of St. Petersburg will attempt to visit Stockholm for Christmas cheer. However, they may run into a conflict with the German sailors from Kiel.

Turkey is reported to possess plans to re-establish its empire in the Balkan peninsula. The first step was the conquest of Bulgaria with Greece probably next in line. At this time the Turkish fleet is steaming for the Aegean Sea and the port of Athens.

In a press conference, the Prince was asked about where Dr. Olmes received his information. The Prince answered, "Doctor who?"

(To be continued!)

Carlisle, PA--

To: General Commanding, United States Army
From: General Commanding, United States
War College (Carlisle, PA)

Status: Secret

Subject: Hostilities in Europe

So far, the major powers of Europe have largely contented themselves by only over-running such minor powers as Spain, Denmark, Serbia and Albania. Italy has moved into Austrian territory, but this move may be aimed at Germany as no other signs of hostility against Austria have been observed. Russia tried to move into Turkish territory. Impressions are that easily repelled invasion could have been a feint to confuse Austria.

A major war or wars are almost certain to break out before winter with French, German, and English forces massed on the borders of Belgium; German and England forces on Holland; German and Russian on Sweden; Italian and French on the German border; Russian, Austrian, and Turkish forces on the Rumanian border; and Turkish and Austrian units on the Greek borders. England is positioned for an invasion of Norway, as is France off Portugal and Italy off Tunis.

With United States interests in Europe, it is most unfortunate that the Administration has chosen this time to move against Mexico. Simulations show that easy early gains, especially the critical port of Vera Cruz with its customs revenues, are likely to be followed by costly attempts to gain territory inland.

Italian agents have tried to meddle in our internal affairs. A Congressman on the Military Appropriations Committee with whom I am well acquainted reports that Johnny Bedpan, notorious Mafia leader who got his start pushing hot term papers in New York City, has attempted to bribe some committee members to support Italian aims.

Enclosed is a copy of a report by Corporal Brooks who has been wargaming the European conflicts. Corporal Brooks was recently offered a promotion to Captain, but refused since that would involve his assuming rank equal to that of his idol, Captain B. H. Lidell Hart. One young lieutenant brought out the view that Corporal Brooks should be crucified head down, but it was pointed out that this would be contrary to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So, any reports of a Captain Brooks involved in war games simulation are false and he should be arrested as an imposter.

Respectfully submitted,
Brigadier General Halftrack
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A STUDY OF THE PRELIMINARY ASPECTS OF THE EUROPEAN CONFLICTS TO DATE

RF Sevastopol to Armenia and TA Smyrna to Armenia is an even better opening than the usual standoff over the Black Sea. And it leaves Austria just about as confused. TF Ankara to Constantinople will allow the Turk to take the Aegean in the fall and have two units on Greece in the spring. The benefit to Russia is that Turkey is poised to expand the other way. In case of a double cross, Turkey can support Bulgaria, drop TA Armenia back to block Ankara, and have a sure build. Russia needs to move RA Ukraina to Sevastopol or risk losing it. Then an attack on Turkey would mean that Rumania couldn't be taken. With GF Kiel moving to Denmark, Russia could be blocked out of Sweden and get no build. Turkey could well move TA Bulgaria (S) AA Serbia to Rumania. Turkey's greater risk is matched by the gain of better position.

An anti-Austrian alliance could see TF Constantinople, TA Bulgaria (S) RF Sevastopol to Rumania and RA Ukraina (S) RA Warsaw to Galicia. This puts all units to use and gains control of the very strategic area of Galicia. However, a fleet in Rumania is useless against Austria. An army can be built in Sevastopol in the winter and RA Ukraina can try to support him into Rumania in the spring as RF Rumania moves to Black Sea. RF Bothnia should take Sweden as an uncontested English Channel should keep Germany anxious to have peace in the east. So Russia should have a build of RA Warsaw to support Galicia. With Turkey able to hit Greece with two units, Austria can't risk using Serbia and Budapest to block Rumania. Even if he does, RA Ukraina and RF Black Sea (S) RA Sevastopol to Rumania is sure to go in the fall.

The more conventional moves of RF Sevastopol (S) RA Ukraina to Rumania and RA Warsaw to Galicia probably won't take Galicia but will block out AA Vienna. Then in the winter only Moscow and St Petersburg will be open to build in. Austria can build AA Budapest and hit Galicia with two units in the spring. RA Rumania (S) RA Warsaw to Galicia along with TF Aegean (S) TA Bulgaria to Greece should block Galicia as AA Serbia to Rumania to cut support will lose Greece. RA Moscow can move to Ukraina and have three units on Galicia in the fall.

It is probable that Turkey is not going after Russia as TA Smyrna to Armenia and TF Ankara to Black Sea would give better

position.

Italy is the puzzle. He has cut his options down to IF Tyrrhenian to Tunis in the fall. If Austria had moved AF Trieste to Venice, IA Apulia (S) IA Tyrolia to Venice would be necessary to hold his home centers. It doesn't look like Italy is going after Turkey, but he has also made a lousy opening to go after Austria. Austria could get the wind up and move AA Serbia to Trieste and AA Vienna to Trieste. This risks TA Bulgaria to Greece blocking out AF Albania. Worse yet, IA Tyrolia (S) AA Serbia to Trieste will leave Austria without a build. And Russia could take Galicia. Austria will probably support himself into Greece and get two builds.

A good Italy-Turkey opening against Austria would be IF Naples to Ionian, IA Venice to Tyrolia, IA Rome to Venice, and TA Constantinople to Bulgaria. Then Italy has two units on Trieste if all went well and TA Bulgaria (S) IF Ionian to Greece will assure Italy of a center. If Italy fails to get two units on Trieste, or moves are made that could cut support--such as FA Marseilles to Piedmont or RF Sevastopol to Rumania--then IF Ionian to Tunis gains the center for the build.

Italy could be promised Munich for his help on an attack on Germany. IA Tyrolia to Munich, FA Burgundy to Belgium, EF North Sea (C) EA Edinburgh to Holland will assure that Germany can't get more than one build. As does FA Burgundy (S) IA Tyrolia to Munich, and EF North Sea (C) EA Edinburgh to Belgium or Holland. Germany could be in trouble.

Of course, there is a possibility that the three are allies. GA Ruhr to Munich, GA Kiel to Holland, GF Denmark to Sweden, EF Norwegian to Norway, EF North Sea (C) EA Edinburgh to Belgium, FA Burgundy (S) EA Edinburgh to Belgium, FA Spain to Portugal and FF Mid-Atlantic to Spain (SC) would gain each two builds and still not look like they were all working together. Then in the spring, EF Norway to Parents, EF North Sea (C) EA Belgium to Norway, FF Marseilles to Lyon, FF Brest to Mid-Atlantic, FF Spain (SC) to Western Mediterranean, FA Portugal to Spain, FA Burgundy to Marseilles, GA Munich (S) GA Berlin (assuming IA Tyrolia doesn't block Munich) to Silesia, GA Holland to Kiel, GF Kiel to Baltic, and GF Denmark to Sweden could give excellent position.

Signed,

Corporal Richard Brooks

NOTE: These were the two analyses covering this game--they will be a continuing series.

COUNCIL OF NATIONS

SICILY IS GRANTED SOVEREIGNTY BY COUNCIL; SWISS VETO MOTION #7

AMBASSADOR SEEKS OFFICE

Nation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	PP Ra	Brussels(LGB)--Following Spring
ALB	N/ 25	Y/300	A	A	A	N/ 25	A	900	debates, Ambassador DePrisco
AUS	N/200	Y/ 10	A	A	A	Y/300	Y/ 40	1100	announced his intention to seek
BEL	N/ 30	N/ 5	Y/ 5	Y/ 5	A	Y/ 50	Y/100	780	the post of Deputy General
DEN	N/ 50	N	N	Y	N	N	N	600	Secretary in the Council of
ENG	N/ 50	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N	600	Nations. Said Mr. DePrisco,
FRA	N/550	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	1100	"After a series of talks with
GER	N/55	N/ 49	N/ 44	N/ 38	N/ 33	N/ 27	N/ 22	392	Mr. Tonnesen, Prime Minister
HOL	N	N/ 20	N	N	N/ 20	Y/ 30	N	560	of Austria-Hungary, in which he
IRE	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y/ 50	600	supported my proposal for crea-
ITA	N	N	N	Y/ 10	N	Y/540	N	1070	ting the office of Deputy
LIC	N/200	Y/ 50	Y	N/ 50	N	N	Y/100	950	General Secretary, I have decided
NAF	N	Y	Y/ 20	N	N	Y	Y	590	to run for office. In the event
RUS	N/100	Y/ 10	Y/ 50	N/ 10	Y/ 25	Y/100	Y/100	870	the motion to create that office
SER	N/ 10	N/ 25	N/ 15	Y/ 5	N/ 10	Y/ 15	Y/ 20	550	is defeated, then I will offer
SPA	N/200	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y/ 75	825	myself as a candidate for General
SWE	N/ 5	Y/ 3	Y/ 5	N/ 5	N/ 5	Y/10	Y/ 10	593	Secretary. As to my reasons
TUR	Y/50	A	N/100	A	N/100	Y/250	y/ 50	650	for running for office, I feel
Vote	16-1	10-6	9-6	9-5	11-2	12-5	10-6		that with the current military
	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes		status of Europe, it behooves

Bern(CHP)--The first full round of voting in the Council has proven to be sensational as Sicily gained its independence from the Italian Empire. Also noteworthy was the Swiss veto of motion #7, even though it was passed and even though it was originally pushed by the Swiss themselves! All in all, three motions were passed and approved by Switzerland. Of course, Motion #2 created a new country in Sicily and all it needs now is a new ruler to run the country. In Motion #3, all delegates were required to vote on at least one proposition per season (if there are any) or face the loss of 25 prestige points. Last, Motion #6 was passed and thus created the office of Deputy General Secretary to be elected during the Winter term along with the Secretary General. The Deputy post will award the holder with 10 prestige points as it is an important office.

Many countries put their entire prestige on the line with some of the votes and we have seen them immensely in-

crease their influence when the motions they favored were passed. The closest vote was on Motion #3, but really none of the motions produced a close vote as all were either passed or defeated handily.

Next season, being Winter, will see the first elections for General Secretary and the new office of Deputy Secretary. The procedure will be that the members of the Council will simply place one vote for any other member of the Council. The member getting the most votes gets the office. A vote will be taken for both posts. Johann Boyer, current General Secretary will step down for the new man unless he should be voted into office. The main advantage of this move would be to keep points away from other members of the Council. Anyhow Johann Boyer has made it clear that he is running for the office of General Secretary and asks all decent and moralistic nations to vote for him this Winter.

In conclusion, Johann Boyer wishes good luck to the best candidate and may the best man win.

debates, Ambassador DePrisco announced his intention to seek the post of Deputy General Secretary in the Council of Nations. Said Mr. DePrisco, "After a series of talks with Mr. Tonnesen, Prime Minister of Austria-Hungary, in which he supported my proposal for creating the office of Deputy General Secretary, I have decided to run for office. In the event the motion to create that office is defeated, then I will offer myself as a candidate for General Secretary. As to my reasons for running for office, I feel that with the current military status of Europe, it behooves the Council to elect a neutral officer. This is especially true for those minor powers with the inability to properly defend themselves. But a neutral SG or DSG, whether his country

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NEW MOTIONS IN THE COUNCIL

Bern(CHP)---We have a few more proposals for this term; here they are:

CC#15(Belgium)---That the offices of Secretary General and Deputy General Secretary consist of two (2) year terms of office and that elections for these two offices be held in the winter of each even-numbered year.

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NOTICE:

Aquarius is again running over 12 pages. If this keeps up (as I'm positive about), it will mean something will have to give: either my time, money or both. More on this later. Sorry if this issue will be late, but July 4th and all that is interfering.

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CC#16 (Lichenstein)--I believe that Switzerland's veto is undemocratic and therefore must end. Switzerland should be given a veto like the President of the United States. Once the proposal is vetoed, it can be re-introduced and if passed by a two-thirds majority it must be considered law.

CC#17 (North Africa)--I propose that North Africa be used for the 1916 Summer Olympics. Our fine country will not be invaded (hopefully) by that time, and besides, the weather is definitely summer. Further, the N.Af. will act as referees (they have had to much practice in the desert).

CC#18 (Albania)--Honored Council members, as a representative of Albania I move that the total patent rights for the production of the new colostomy product known as Sven Goodie be granted to Mr. Lakofka for a fee of a nominal \$500 dollars. Although this device is not well known and has been almost completely ignored by the market. It is an innovation in the field and its patent should be granted. I move that we therefore grant Mr. Lakofka an international patent on his invention. Thank you.

CC#19 (England)--Be it resolved that the Council formerly invite observers from the United States and Japan to sit in on the Council's sessions. Said observers to have full voting rights and a say in the debate. Supporting debate: The U.S. and Japan were Great Powers in 1914--even though they were non-European Powers. As Great Powers they had an influence on world events--and thus for the Council to be truly "universal" in scope it should have representatives for at least these countries. England is therefore prepared to formally sponsor these powers' entrance into the Council (as well as any other non-European country interested in entering the Council).

DEBATE ON MOTIONS #8 to #15

Bern (CHP)--The following debates were duly heard and duly considered for print. They thus follow:

Turkish Debate--Yak T. Yak, seeing the smashing defeat of Turkish motion CC#1, stripped himself naked and laying prostrate before the assembly beating the desk with his Jockey shorts screamed, "I could just PUKER!" The rest of the Turkish delegation then thrust him upon their shoulders and carried him out while Yak stated, "May the fleas of a thousand camels rest in your

beards! May your next box of rasins contain rabbit tu...!"

The Turkish delegation later circulated a petition which was mainly aimed at motion CC#11 of Ireland claiming that this motion violated the linguistic nationalities of every major power in Europe! The circular also stated Turkey's Yak T. Yak had left for home to consult higher ups over this national insult and blow!!

Dutch Debate--Holland wishes to remind our fellow delegates to vote for CC#12 in order to give themselves a chance to have their press efforts acknowledged by their peers. Italian Debate--Mr. Secretary, I would like to present the Italian government's position on the various proposals up for consideration this session.

CC#8 will just not work. All it will produce is arguments over what should and what shouldn't be brought before the International Court, when such issues can best be dealt with in the Council of Nations which must consider all proposals and arguments. Furthermore, we might note that the English representative makes no mention of what powers this Court shall have, nor does he even define what he means by "term" in regard to the elected members. We feel that the General Secretary should simply table this motion immediately because of these two omissions--and of course, the Council of Nations will have to define the "local" before this motion can be put into effect, if ever.

CC#9 while all well and good is rather unnecessary. His Holiness has informed me that at this very moment units of the Imperial Marines are reconitering North Africa from their base in Tunis, and we will have a full report on their findings for this distinguished body when we reconvene in the Winter. All this measure will do is create more needless bureaucracy.

CC#11 and CC#14. I refer you to my government's policy statement last session. These proposals, far from bringing peace in Europe, will only serve to break down the traditions of law and order so necessary for stability in Europe. With every little self-proclaimed "nationalist group" or "people's liberation movement" able to proclaim its independence we will have utter disorganization and chaos throughout Europe! Peace will only be a faded memory and Europe will revert back to the middle ages if these proposals are implemented. These proposals must be defeated! Furthermore, we would like to inquire whether the French are willing to grant independence to the Basques and the people of Brittany? There is more than Austrian hypocrisy in the air!

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CC#12 is a very good idea and we support it fully. CC#14, however, is absurd. We suggest that the Council of Nations introduce a motion to prevent these type of space-wasting proposals.

CC#15. Why not?

North African Debate--CC#8. I tend to agree with England. An international court should be set up, but the members should not include the Secretary General!

CC#9. Unfortunately, the proposal came rather late, and furthermore, I would not be allowed on the Investigating Commission! This in itself is a penalty to me, and therefore can not be accepted.

CC#10--The Olympics are a great idea! It will allow for fewer military gripes, and more cause for unity! The N.A. people are already training for the Winter Olympics, using sand. However, Switzerland should be the site, as she will probably still not be occupied!

CC#11. I agree with the Irish delegate that each minor country should be given independence. However, the major power which wishes to enter one of these provinces should be able to, without permission. Otherwise, both the Diplomacy and Council of Nations games will break down!

CC#12. Agree, CC#13. Agree, CC#14. Agree, CC#15--This attempt at joining the three games together is commendable, but it must fail. This will let one player who is losing to "surrender his forces" to his allies, thus upending the equality of the game!

English Debate--CC#8 and CC#9 might be combined with the investigating reporting to the International Court.

CC#10--His Majesty's Government feels that if Sweden is the only neutral country willing to offer to host the Games, then the games should be given to Sweden.

CC#11--England does not recognize the government of the Ulsterman, Cullen-Hendry. His Majesty's Government points out that Cullen-Hendry took advantage of the impending transfer of power to set up an unpopular and unelected government. The fact that the Council has been presented with a resolution by an illegal government is regrettable--what would be even more regrettable would be a situation in which foreign powers interfere in Ireland's internal problems. England therefore urges its fellow delegates to reject this proposal, until the Interim Irish Government of Premier Ian O'Brian. Both sides should be given equal time to present their arguments. With that in mind, His Majesty's Government urges the General Secretary to

formally request that Premier O'Brian's Government send a delegate to the next session of the Council.

CC#12--Excellent idea.

CC#13--Agree, no argument necessary.

CC#14--If Sicily does not get an independent ruler--then this resolution is pointless. England proposes that the honourable delegates wait until they can see the voting results on CC#2. Passage of that resolution would be the best guarantee of a favorable exception of this resolution.

Belgian Debate--The Ambassador from Belgium wishes to submit the following debates on new proposals:

CC#8--With all the charges and allocations being bandied about this past year, it is clear that a world court is needed to settle international squabbles. Belgium feels that the English proposal should be accepted without delay. This is especially needed in light of the allegations of slave trafficking.

CC#9--For the same reasons, Belgium endorses this motion.

CC#11--As the motion now stands, Belgium must reject Ireland's proposal. We urge Ireland to withdraw its motion and, instead, submit two motions. Although points 2 and 1 are very worthwhile, and would receive Belgium's support, we must say NO to point 3. Although major powers should be made to account for invasion without permission, no country should be expelled from the council without a fair hearing.

Lichtenstein Debate--CC#8--Lichtenstein believes that England's proposal is nothing more than a cover-up. The Great Powers wish to suppress nationalism and liberalism, and this Court would be their means to achieve that end.

CC#11--The people of Lichtenstein (I got the spelling now, ED.) can not help, but to applaud Ireland's measure. I hope that its victory will bring peace and independence to those countries.

CC#13--The backwardness of Turkey is well known at this Council and his proposal proves that assumption. I believe that if Turkey's argument is followed to its logical conclusion, then the Minor Powers must be given armies in order to protect their homes and families from savages like the Turks.

CC#14--This is the typical type of proposal from a Great Power. He wishes to grant us the rights that we will take anyway. I hope this proposal meets with defeat because I would hate to see France gain credit for something he doesn't believe in--look at Spain.
Austrian Debate--The P.M. of A-H request the floor. "Gentlemen, I will once again state briefly my county's feeling about the new
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proposals." The P.M. drew a deep breath, "I agree with CC#10, CC#8, CC#9, CC#12, CC#15. But CC#11 will make Diplomacy impossible to play, and CC#13 is a very dangerous idea!!" With that the P.M. sat down.

Albanian Debate--CC#11--Ireland's plea for freedom for all minor countries is perhaps the most reasonable request any nation could make. Every nation, irregardless of size, race, and area, deserves and must be granted the right to be free and independent of its parent country.

CC#13--Any world power who would suggest that every small country should be made vulnerable to attack from larger countries is selfish, egocentric, and totally unreasonable. This proposal was made to allow a large power to use physical force to stop VERBAL attacks on itself from all the small nations. Certainly any large country could retaliate verbally against a verbal attack and win the argument, without the use of violence and bloodshed. Such a proposal opens the door to tyranny!

CC#15--The right to support another nation financially is completely legitimate and should be allowed in order to promote better national relations and to allow underdeveloped nations a chance to become wealthy. Small nations must have this chance to use another country's riches so that they may raise their standard of living through improved health services, better educational facilities, better and greater industry, and all the things that they cannot support alone.

Spanish Debate--Once again, Spain's primary concern is the Ottoman Turk. With motion CC#13, Turkey is again trying to make a mockery of this Council by asking you to give a vote of confidence to the immorality of undeclared war and the rape of unprovoked invasion. Do we not uphold a nation's freedom of speech? The least I should think we could expect from a nation as fiendish as Turkey is that it should be at least a little less obviously bloodthirsty.

In another vein, Spain voted against Portugal's proposed fining of North Africa, but we wholly support Denmark's proposal for a fact-finding committee. And, since Spain is the closest neighbor of each party, I offer myself as a fair, enlightened, and likely candidate for committee membership.

Lastly, I have an important announcement. Despite France's liberal policies--and, yes, her possible reprisals--I cannot in good conscience do anything but wholeheartedly

support the Irish motion CC#11 calling for the liberation of all oppressed states and for their inviolable neutrality. Thank you.

"Order, let's have order! I thank Sr. Zarco Moreno, First Delegate from Spain, on his most resolute speech, but we now have a delegate from Switzerland who wishes to speak to the Council. Mr. Johann Boyer, you may have the floor."

"Thank you General Secretary, our country has a lot of opinions, but for the time being we will devote our debate to current motions proposed this time around and to our own ideas which we did not put into formal motions.

To get to the point, we have precluded several motions this time since we are tired of nations putting up ridiculous motions on which they cannot hope but to lose points. We all know that if you introduce a motion, that you will have to vote for it and with at least 10 points on it. This is to penalize any nation that dares to propose outlandish proposals--but unfortunately, this has not worked. So, we will now take into our own hands, the power to veto an introduced motion (or to be introduced) that will most likely result in defeat. In this sense, therefore, members of the council must take their own national interests into consideration when they introduce motions.

Our other strong opinions regards the freedom and independence of many nationalities from major powers. We feel that so long as these new nations carved out of the old do not interfere with the regular war conditions that this can be done with approval from the Council. If Sicily wanted freedom, so be it, but it can not become open to travel or invasion. Furthermore, no supply centered provinces can be separated from its owner through Council voting. This would be **ILLEGAL** and a direct violation of the rules of the Diplomacy game. We can go only so far, gentlemen, before we intrude upon the sacred "laws" of this "war." Thank you.

WINTER ORDERS FOR C.O.N.: Vote for a General Secretary and a Deputy General Secretary! Send in your votes for motions #8 to #15 along with your point allocations! You may debate new motions of this season, and you may introduce new motions (sensible ones).

Note: In case you don't know, the far right column in the Vote chart represents your current Prestige "Rating." This is how many points you now have. Portugal did not vote and lost 50 points and now has 500.

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be occupied or not, would be better able to serve the council as a whole, after all, who could say what would happen if an ambassador from a major power were elected and his country was then stabbed by their ally. Would that backstabbing ally be given fair and impartial treatment in the council by the SG? Not likely. So, to keep the council from becoming an organ of vengeance, I offer myself as a candidate."

THE EDITORIAL

Bern(CHP)--Well, I just finished the body of Aquarius and have only these few columns to expound on the latest developments. Again, Aquarius has gone to 24 pages. This is far too expensive for me to continue the old subscription rates. A few people have already told me that they wouldn't object to a higher sub fee if the issues remained larger than 12 pages. Since the output from the players doesn't appear to have a chance at slacking, I will probably continue to put out large to larger issues. If anyone objects to the new sub rates, please let me know so I can judge how many minor players we would lose. Other than money, time is the most important factor and perhaps it is the most important. Anyhow, it takes longer than usual to put an issue of this size together. Of course, the reason is the huge amount of press. After all, I asked for it!

However, not everyone is making it as easy as possible for me. If you can, I would urge all to keep press for each game separate and to keep orders separate from each other and from the press. Not only do I have six folders for the games/press, I also can throw them away when I don't need them--that makes it a lot easier to find what needs to be typed!

Okay, I want to apologize for the delay of this issue. I went to Chicago and spent several practically sleepless nights there--that is, we all were have a good time playing games to about like 6 a.m. in the morning. So, even though I took a week off from work to recover, I did not recover as I expected. First of all, there was all this mail that piled up and still is piled up. Secondly, I was very tired and even now I'm sick with some earache, etc. Rather than bore you with the details, just appreciate the fact that you've got this zine in your little grubby paws! Okay, the deadline is not that far off, but then this is a winter season and not

too much diplomacy is needed.

As for the game, they are all going okay. The regular diplomacy game itself is going nicely and the first set of analyses have been printed from our two analysts: Beyerlein and Brooks. I would like to predict that the game may tend to more of a draw since a lot of diplomacy is going on in the other games and can give various clues as to a player's real stance. Thus, less surprise will be the rule.

I have been thinking--would the minor country players like to have a dippy variant? That is, they would play from the countries they now represent. Each would get two units of their choice. Question is whether to use the major power centers as neutral centers (which capture thereof would not affect them in the regular diplomacy game) or to rule them as off limits which would make the variant a seagame. It is up to the minor powers to decide whether they wish to play such a variant and/or decide if they want major power centers off limits or as neutrals up for grabs. In either case, home center can be worth either one or two units and, of course, I would have to rule the home center as permantly safe from attack.... there are too many neutrals side by side. Let me know.

The Bourse is now running pretty smoothly. An error on the Dutch orders slopped the record, but it didn't hurt much. Really, that sort of error, if known by the player, can really hurt at all because of the ease with correction at a later time. We have new players entering and I only want to point out that rule interpretation which allows the players to sell a maximum of 500 units per currency.

The most exciting and most complex is the Council of Nations game. Things are beginning to get wild, but I think I have everything under control, and I believe everyone knows how to play. The point to make now is when you make a motion, that you are putting up a motion for vote and points. So, don't make ridiculous or confusing motions! This is supposed to be a keen competition and to lose points because you introduced a motion no one likes cannot be condoned!

The amount of debating and point allocation indicates that the players are interested enough when I wasn't too sure because it was a brand new game. Now, the problem may be too much press or too many motions that needlessly complicate the game rules. I'm relying on the intelligence of the players to keep it operating efficiently. Meanwhile, I'm trying to refrain from dominating it.

FINANCIAL PAGE

SWISS CURRENCY EXCHANGE REPORT

	Cr	Fr	Li	Ma	Pl	Po	Ro
Albania	-500	-500	-500	-500	+2000	+1000	+250
Austria	-500	-500	-500	-500	+2002	+726	+499
Belgium	+642	-500	-500	-500	+1000	+500	+500
Denmark	+500	-500	0	+500	0	0	-500
France	0	-500	-500	-500	+685	+2000	0
Germany	+500	-467	+100	-500	+1000	0	0
Holland	0	-200	-500	-500	+1217	+1000	0
Ireland	-500	+2311	-500	-500	-500	-500	-500
Italy	-500	0	-500	-500	+618	+833	+833
Liecht.	-500	+1200	0	-500	-76	0	-500
N. Africa	+200	-300	-246	-200	+200	+200	+200
Russia	0	-500	-500	-500	+1000	+610	+1000
Serbia	0	-500	-500	-500	+3919	-500	-500
Spain	-500	+2311	-500	-500	-500	-500	-500
Sweden	-200	+123	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	0	-200	-500	-500	+637	+1000	+500
Correction	+800	+117	0	-600	0	0	0

Old Price	88	143	163	149	81	86	94
Total Change	-558	+1395	-5646	-6800	+13202	+6369	+1282
New Price	83	156	107	81	213	149	106
Trading Volume:	35,252						

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ALBANIA'S NO DWARF IN MONEY MARKET!

Albanian Exchange for Currencies (AEC)---Financial Assistant to William of Wied, Director E.Z. Mooney, today announced that the private fortune of William would be invested in the money market in an effort to build up a fortune in the Albanian National Bank and Treasury. Investment in foreign currencies this past session has been risky due to a general lack of knowledge in the area of the money market. However, E.Z. Mooney is expected to be found to be one of the top men in his profession in the near future.

DUTCH CORNER CORNERS

Eric Clarified, DPS Eve. News--- We must remind certain speculators that there is a war going on, in which the corner powers have the edge. With this in mind, Dutch experts are dumping Marks and Lires and trying to corner the market in Pounds and Piastres. My forecast is: Cr+5, Fr-10, Li-55, Ma-60, Pl+50, Po+60, Ro+20.

CHEAP NEWS FROM N.AF.

N.A.T.O.---The First North African Bank was opened for business today; a historic financial first. This is the first bank ever built in North Africa and since the natives have been saving their money for years, it should be a big hit. The bank has promised a statement for the fiscal year, ending December 31st, and a full report will be included next turn.

A Wild Idea: Is anyone going to open a bank with 5% interest? With more money, they could speculate.....

SWISS MARKET REPORT

Bank of Europe, Switzerland--- (CHP) The market in Bern opened in Bern's huge Stock Market/Currency Exchange Building with another big trading session. The most exciting news was the almost unbelievable increase in the currency value of the Piastres in setting a new record of 132 points change in one session!

Each session of the new market has shown a new record in price fluctuation. Expert Johann Boyer of the Swiss Commission on Currency Control had this to say:

"We are now know of the amazing new currency strength in the Piastre--a currency from an otherwise unpopular country. Nevertheless, there were other big jumps in the English pounds and in the French francs. Also, the rouble showed a small increase in price, but all other major currencies suffered a drop in their values. Only the Crown

showed any resistance to market fluctuations by dropping only 5 points in spite of many currently popular theories on the true Austrian crown value. We feel that the crown will have nothing to worry about in the future so as long as a few countries control the market in crowns.

The worst news came for the German marks in which that currency dropped 68 points. We are sorry to see that such risky speculation is still continuing in the market. In fact, with the recent German military victories, we feel that the marks will set the record next session from an expected huge bounce-up to about a value of 150+. All other currencies that lost ground this session will most likely make it up during next session."

"Sir, what do your group think of the market trends in ups and downs for the values of the currencies?"

"We feel that this current
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situation of nations buying and then selling in the same currencies just to take advantage of price changes to make a fast buck will not hold true for much longer. In fact, indications are that cartels are slowly being formed on each currency. We just have seen the Crown Cartel control the loss this session whereas it could have been much worse. Such future control should increase in the near future.

Another trend will be seen in nations keeping a more balanced "portfolio" of the various currencies---at least until clear military trends are made in the war. It is not easy to shift completely a national holdings from one currency to another. So, other currencies must be held so that sales can be made to expedite purchases in large quantities of a currency when necessary."

 TRANS-SERBIAN QUARTERLY REPORT

Serbia--It seems that the Crown has made somewhat of a recovery. The Crown's recovery, experts say, is only temporary. They say that the crown will make one last lunge at becoming a respectable currency before plunging to worthlessness.

The Royal Bank of Serbia wishes to restate its offer made earlier. The Royal Bank of Serbia will transfer 500 units of the currency of their choice to any country who frees Serbia from Austrian influence and/or occupies any Austrian home center. This offer is good til Spring 1903.

 PIASTRE GETS NEW BASE!

Constantinople--The Sultan, shocked at recent Piastre fluctuation, today announced that the Piastre would be taken off the poppie standard and placed on the 20mm standard. The Sultan explained that until recently the Piastre was redeemable for 25 poppie plants upon demand. But, with the recent lack of faith in the Piastre, many people have been redeeming their Piastre for poppies causing Turkey fiscal embarassment along with poppie shortages. The Sultan stated that now Piastres will be redeemable for one 20mm shell fire down the bore of the 20mm gun now placed in front of all redemption centers for protection during the panic. The Sultan expects the Piastre to bounce back and expects that few, very few, will be sold this year, if any!

Bern(CHP)--The President/Chairman of the ad hoc Swiss National Banks Association for European Currency Domination and Control of Errors, Johann Boyer II, reported that there were a few errors in conjunction with last session's Dutch Bourse orders. In essence, we botched the whole thing and have taken steps to correct their national holdings and to inject the differences into the market system. The only change as a result of this past error is the fact that currencies were not at their true value for this current session. However, their values are now correct and caught up. We felt that the actual price levels did not mean as much as the differences that were caused by stock market changes. The important thing appears to be how much money you lose or make by increasing or decreasing the prices, and not the price from which you're working with. Oh well, it is done.

 NATIONAL HOLDINGS

Bern(CHP)--The Swiss National Market Committee on National Currency Holdings gave the following report in a brief announcement through Johann Boyer, Jr.:

Albania: 500 Cr, 500 Fr, 500 Li, 500 Ma, 3000 Pi, 2000 Po, 1250 Ro, 12830 Dd; Austria: 2201 Cr, 700 Fr, 1000 Li, 1055 Ma, 2002 Pi, 1926 Po, 1599 Ro, 13672 Dd.; Belgium: 3142 Cr, 1000 Fr, 493 Li, 1000 Ma, 1500 Pi, 2000 Po, 1000 Ro, 12740 Dd.; Denmark: 500 Cr, 500 Fr, 2859 Li, 500 Ma, 500 Pi, 1502 Po, 500 Ro, 9893 Dd.; England: 800 Cr, 2000 Fr, 2000 Li, 1000 Ma, 500 Pi, 500 Po, 500 Ro, 9074 Dd.; France: 500 Cr, 1500 Fr, 500 Li, 0 Ma, 1685 Pi, 2615 Po, Ro 1500, 12365 Dd; Germany: 500 Cr, 733 Fr, 1200 Li, 0 Ma, 2200 Pi, 1000 Po, 1000 Ro, 10078 Dd.; Holland: 1700 Cr, 1162 Fr, 71 Li, 400 Ma, 3017 Pi, 2100 Po, 700 Ro, 13920 Dd.; Ireland: 0 Cr, 5652 Fr, 0 Li, 0 Ma, 0 Pi, 0 Po, 0 Ro, 8817 Dd.; Italy: 1500 Cr, 0 Fr, 1500 Li, 983 Ma, 1784 Pi, 2000 Po, 2000 Ro, 12546 Dd.; Liechtenstein: 500 Cr, 3200 Fr, 1000 Li, 500 Ma, 924 Pi, 1000 Po, 500 Ro, 10870 Dd.; North Africa: 1400 Cr, 400 Fr, 754 Li, 1462 Ma, 1300 Pi, 1100 Po, 1000 Ro, 9245 Dd.; Portugal: 1705 Cr, 1000 Fr, 1500 Li, 1500 Ma, 500 Pi, 1000 Po, 1500 Ro, 9930 Dd.; Russia: 0 Cr, 200 Fr, 2200 Li, 3211 Ma, 1500 Pi, 1010 Po, 1700 Ro, 11768 Dd.; Serbia: 0 Cr, 800 Fr, 1187 Li, 0 Ma, 5119 Pi, 500 Po, 500 Ro, 14696 Dd.; Spain: 83 Cr, 4311 Fr, 500 Li, 0 Ma, 500 Pi, 0 Po, 500 Ro, 8924 Dd.; Sweden: 450 Cr, 123 Fr, 0 Li,

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1172 Ma, 1050 Pi, 1150 Po, 1000 Ro, 6524 Dd.; Turkey: 0 Cr, 0 Fr, 500 Li, 2852 Ma, 2237 Pi, 1500 Po, 2000 Ro, 11964 Dd.

We decided to include national total worth in Diplodollars (Dds) and we have the following top five: 1. Ser---14696, 2. Hol--13920, 3. Aus--13672, 4. Alb---12830, 5. Bel--12740 Included is Albania which made impressive gains for being in for so short a time. We feel, however, that total national worth is a little misleading since the values of the currencies are jumping up and down so much and thus the leaders would change every session since it is virtually impossible to change your holdings that fast. Only Austria and Belgium repeated the top five and they both ranked lower this time around. As for next time, those two are top prospects for leadership in the wealth rat race. So, see you then!

MARK INFLATED:

Berlin(BMSP)--Oct 15. Today, the German Economic Office (GEO) announced that the world was inflating Germany's currency and that the German Government was going to put a stop to this. They have decided to sell as many Marks as they have to bring the price of the mark back down to where it belongs. It is hoped that by flooding the Market with Marks, the German will be able to buy more home-made goods and less foreign goods, thereby making the Home front far better than that of the competitors.

GERMANY ANNOUNCES BEER GARDENS

Munich(BSSP) Oct 12--It was announced today, in the offices of the Slutz Beer Co. that they were about to expand into a new direction. They were going to open up beer gardens, throughout Germany and the world. These gardens, it is hoped will become as the place to have a beer. It was announced at the offices of the Slutz Co. that Holland was the next country to get a Beer Garden. It will be opened by the end of the winter, just in time for the Tulip time that is coming up
OOPS, SORRY--THESE ARE REPEATS!

Well, rather than starting a whole new page, or even correcting all of the above, we decided to leave it and proceed. Too bad, I overlooked that. With all that press, I was bound to get lost!

CARMEN & CO. OF Madrid announced that they have secured the entire balance of the Atlantic Telegraph Submarine Cable now on board of the U.S. Steam Frigate Niagara. In order to place this wonderful mechanical curiosity within the reach of all classes, they propose to cut the cable into pieces of four inches in length and mount them neatly with brass ferules. Twenty miles of the cable have been actually submerged and taken up. This will be the first sold in exactly the condition that it lay on the bed of the Atlantic. Orders will be received from dealers and others for not less than 100 pieces at a time, at 25 Dd. per hundred.

SWITZERLAND'S DEPARTMENT OF WAR PROFITS has announced the full production of new war models for tanks, planes, rifles, mortars, shovels, shoes, minor artillery guns, siege equipment, ammunition for all weapons and including the new rifle, the Mark-Enge V. A superior weapon excellent for long range sharpshooting and well suited for no-man's duels and even for city block battles. See us for the best deal in Europe! Write in care of the Editor.

BRIEF NEWS FROM EUROPE

Rome(SPIC), Sept. 30--It is rumored here that under Pope Infallibility II, the canons have been mysteriously altered: St. Nick is now listed as Niccolo Machiavelli.

Bern(SPIC), Oct. 9--An attache to the Spanish delegation to the Council of Nations suffered a partial nervous break down here today. His last coherent words were: "I just can't keep track of all the people in this country named Johann Boyer!"

Bern(CHP)--The Annual Boyer Convention was a great success as over 2000 Swiss Boyers showed up for the big gala event. Among the more noticeables were the members of the famous Swiss Political family of Johann Boyer. He is currently the Director of the Swiss National Soccer League, but his sons and nephews carry on the great family tradition. An example is President Johann Boyer II of the Swiss National Commission on European Currency Domination and Control. His brother, Johann Boyer, is the Prime Minister of the country while another brother, Johann Boyer, Jr., is the Chairman of the Swiss National Department of war Profits. Many more Boyers are prominent and it is too long a list to recount them all now.

Erest(SPIC)--Two "I hate Walloons" balloons were sighted passing west, out over the

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Atlantic here today. Considering the quantity and quality of the Dutch hot air, they are expected to remain aloft for the three months passage to America.

LOST: One slightly used Dutch windmill, answers to the name "Squeaky." If found, please face in the direction of Holland and take advantage of all the hot air originating from that country.

FOUND: One drunken German Field Marshal. Anyone desiring to loose ((or lose?)) a war can claim him at Berghoff 24, Neckargamund, in (where else) the wine cellar.

EDITORIAL CONT.

Sports is the orphan area of Aquarius. It started after Aquarius got going due to an idea from one of the players. Besides soccer, we're planning the Olympics, but the amount of details may be too much for us to handle. This will depend on the final system devised for the Olympics. It is possible, however, that someone else could be GM for the Olympics provided he doesn't participate. Any volunteer?

Entertainment has been somewhat of an ad hoc feature, but depending on room, it will fluctuate in size. This issue left out a cartoon, but I'm saving that for next time. The article on the German army was well written--I hope others just as well written are coming. The error in the Kriss-Kross puzzle especially irked me, but what's done been done. Merely remove that second block from the left on the second horizontal row of blocks from the bottom of the page. This breaks up a joint of two rows. That will help to clear up the puzzle. Solution will appear next issue.

The Map of the game and the game report, I would gather, are appreciated features of Aquarius. I don't think anyone really likes to go by my front page report on the dippy game?

The space allotted for this editorial is now running out, but so am I running out of ideas or notes to make.

At last, we are beginning to see player interaction in press and I gather player interaction will soon be coming among the games. Ever think what an eliminated major power can do as a minor power afterwards? Heh, heh--don't stab! #end#

SPORT NEWS

SWISS POOR LOSERS, SAYS COACH

Brussels(IGB)--After a long silence the coach of the Belgian National Soccer team finally commented on the Swiss allegations that the 3-0 win over the Swiss national team was "fixed." Said coach Rubens, "It puzzles me that the Swiss team can say the game was rigged. The referees were Swiss, and all the minor officials were Swiss. So, if the game was fixed, then the Swiss themselves fixed it. No, I think the Swiss players are just poor losers. Either that, and I would believe this easier, the Swiss coach is just looking for an easy out. There have been rumors to the effect that his job in on the line. So, to keep his job he probably started this silly "fix" allegation." When asked about his teams' prospects in the newly formed European Soccer League, coach Rubens (a very distant relative to the great painter) quipped: "I think our team has what it takes to win the championship. But then again, the Swiss are running this league. So, I guess it depends on how sore they really are over that 3-0 loss. We'll see, but I predict a good finish for our team." Coach Rubens also announced that he would push for a new scoring system, the one devised by the representative in the Council of Nations.

NORTH AFRICA ASKS FOR FRANCHISE

N.A.T.O.--The North African people are asking the Swiss for a Soccer franchise. We wish to form the North African Gobitrotters. If the franchise is granted, we will begin play in 1915. A new stadium is being built in the Sahara, and only one problem has developed. A shortage of drinking water! Oh well!

EUROPEAN SOCCER LEAGUE

Bern(CHP)--The Director of the European Soccer League's Board of Directors, Johann Boyer III, has announced that an error was made in not including the Austrian National Team in the League. We are extremely sorry about this oversight, especially when news of their entrance was published. Next year, we hope that they will join, and that along with the North Africans, we'll see other teams entered--including those promised from Ireland, France and Portugal but didn't play. (cont. col. 1, pg. 20)

in the league.

Next year, we will avoid the problems we had this year by dividing the league up into as many divisions as practical depending on the number of entrees. We will hope for divisions of 6 teams each with playoffs between the champs of each division. The divisions will be organized geographically and if there are any complaints or ideas, we would like to hear them. The number of games will therefore be reduced to 20 with 10 played in the Spring and 10 played in the Fall. The playoffs and the championship games will be played in the Winter of next year. We are hoping for a much larger league next year. The League is now accepting teams for next Spring's competition.

EUROPEAN SOCCER STANDINGS

FIRST HALF RESULTS

	W	T	L	Pts	
Serbia	9	0	5	18	Champion
Italy	7	2	5	16	
Russia	6	4	4	16	
Turkey	6	4	4	16	
Spain	6	3	5	16	
Sweden	6	1	7	13	
England	5	1	8	11	
Belgium	3	3	8	9	

SECOND HALF RESULTS

	W	T	L	Pts	
Russia	10	1	3	21	Champion
Serbia	7	1	6	15	
England	7	0	7	14	
Belgium	7	0	7	14	
Spain	5	3	6	13	
Turkey	5	3	6	13	
Italy	5	2	7	12	
Sweden	4	4	6	12	

World Series: To be rescheduled for Winter. Will Serbia and Russia both please submit new set of numbers for five games? Also, please send in 2 more sets of numbers in case we have a tie in the series. So, that's seven sets of numbers!

The above league results were checked and verified by Bern Accounting Co.'s President and top Accountant, Johann Boyer IV. Sorry, there is simply no room or time to include the scores. We'll do that next year.

Like Aquarius? Help the editor by putting press releases separate from game orders!

Bern(CHP)--The exciting news from the Swiss Supreme Court came down today after a lengthy consideration was given. The Court ruled that the game was fixed, thrown, and made illegal by the fact that the Belgian Team had a German player. The people thronging the courtroom went wild as the Swiss National Soccer Team won by default. The coach of the team was interviewed by the Bern Gazette:

"Coach Boyer, what do you think will happen now?" "Well, with our recent court victory, I'm sure that the Belgians will stage a phoney court decision of their own just so the whole thing is thrown to the wolves in the Council of Nations. Until that happens, I believe that everyone here knows that we should have won that game if it wasn't for the fact they used a German superstar player."

"Do you think that the Belgians will withdraw from the European Soccer League, now that the Swiss Court made them forfeit the game?"

"No, I don't think that they would withdraw when they did poorly this year. Surely, they would come back to try again in winning the championship--just to spite us."

"Coach, are you planning to get the Swiss National Team into the League?"

"Well, there is a possibility, but as long as Switzerland actually runs the league, we could not by law be allowed to compete."

"Thank you for the wonderful interview, I'm sure the players must feel great about the court decision."

"Yes, thank you."

OLYMPICS AREN'T READY

Bern(CHP)--The European Olympics Committee, meeting in Bern studied more proposals for sites of the Olympics. For the Winter games, the date has been postponed to late November 1917 although the Summer games will still take place in 1916. However, the dates are subject to last minute changes. The big problem today is the overwhelming amount of administration problems that faces the Committee in just running the whole affair.

New sites were considered in North Africa and in Greece along with some rumors of having the Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany. The Winter Olympics appears to be in a toss with Spain, Switzerland and Sweden all having fair chances.

The Committee is looking for some neutral country to handle the details of the Olympics.

ENTERTAINMENT

THE GERMAN ARMY by SPIC Staff
Writer, Loren Amsden

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The world we have known is passing away. Scant months ago, British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey, looking from a window across twilight London said sadly, "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our time." Indeed, none of our hopes for a glorious new century has come away as we planned. Secure in the traditions of 19th century warfare, we saw the coming conflict as basically one between professional armies, essentially fought out by soldiers while the mass of the people watched the efforts of their champions from seats in the amphitheatre. Only the Germans glimpsed the truth of total war--of entire nations in arms.

The present German army was born 100 years ago in the Napoleonic Wars. Nurtured by such men as Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, it reached maturity in the Franco-Prussian War, where it proved itself against the long respected army of France. Now, full-grown, it is something unique in the annals of history.

Every able-bodied citizen is liable to service. The State takes the number it desires, trains them for a short period of full-time service, and then returns them to civilians, thus forming a huge reserve with which to expand the army in wartime. A man serves two or three years full time, followed by four or five in the regular reserves. He then goes into the Landwehr for twelve years, and finally passes into the Landsturm between 39 and 45. Instead of regarding these reserves as troops of doubtful quality, the Germans have been able to duplicate every first line army corps with a reserve corps--and have had the courage to use them (successfully) in the opening clash.

Two factors hold this unique machine together. First, the leaders of Germany have realized for generations that esprit de corps is not enough; the people must have a deep-rooted belief in the cause they are called upon to fight for. Toward this goal, the Germans have been inspired with a patriotic conviction of the grandeur of their country's destiny. Second, administering the army, instilling in it the principles of discipline and perfection, is the German General Staff. By rigour of selection and training, it is unmatched for professional knowledge and skill.

Tactically, the Germans have entered the
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Penitentiary Press International and its world-wide affiliates has noted with some ire the proposals by the French government and others to make Sicily an "independent" nation.

We would like to remind all the governments of Europe that Sicily is under the sole control of Don Massaro, who is in no way a puppet of Pope Infallibility as the French intelligence service seems to believe. We furthermore state that Sicily, Italy, et al is under the sole management of Penitentiary Press and we will not--we repeat--will not ALLOW anyone to wrest control of Sicily away from the Don. Penitentiary Press reserves the sole right to write press for all Penitentiary Press creations, and we will not stand for any infringement of this right!

Before we begin to sound unreasonable, we should note that the Don is willing to appoint as finance minister anyone who shows ample understanding of the Bank of Europe and who will pass the security checks required by the Mafia. Obviously, we would not wish to unduly influence the Bourse.

But the Council of Nations is another matter. We can no more conceive of Don Massaro and Pope Infallibility working together than we can of Hitler discussing mobile warfare theory with Moshe Dayan! Especially if the "national interests" proposal is passed by the Council. We would therefore wish to propose that Sicily be considered for membership in the Council of Nations as a free and independent state under the leadership of Don Massaro. Far from cooperating, the Don and His Holiness will probably be having a race to see who can slip the first "letter bomb" past each other's security people!!! Obviously, Italy cannot propose such a measure, but perhaps one of those who has campaigned so vigorously for national realization will?

Very truly yours,
Penitentiary Press Int.

Dear P.P.I.:

The Editors of Aquarius believes that the just and humble humanity of the Council will determine the best policy concerning the many nationalities of Europe. Sicily, since it has recently been determined by the Council
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war with two important material advantages. They alone have gauged the potentials of the heavy howitzer, and supplied the army with adequate numbers thereof. In addition, the Germans have put greater interest in that under-rated weapon, the machine gun, and have learned to mass such weapons under regimental control.

And strategically, it is the Germans who have made railroad communications virtually an art form. Men and materiel can be transported within Germany from one point to another more swiftly and efficiently than in any other nation on earth.

We have come to the end of an era, and the beginning of one. Perhaps, if all the nations of Europe had stepped into the new era with Germany, the horrors of mechanized warfare would have caused all to recoil from the prospect of the Great War that now conflagrates our continent. Now that we have all been irresistably sucked out of the past, perhaps we will have the wisdom to make this the war to end all wars.

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will be filled by a responsible player as soon as I can find one. In fact, I'm asking David Taeusch to join and play as Sicily. He may or may not be known to you, but I feel that he would be a very capable player and writer. One could not ask for a better choice. What do you say, David?

We had plans to ask Switzerland to submit motions for freeing Apulia, Tuscany and even Piedmont, but we have since relented because we feel that charges of dismemberment would be raised. We will merely approve any passage of such motions--it only needs to be introduced.

We believe your only worthwhile claim is to authorship of Don Massaro. However, we are in the opinion that press releases are meant to be interlocked among the players and if another player wishes to "attack" Don Massaro, that will be okay with this paper. However, we will refrain and frown deeply upon any attempt at black propoganda--no matter how grey--even by using another player's established character.

In conclusion, we are in favor of liberal policies of any sort so long as they do not interfere with the laws of the war. Since Sicily is off limits, what happens to it cannot possibly interfere with the war.

Signed, The Editors

DEAR HANS

Dear Hans, I'm a little bit worried about a new beer that has appeared lately. It is from Transylvania, and is a bit off-colored. Instead of the golden color that is noticed in most beers, this one has a red tint to it. It is put out by the Van Pier Brewery.

Signed, Wondering

Dear Wondering, I've been assured by this company that there is nothing wrong with the beer. They even sent me a case. I've tasted it and well, I think that it is one of the best. They told me that the red color was due to the grapes that they use. They say that this Burgundy Beer will replace French wines on the tables throughout Europe. And it just might.



Uncle
Mortimer

Dear Mort:

From your picture I couldn't help but notice the size of that beak you sport. I once knew a man with a nose like yours and he kept banging it in doors and windows. Better be careful or this may happen to you!

Signed, Don't Believe that Beak!

Answer: A bee stung it---and he died too! Should happen to you sometime maybe! ((We were planning to print the other question which we mentioned last issue, but--we don't have the space! ED))

ERROR PUZZLE!

Bern(CHP)--As some of you know, I can trace drawings right off your paper onto the mimeo stencils (Walter--I don't use ditto). Well, I thought that I couldn't make a mistake by tracing the puzzle (criss-cross). Well, I added one block too many! Please delete the second block from the left on the second horizontal row from the bottom. This breaks up a "criss-cross" of a horizontal and vertical row. Try it and we'll give the answer.

GAME 1973 BU, Fall 1914

COA: James Massar, see list.

GERMANS CONQUER THREE SUPPLY CENTERS! RUSSIA
AND AUSTRIA SLUG IT OUT IN GALICIA! WAR!!!

AUSTRIA (Tonnesen): A Vie-Gal, A Ser S F
Alb-Gre, F Alb-Gre
ENGLAND (Greerwell): A Edi-Nor, F Nwg C A
Edi-Nor, F Nth S Ger A Iuh-Bel
FRANCE (Chin): F Mid-Spa(SC), A Bur-Bel,
A Spa-Por
GERMANY (Barents): F Den H, A Ruh-Bel, A
Kie-Hol
ITALY (Massar): A Tyr-Boh, A Apu-Ven, F
Tyr-Tun
RUSSIA (Hilliker): A War-Gal, A Ukr-Rum,
F Sev S A Ukr-Rum, F Bot-Swe
TURKEY (Blank): A Bul-Gre, F Con-Aeg,
A Smy-Con

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Germany: Home, Den, Hol, Bel (6) Build 3
Italy: Home, Tun (4) Build 1
Russia: Home, Swe, Rum (6) Build 2
Turkey: Home, Bul (5) Build 1
Switzerland: Home, Iie (2) Build 1

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That makes for 27 in circulation now.

FIRST STANDBYS

We think that we have seven standbys who
will take over if the original player should
fault two times in a row. Only possible
doubt is with Mahler--he may not want to be
first standby. Let me know Howard?

AUSTRIA: John Hulland (North Africa)
ENGLAND: Ronald Kelly (Bulgaria)
FRANCE: Thomas Keller (Sweden)
GERMANY: Howard Mahler (Holland)
ITALY: Douglas Dick (Serbia)
RUSSIA: John Hendry (Ireland)
TURKEY: Loren Amsden (Spain)

Will these gentlemen contact the major
power they're backing up and arrange for some
military understandings? If not, then give
me your phone numbers and I'll relay whatever
general orders I may have from the players,
when they miss, that is.