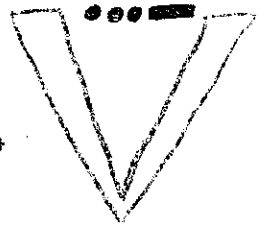


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUDWIG!
This issue of **EREMION** is of course dedicated to Ludwig van Beethoven, who was born on 16 December 1770. As the most important personage whose birthday is celebrated in December, Beethoven needs no introduction.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Yes, I have a new address. Same telephone, though. Bonnie and I have agreed to a divorce and I have taken a large apartment some 5 blocks from our former home. While it is no secret that Bonnie did not like Diplomacy, our antipathy on that subject is only part of the background of what has happened. We have ceased to be compatible and feel we may both be happier living separately. We'll see. In the meantime, the press of the divorce itself, plus a backlog of schoolwork and the time-consumption of moving, have forced me to delay things. Thus, an **EREMION** dated 16 December is actually out a week later. Please bear with me. All deadlines are being moved ahead accordingly.

PRIDE'S PURGE IN THE D.A.

On 15 December 1971, John Boardman, one of John Beshara's better-known flunkies, wrote to Walt Buchanan, member of the Board of Directors of the DA, "It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Board of TDA /sic/ has voted to expel you." This act of self-serving despotism by John Beshara, and of obsequious cowardice by the creatures with which he has peopled the DA's Board of Directors, ends for all time the fiction that the DA is anything but a John Beshara fan club. The "reason" given for the purge of Buchanan is that he encouraged people to join the DA through Larry Pecry, the DA's Western States Membership Chairman. The real reason is obviously, that Walt had the temerity to disagree with Chairman Beshara, thus hurting his widdle ego.

With this latest sacrifice to the hubris of Chairman Beshara, the "Board of Directors" for the DA is reduced to three members, all from New York: Chairman Beshara and two of his worshippers: John (Eric Blake) Boardman and Dick Miller Collum. What can possibly be accomplished by this collection of cheats, radicals, and toe-lickers I cannot imagine. The Diplomacy Association is thus reduced to an utter farce.

The purge of Buchanan was accomplished without recourse to the membership, and without even the amenities of telling the "accused" that he was "on trial". It was an act without reason and without honor. Even those who have previously supported Beshara must surely see that his sole ambition is to run things to suit himself.

I can no longer swallow the "DA" pill; it is gall and wormwood. Let Beshara have his silly farce if he wants it. The very name has been made to stink by his pompous asininity. I cannot support an organization based on lies, character assassination, and oriental despotism. I intend to tender my resignation to the DA and support the efforts to found a new organization. Even if you cannot support the "NewOrg", I urge you to demonstrate against Beshara's high-handedness and resign from the DA.

"Ditto", or "spirit reproduction" is probably the best way to put out an amateur 'zine, such as ERRIHON. I use this process and find it more satisfactory than mimeo (or "ink reproduction"). Several inquiries have shown up lately on using this method of reproduction, so I thought I would do a short article on it.

Ditto's chief disadvantage is that it will fade if left in the sun for any length of time. A master will produce only 100-200 clear copies, depending on the thickness of the carbon, whereas mimeo will produce 1000 copies or more (but in this business, who needs 1000 copies?). It has many advantages. It is easy to work with color (red, blue, green, black, and purple are the ones usually available). It is much cheaper--the machine, paper, masters--all are less expensive.

Using a ditto master is very easy. First, some terms: the top white sheet is the "master"; the bottom sheet with the purple stuff on it is the "carbon". In the middle is the "insert". You remove the insert and type on the master, with the ribbon on. OK so far?

To work with a ditto master, you need a two-color ribbon and a single-edged razor blade (there is also a special secretarial tool for the same purpose). Type your master using the red half of the ribbon. If you make an error, strike over immediately or as quickly after the error is made, using the black half of the ribbon. If your ribbon is all one color, get a red felt-tipped pen (such as a Flair) and circle all strike-overs.

After you are through typing, lay master out, face down. You will see that some of the carbon is now transferred to the back of the master. Reading backwards, find your strike-overs and use the razor blade to scrape off the unwanted sections of each struck-over character. For extensive corrections, you may wish to scrape off the whole passage and retype using part of the carbon not previously used. Be sure to go over the scraped portion with a pencil eraser first, to smooth it out.

If you wish to print both sides, use 20# paper (ditto paper, of course; it is less absorbant than mimeo paper). Fluid is the important variable. Use as little fluid (as low a setting) as possible. Use pressure to compensate. If you cannot adjust the fluid, use very light pressure and run the paper through very rapidly. Square up the stack of printed sheets and fan them several times (to dry them out). Then run side 2. *---* Oh--back to correcting. Once you've read backwards, check the black strike-overs (or red circles) on the front to make sure you have caught everything.

HOW FAR IS A CONVOY?

Rule XIV.4 specifies that a civil-disorder removal is made on the basis of distance measured by the shortest route, "including convoys". That phrase is not clear. I would like to clarify. What it means is that convoy routes may be used in computing distance of a unit from home. Even though convoys cover any distance in one season, each space the convoy covers must be counted separately for purposes of this rule. This is the only way the rule makes sense, since otherwise Syria is closer to StPetersburg than Sevastopol is. In essence, this rule means that the number of spaces intervening between home and a unit may be counted without distinction as to land and sea (since armies may cross by convoy. Thus the distance Tri-Spa could be counted: Tri-Adr-Apu-Hap-Tyr-Nes-Spa--except that there are shorter routes (Tri-Ven-Pio-Lar-Spa, e.g.).

A CONTEST!

Yes, gore fans, ERRIHON revives an old and dormant (except in SERINDIP) postal Diplomacy tradition, the contest. Interest fell off during 1969, partly because the contests got too specialized, I believe. The following contest is, at least, much more generalized, although it is not an easy one. It is only valid if I receive 10 or more entries. The highest score wins. If there is a tie, there will be a tie-breaking (and mind-bending) contest. The prize is a free game (up to \$4) in any of the newer 'zines: " ", PLATYPUS PIE, THE JASPRZAB REPORTS, SHUT*, VOLIA I MIR, or any other new 'zine which may be announced in these pages in the next few issues. If the game fee is over \$4, you must pay the difference. The rules of the contest are simple. There are 20 questions. Each is worth 5 points. Partial credit is given

for partial, or partly-correct, answers. The highest score wins. The deadline for the contest is Tuesday, 1 February 1972. Answers and the winner's name will be published in the next LREHNON after that. Late entries will be accepted up to the time of publication, but don't be late. Remember, I must have 10 entries or the thing is off (more than 10 is OK, too, of course. You may send corrections or additions to your original entry, and they will be accepted prior to publication. The questions:

1. What is the derivation and meaning of the expression, "Gardy-loo!"?
2. Pakistan has recently suppressed the autonomy of three states in northern West Pakistan, Dir, Chitral, and Swat. The last is a recent creation as an autonomous principality. Who was the first Sultan of Swat?
3. Whose personal coat of arms inspired the American flag? Describe them.
4. What is a rogen?
5. In what year was the fictional character, Buck Rogers, born?
6. What is the oldest active Junior College in America and when was it founded?
7. What are montsuki?
8. W. J. S. Tubman, the late President of Liberia, died recently. Name another famous person with the same last name. What was he or she famous for?
9. What is signified by throwing a candle on the stage during a performance?
10. Who is the patron saint of pigs and what kind of pig is named after him or her?
11. Was tarring and feathering ever legal in England? If so, when did it become law?
12. By what name is the War of 1812 known in England?
13. What major English river is named after an Egyptian goddess?
14. What do the following have in common: monkey, pony, quid, cartwheel, tanner, bob?
15. What was Dame Partington's impossible task?
16. What is Glook?
17. Describe the firing mechanism of a Tipperary Rifle.
18. "Senator Halfbright" is a PR character in this 'zine of obvious origin. But the appellation is not original. Who first called Senator Fullbright "Halfbright"?
19. Who invented "Tweedledee and Tweedledum"?
20. A Reverend J. Honson helped cause the Civil War. How?

Note: Some of these questions can be answered easily. A couple are misleading in a way. Others will separate the men from the boys. Have fun looking.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BOARDMAN NUMBERS. Since NUMBER 15 came out, the following Boardman Numbers have been assigned: 1971DP, * (*indicates Conrad vonMetzke's as-yet unnamed 'zine for Canadian players only) first game; 1971DQ, XAWADU, X-6; 1971DR, GAILLARDIA (or maybe DIPLODEUR); 1971DS, WAR BULLETIN, "E"; 1971DT, *, second game; 1971DU, SHUT*, #1; 1971DV, NEOPHYTE, #5; 1971DW, DIPLODEUR, #7; 1971DX, BOAST, #3; 1971DY, *, third game; 1971DZ, " ", #1; 1971EA, COURIER, 72/9; 1971EB, GRAUSTARK, G-I; 1971EC, GRAUSTARK, G-II; 1971ED, THE WORLD NEWS & WAR REPORT, #2; 1971EE, GRAUSTARK, G-III; 1971EF, SHUT*, #2. And probably more to come.

2. YULE CARDS. I'm not in a festive mood this Yule, as you can imagine. In any event, I don't normally send out greeting cards. Many of my players and subscribers have sent cards, and I would like to thank you all for your thoughtfulness. Especially to you, and to all of my readers, a Merry Yule and a Happy New Year.

3. DIPCON V will be in Chicago next year, during July 22-23 1972, in conjunction with a wargaming tournament, Prospect 2. For further details, contact Len LaBella, 1806 N. Richmond, Chicago IL 60647.

4. GENERAL ORDERS. The players who missed moves this issue had no General Orders on file. Most of you don't. I strongly suggest you send some. And I also suggest you keep them updated frequently. The only thing worse than no GOs is a set of outdated GOs which specify the wrong enemies and the wrong friends.

5. NEW HOUSE RULES. The new Pandemonium House Rules are out. They update and amend the old ones. All changes are valid for all games except the changes made necessary by the new Rulebook. I strongly suggest you read those HRs carefully, because a number of important alterations have been made in my procedures. The new HRs are free to players and are enclosed with this issue. Subbers and traders may purchase a copy for 10c. Among important changes:

- a. HR2 specifies the legal relationship between GM and player.
- b. HR7 defines "conditional orders".
- c. HR8 requires that orders be written on one side of the paper only. This is not a change. What is changed is this: orders on the reverse side will be ignored. Further, support or convoy given to units of a foreign power must specify that country.
- d. HR9 expands requirements on propaganda.
- e. HR10 allows the Lakofka System of player protection, in which a player may enclose a self-addressed postcard with his orders. The GM will return this care immediately, thus certifying receipt of the orders.
- f. HR11 changes the precedence of GOs over telephone to the reverse.
- g. HR21 makes many changes in my notation system, to conform with the terminology of the new Rulebook.
- h. HR22 adopts the abbreviations Tri and Tyn.
- i. HR38 notes Kabasta's Rule.
- j. HR39 gives a general statement on interpretation.
- k. HR41 adopts Alberic of Turin's Rule.
- l. HR45 notes, "The GM is not responsible for any player's failure to read and understand the provisions of these HRs, nor for any subsequent and consequent failure to abide by them." You have been warned.

6. ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR II. Several Gamesmasters have expressed an interest in running sections of Avalon-Hill's new game. Game fees that I have seen tend to range within \$1 on either side of \$3, with probable refunds in some cases. GMs thus far noted: Joseph Antosiak, 3637 Ardon Ave., Brookfield IL 60513; Eric Just, Box 131, Paoli OK 73074; Herb Baronts, 157 State St., Zeeland MI 49464; Larry Peery, 816 24th St., San Diego CA 92102; Lewis Pulsipher, 321 Twin Towers, Albion MI 49224; Stephen Marsland, 78 Genesee St., Greene NY 13778; Bob Johnson, Box 134, Whippany NJ 07981. I am presently working, with the assistance of Larry Peery, on a set of postal rules for the game which are more workable than the published ones and which may eliminate the element of chance. I hope also to devote several columns in STRATEGY & TACTICS to this game. Probably toward the middle of next year.

7. TACTICS & VARIANTS. Some of you have asked me about this new wargaming 'zine, promised for this Fall and still not out. I have just heard from Editor Kevin Zucker. In a letter dated 8 December, Kevin writes that the schedule for the 'zine has slipped. Issue #1 will be out late this month, #2 in February, and #3 in April. The 'zine is using an IBM selectric composer which was late in arriving, but is now in. Now there is only the job of setting and printing (here in San Diego) and the 'zine will be out. It will feature my column, "The Diplomacy Cook Book". It will begin with a series of 7 articles covering the game-long prospects of each of the Great Powers. The items on Austria and England are already done and will appear in issues 1 & 2.

8. OUT OF PRINT The special sale on back issues I have previously advertised is still going on. ASHURN 10, the latest issue, is already out of print.

9. APPARIS. Gordon Labelle, 146 Elm St., Saco ME 04072. This new game, called the APPARIS Rating System, which has many features in common with the ASHURN system.

Point Listing, which has been incorporated into it (by agreement with me). In addition to this detailed rating system, Burton promises articles and other items of interest. The first issue, 8 pages long, contains a miscellany of interesting things, a complete run-down on how the system works, and the first rating table (based on 55 of the nearly 300 completed games, but still interesting). Subscriptions are year/\$1. Get it!

10. PALANTIR, Scott Huddleston, Box 4480 Sta. B, Vanderbilt U., Nashville TN 37203. This is a 'zine devoted to Hypereconomic Diplomacy, the hugely complex game designed by Don Miller and redesigned by Peter Ansoff (and now appearing in THE SIBERIAN). The first issue should have a short article by me on the drawbacks of Hyperoc. Those of you who are interested in Hyperoc, or in complex variants generally, should get PALANTIR. Subs are 6/75¢ or 1/15¢.

11. SPEAKING OF HYPERECONOMIC DIPLOMACY, Peter Ansoff needs players, stand-bys, revolutionaries, and whatnot for the ongoing section of Hypereconomic Diplomacy II in THE SIBERIAN (or SIBIRYAK). Contact Pete at Box 5798 Sta. B, Vanderbilt U., Nashville TN 37203. Join Lucretia IV, Gandalf, King Jimmy, and all the gang down at the mayhem!

11. GAME OPENINGS. It seems we have:

WILE 'N' WORRY, Rod Walker (address on page 1). Regular Dippy. Fee, \$4 (\$3 if you are a member of NEFFGBDD or IFW). Send preference list of the Great Powers.

IN PASSANT, Greg Warden, 4500 Walnut St., Apt. 106, Philadelphia PA 19139. Game V is open. Fee is \$4.

"", James Nassar, 127 N. Eamons St., Danmora NY 12929. This is a new 'zine with one game already under way. It will use approximately 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -week deadlines. Game deposit, \$1, plus subscription (year/\$1). May also run Youngstown Variant.

PLATYPUS PIE, Brenton VerPloeg, 520 Parker, #202, San Francisco CA 94118. Brent's 'zine is new, but he's not, having been on the scene about as long as I have (since 1966). He is well known as a player and PR writer. The few of us who have known that he was contemplating putting out a 'zine have been looking forward to this with keen anticipation. Here is one to watch! PP will have two kinds of games. One, games for players who have each won a postal Diplomacy game or have a cumulative score of 1.0 or better on the Calhauer Point Count. Two, games for novices (first game not before 1971A). Game fee is \$5.50. The 1971 Rulebook will be used.

LIAISONS DANGEREUSES, Len Lakoffka, 1806 N. Richmond St., Chicago IL 60647. Regular games LD15 and 16 are open. Game fee \$4 (50¢ off for IFW and NEFFGBDD members). Games for novices also open, of course. And a Tournament! In this one, 14 players play in 4 games (a total of 8 games in the tourney), so that each player will be in only about 2 with any given other player. This is reserved for novices only (novice: player who has not been in postal play more than 16 months nor completed more than 12 game-years total in all games played postally). The fee is \$7 for the 4 games.

12. AND FROM BILL LINDEN: "The difference between a Rumanian and a Bulgarian is that each will sell his grandmother, but the Bulgarian will deliver."

For lo, unto you is born this day

THE GAMES

1969Z -- LEADERLESS FRENCH ATTACKED BY ALLY AS EVERYBODY DESCLINDS ON ITALY

Fall 1913: Bob Strayer sent orders for his other games, but not for this one.

Sigh...anyway, no s/b orders will be requested.

ENGLAND (Eller): F Eng-Mid, A Kie-Ihun S by A Bur, F Mid-Wes, F Nth H, A Pru & A Lym S FRENCH A War; A Ber S FRENCH A Ihun-Sil (nso); F Bal H, F Bot H, A StP-Nog, A War II, F Wes-Tyn S by F Lyo, F NAF-Tun. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, Swe, StP, Spa, Por, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Ber, Bel, War, Ihun (16). Build 1.

FRANCE (Strayer?): A War /h/, A Ihun /h/ /d/. Owns: Par, ~~War~~, War (2). Build 1 (1 /d/).

ITALY (Monahan): F Apu watches in horror as A Ven-Rom, F Tun H, A Tri-Ven, A Pic thinks evil thoughts. Ows: Nap, Rom, Ven, ~~V/A~~, Tun, ~~T/A~~ (4). Disband 1 (1 /d/).

RUSSIA (Power): A Ser-Rom, F Gre-Ion, F Ion-Adr, A Boh-Sil, A Sev /h/, A Mos-War S by A Gal & A Ukr, A Alb-Tri S by A Vie & A Bud. Ows: Mos, Sev, ~~V/A~~, Rom, Bud, Ank, Ser, Bul, Smy, Con, Gre, Tri, Vie (12). No place to build 1.

WINTER 1913 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Thursday, 20 January 1972.

ROME (CP): Civil war has broken out in Italy following this speech by the Minister of Paranoia: "Italians, we have decided to grant the people of Vienna their independence due to, ah, their irresistible demands. This means that the traitors of the garrison on that area have not their just reward. In addition the Imperial General Staff have assured us that our SECRET PLAN is working perfectly and that the Russians and English have been thrown into confusion. This can be seen from the fact that we have not heard from either of those countries since we burned their embassies."

TUNIS (CP): The commander in chief of the Italian Naval Southern Command has declared himself independent following the coup d'etat by the pacifist leader, Pope Pius XII. In a speech the new leader is reported to have called upon all Christians to follow the 10 commandments. "This," said the Tunisian leader, "seems to me to be defeatism. Italy is NOT beaten; united under my command it will WIN."

1970AT -- ENGLAND GOES *POOP*; AUSTRIA & ITALY CLOSE BEHIND; WAR BREWS IN NORTH

Spring 1907: Until 15 January, Stephen Lissandrello will be at home, 297 Foster Ave., Sayville NY 11782, then back to Haverford College, Haverford PA 19041.

AUSTRIA (Power): A Sil-Ber /r//Beh, d/.
 ENGLAND (Lakofka): WIR. F Nth /h/ /d/.
 FRANCE (Lissandrello): F Bre-Eng S by F Lon, F Mar-Lyo, F Wal-Lpl, F Tyr-Rom, F Tun S TUR F Eas-Ion, A Ruh-Hun S by A Tyr, A Bel-Ruh S by A Hol.
 ITALY (Warden): F Ion H /d/, F Nap-Rom.
 RUSSIA (Payne): F StP(nc)-Nwy S by A Sue, F Nwy-Nth S by F Edi, A Bud-Gal, A War-Sil S by A Pru, A Mos-Ukr, A Vie-Tyr; A Kie H S by F Den & A Ber.

FALL 1907 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 20 January 1972.Ooooooops!

TURKEY (Nash): A Smy H, F Eas-Ion S by F Adr, F Aeg-Gre, A Con-Bul, F Ven-Apu, A Tri H, A Alb-Gre. And FO7 still due 20 Jan 72.

1970AX -- SULTAN SAILS OFF INTO THE SUNSET; SURVIVORS GIRD FOR MORE TREACHERY

Fall 1906: ENGLAND retreated to Fin, FRANCE retreated to Par.

AUSTRIA (Monahan): F Tri-Alb S by A Gre, A Tyr-Pic S by A Ven, F Apu-Ion S by F Adr & F Nap, A Rom S F Nap, A Bul S A Gre. Ows: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, Ven, Bul, Nap, Rom (9). No change.
 ENGLAND (Strayer): A Lon-Den C by F Nth, F Bar-StP(nc), F Fin-Sue S by A Nwy & F Sny. Ows: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, StP, Sue (6). No change.
 FRANCE (Miller): A Mar-Bar, A Paz-Pic, F Tun S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion /nso/, F Mid-Spa (cc), A Pic-Mar, F Tyr S TURKISH F Ion-Nap /nso/. Ows: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun (6). No change.
 GERMANY (Reilly): A Den H S by F Bal, A Bur-Bel S by F Hol, A Hun-Ber. Ows: Ber, Hun, Den, Hol, Bel (6). Build 1.
 RUSSIA (Latin): A Pru-Lvn, A Sve-Fin S by F Bot (A Sve /d/), A Smy & A Ank pick the Sultan's nose (with a javelin), F Con-Aeg. Ows: Mos, Sev, War, Rom, ~~V/A~~, Con, Ank, Smy (7). Build 2 (1 /d/).
 TURKEY (Brooke): F Ion S FRENCH F Tyr-Nap /nso/, F Aeg S F Ion /r//Las, d/. Ows: ~~V/A~~, ~~T/A~~ (0). Disband 2, OUT OF GAME.

WINTER 1906 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Thursday, 20 January 1972.

Dear Eugene, Greg has received the following: "I fear that your titles are starting to sound like gibberish. While I appreciate the chaotic difficulty of finding words and phrases applicable to our character of the game, may I humbly suggest a few

which, like Lady Chatterly's bodice, are intended more to be suggestive than revealing:
 PLAGUE SWELPS EUROPE--ENGLISH FLEET SPOTTED OFF NORWAY PODERKAGG TO FIGHT ON SIDE OF
 HONEST MAN--GIVE UP AFTER BRIEF SEARCH DYSENTARY SWELPS EUROPE--SULTAN DOWN ON HIS
 KNEES HOW SHARPER THAN A SERPENT'S TOOTH IS THE BITE OF AN UNGRATEFUL CHILD
 "THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN", SAID TON, CUTTINGLY etc., etc., and so forth.

GASTRITIS (25 September 1906): King Pandemonium V reported at a press conference today that He had ordered the arrest and deportation of the entire Austrian press corps: Otto Fantastickrumormonger. The cause was spreading fantastic rumors about Poderkagg. "For one thing," noted His Majesty, "the notion that our bartenders and whores are unemployed is ludicrous!" "Right on, Your Majesty! We work very hard!" shouted the Head Whore of Novi Sodon, J. B. Sharrah. "Yes," continued the King, "whatever. Anyway, it is well known that the only swamp monsters who eat tourists are entirely in the Bog of Burzii, in the south, and that the only tourist they have eaten is some dame pretending to be the Kaiserin of Germany (who is on Her way back to Berlin, by the way). As for civil wars and revolutions, what's so new about those in Poderkagg?"

COPENHAGEN: The evil deeds of the Black Betrayer have finally caught up with him! (And we are not referring to the color of his pieces, by the way.) King Leroy has rightfully gotten his at the hands of Kaiser Melvin, who at last count has been stabbed by Leroy 1,243 times since 1901. The Kaiser, joyous at hearing that for the first time in years German armies were once again advancing, rushed from his Swiss chalet to Denmark. While there, he personally pinned medals on every one of the million brave Germans who slogged their way through hundreds of porno shops to re-occupy this German possession. The Kaiser also inspected confiscated pornography which British agents had used in attempts to distract the advancing Germans. In fact, the British very nearly succeeded in their objective, and if not for a few weird units like the 3rd Limpwrist Brigade, it is unlikely that Germany would have succeeded in re-occupying Denmark. In appreciation of their valor and devotion, Kaiser Melvin plans to send the 3rd Limpwristers on a paid vacation to Poderkagg. "We will send them by train to Poderkagg via Austria," the Kaiser said. "We hope they will get through the Austrians and the pygmies without too many, er, distractions."

NOVI SODON: This Poderkaggian vacation resort is all a-twitter over the possibility of the German 3rd Limpwrist Brigade making a visit. "We are fery excited," said Mayor and Head Whore J. B. Sharrah. "The Limpwristers are known as very unorthodox and surprising people, and no doubt many queer things will happen while they are here. We welcome them...and their Kaiser's money."

BERLIN: "I have returned!" declared Kaiser Melvin from the steps of His train, as he stepped off onto Berlin soil he stumbled and fell smack into a mud puddle. Despite these ignoble beginnings, however, the Kaiser's return to Germany's capital went quite well. Literally dozens of people lined the streets to cheer as the Kaiser rode on horseback to the imperial residence which he had been forced to abandon some years ago. It was still as he had left it, except for some vodka bottles lying around and a generally unkempt Slavic appearance. The government, led by (who else?) Foreign Minister Jim Reilly, also returned to Berlin, and everyone was shortly engaged in the busy task of cleaning up after our loyal allies.

VIENNA (via Lomo): Field-Marshal Steven C. Shortstuff reports that the "Imperial Standard", which claims to report news, is actually published by seven dwarfs who live in a wine cellar and booze it up before publishing each issue. "This explains their gross inaccuracies in reporting news of our glorious Pygmy Army. Vienna is under our control, and anyone who doubts otherwise only has to look in the grocery stores. All "Aunt Jenima" pancake mix and "Uncle Ben" rice has been confiscated and burned. Sales of suntan lotion have nosedived, and the only music you hear in the sidewalk cafes is black! 'Funny farm', indeed. We do have funny farms, but they are places of entertainment. Pictures of Emperor Michael are plastered on the walls at these farms, and they are funny, believe me."

1970BK -- ENGLISH ARMY DEPOSED IN DUTCH CANALS; ITALY SPREADS OUT, EAST AND WEST

Spring 1906:

- AUSTRIA (Power): A Vic-Gal.
 - ENGLAND (Weber): F Lon-Eng, F Edi-Nth, F Sve-Eal, A Hol-Kie /d/, F Nth-Hel S by F Don, F Nvy-Sve.
 - GERMANY (Payno): A Sil-War S by A Nos, F Bot-Bal S by F Lvn, F Hel-Hol S by A Bel & A Kie.
 - ITALY (Buchanan): A Ven S A Tri, F Nap-Apu, F Tun-Ion, F Ion-Aeg, F Naf-Mid, F Wes H, A Trl-Vic S by A Tri.
 - RUSSIA (Phillips): A Sev-Mos S by A War, A Bud S AUSTRIAN A Vic /otm/, A Gre-Alb, A Bul-Con S by A Smy, F StP(sc)-Fin, A Sax-Tri.
 - TURKEY (Farcola): F Bla-Con, A Ank-Smy.
- FALL 1906 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 20 January 1972.

1971A -- FRANCE SURVIVES SIEGE AND BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS; TURKS RETAIN VENICE & CAPITAL

Fall 1905:

- AUSTRIA (Weber): A Bud-Gal, A Bul H S by F Gre, A Rum-Ukr, A Tri-Ven S by A Tri.
 - Owms: Bud, Tri, Vic, Gre, Ser, Rum, Bul (7). Build 1.
 - ENGLAND (Shannon): F Edi H S by A Yor, F Wal-Lon. Owms: Edi, Lpl, Lon (3). IC.
 - FRANCE (Trotick): A Par hides. Owms: Par (1). No change.
 - GERMANY (Strayer): A Don-Edi C by F Nth, A Mun-Trl, A Bur-Par S by A Pic, F Eng-Lon. Owms: Ber, Kie, Hun, Bel, Don, Hol, ~~Wp~~ (6). No change (1/d/).
 - ITALY (Stanton): F Tyn H, F Mos-Lyo, F Mid S A Bre, A Gas-Par S by A Bre, A Mar-Bur. Owms: Nap, Rom, Tun, Mar, Por, Spa, Bre (7). Build 1.
 - RUSSIA (Reilly): A Mon-Ukr, F Swo H, F Urg H, A Sev H, A Con-Smy S by A Arm, F Bla-Ank. Owms: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Nvy, Svc, Ank, Smy (8). Build 1.
 - TURKEY (Monahan): F Aeg-Con S by A Smy (A Smy /r//Syr, d/), F Ven revenges itself for the Fourth Crusade. Owms: Con, ~~Sax~~, ~~Wp~~, Ven (2). Disband 1 (1/d/).
- WINTER 1905 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Thursday, 20 January 1972.

BERLIN (13 December 1906): The public fancy has been captured today by the dramatic artistry of an as yet unknown local talent. You see, there's this huge billboard in downtown Berlin advertising AUSTRIA BRICK INC. Well, for one reason or another, somebody decided to make an alteration in the letter "B" in the word "BRICK". Suffice it to say that said billboard no longer reads "AUSTRIA BRICK INC." And, wouldn't you know it, the billboard stands directly across the street from the Austrian embassy, which adds somewhat to the electricity of the deed.

BERLIN: Flipping through his edition of Mythology--A Tale Told By An Idiot, Kaiser Siegfried chanced to run across the story of Helen of Troy...the face that launched a thousand ships. "It's a good thing for those Greeks," mused the Kaiser, "that Bart the Dad wasn't a Trojan beach bum. Poseidon wouldn't have had much to do, that's for sure."

ZURICH (CP): The sale of the Turkish state papers has been announced; it is reported to have caused terror in the hearts of many of the 'royal' heads of Europe, but they need not fear: the sale will be strictly on a cash basis with no regard for political worthiness.

1971C -- CORONATION IN WESTMINSTER: KING STEPHEN II OUT, KING GEOFFREY IN

Winter 1905:

- Stephen Manion has not submitted a statement of intent to play and is thus dropped and replaced by Jeff Power. I did hear from Adam Stephanidos. Builds are marked by an asterix (*).
 - ENGLAND (Power): No change. A Nvy, F Nth, F Swo (3).
 - FRANCE (Payno): No change. A Pic, A Par, F Lon, F Eng, F Lpl (5).
 - GERMANY (Stephanidos): No change. F Ber, A Hun, A Vic, A Bel, A Bur, F Hol (6).
 - ITALY (Schleicher): F Nap*, A Rom*, A Ven*, F Spa(sc), A Mar, F Lyo, A Ser, F Gre, F Ion, A Vic, A Bud (11).
 - TURKEY (Pandin): Disband A Fin. A Rum, F Bla, A Lvn, A Boh, A Sil, A Gal, A Pru, A StP, F Bul(sc) (9).
- SPRING 1906 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 20 January 1972.

1971F -- AUSTRIA SHRINKS DRASTICALLY AS FRANCE BLOATS; RUSSIA SURVIVES!

FALL 1904: Larry St.Cyr will be home, 30 Frederick St., North Adams MA 01247, until 22 January, then back to UMASS.

AUSTRIA (St.Cyr): A Tri S A Tri, A Sil-War S by A Mos (A Mos /r//Lvn, d/), A Boh-Mun S by A Tri, F Aeg S ITALIAN F Ion /otm/, A Ser S A Tri. Ows: Bud, Tri, Vic, ~~Wp~~, Ser, ~~Wp~~, ~~Wp~~ (4). Disband 3.

ENGLAND (Warden): F Bar-Nwy, A StP-Mog. Ows: ~~Wp~~, StP (1). Disband 1.

FRANCE (Holcombe): F Eng-Wth, A Bur S GERMAN A Kie-Ihun, F HAF-Tun, F Bel-Hol S by A Ruh, F Tun-Tyn, F Hrg S GERMAN A Nwy, A Pie-Tus, A Tus-Rom S by F Nap. Ows: Bre, Par, Bel, Lon, Spa, Lpl, Por, Edi, Tun, Hol, Nap, Rom (13). Build 3.

GERMANY (Trotick): A Ber-Pru, A Nwy II, A Kie-Ihun, F Bal-Ber. Ows: Ber, kic, Hun, Den, ~~Wp~~, Swe, Nwy (6). Build 2 (2 nb), but room for only 1.

ITALY (Snytho): F Ion-Gre, A Ven-Tri S by A Alb. Ows: ~~Wp~~, ~~Wp~~, Ven, Gre (2). Disband 1.

RUSSIA (Schleicher): A War-Mog. Ows: War (1). No change.

TURKEY (Eller): F Bas-Sny, A Sev-Mos S by A Ukr, A Bul-Run, F Con-Bul(so). Ows: Ank, Con, Sny, Bul, Sov, Mog, Rum (7). Build 2.

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it's upchuck time
THE ADVENTURES OF BAT-MAN



Chapter 3. The BAT-man prepared to leave the Presence of Mr. John J. Tantrum with Robbit. "You're all that," said Mr. John J. Tantrum, jamming his right forefinger up his left nostril. "All you need now is a Conthultant. I guethth we will give you our beht Conthultant, Dick Hallelable. If you have any queththionth, you thould write Dick and he will give you All The Anthwers. You mutht do egthactly ath he thayth, of courtho, and he will do ogthactly ath I thay,tho everything ith jutht peachy-keecn." Mr. Joan J. Tantrum then did an ecstetic little danth...er, dance, drooling happily on most of the people in the room.

The BAT-man then took Robbit home. He was annoyed when people on the bus kept saying to Robbit, "What an unattractive little boy you have there; have you ever thought about outhenasia?" Finally home (the BAT-man only got lost five time between the bus-stop and his home, two blocks away), they prepared to enter the sumptuous tar-paper dwelling which the BAT-man, in all seriousness, called a "house". Robbit paused, pointing to one corner of the front yard, where a dozen bricks or so had been crudely put together with chewing gum. "What's that?" Robbit asked, pointing to the bricks and pausing at the same time to molest a small male dog which had ventured too near.

"Pervert!" yelled the BAT-man, who preferred small female dogs. Then, more calmly, he said, "That is the school I am building. It is a Montressor School."

"Montressor?" asked Robbit, nursing several dog-bites.

"Yes; it will have a cask of wine in the cellar." It was the one literary reference the BAT-man knew that did not come from True Confessions or Radio-TV Mirror. "It will be a wonderful school, full of nuns and little girls and like that--and I will be the headmaster. It's being financed by a \$500 loan from Mr. John J. Tantrum. He wanted me to build a boy's school so he could be the headmaster, but now he's interested in a chain of massage parlors."

"THIS IS YOUR CONSULTANT SPEAKING!" said a voice in Trotick's skull (the little speaker had been installed there because of the excellent resonance). "YOU WILL NOT DISCUSS THE MASTER WITH STRANGERS. THAT IS ALL."

"To hear is to obey," said the BAT-man. "Let's go inside, Robbit, and lay our plans."

WHAT PLANS? What horrible plots will the BAT-man lay with Robbit? Will they molest some more dogs? Chickens? Pelicans? What will the Voice in the Skull think about all this (if Dick Hallelable thinks)? More will be revealed in Chapter 4!

positively the End of Hannibal and
 HOW TO GIVE CARTHAGINIANS A THOROUGH TROUNCING

Chapter II (The Second Punic War), Part II. Ahrydd Fedant

A lot of people became famous only because they were associated with Hannibal. For instance, there was Phornio the Philosopher, who has become immortal because Hannibal called him a ridiculous old fool.⁴¹ Some people will do anything to get into print.

There is no end of the accusations leveled against Hannibal. The Romans never forgave him for breaking the rules of war so often. They forget that these rules had been made up by the Greeks and the Romans. Hannibal had his own rules. He is also accused of torturing his Roman prisoners, but most modern scholars regard these stories as false. Of course they are. Hannibal liked Romans. Other people will go to any lengths to defend Hannibal. G. P. Baker, for instance, says that Hannibal did not have an anti-Roman complex. One may ask, however, if Trasimene and Cannae were the result of, say, a PRO-Roman complex. Well, that's Hannibal.

Scipio was the hero of the year for the Romans. Because of his great victory in Africa, he was called Africanus in Rome and other names in Carthage. The Romans were so relieved that the war was over, they had a field day. They destroyed all the records of Hannibal they could find, and tried to forget all about him. As a result, there are more biographies of Hannibal than of Scipio, Hannibal Hamlin was a Vice-President of the United States,⁴² and Hannibal MO has 20,365 people while Scipio UT has only 595. He who laughs last...⁴³

The peace treaty was signed in 201. Hasdrubal the Kid nearly wrecked it by insisting that Carthage was not responsible for the war. He was right but the Romans were victorious, so it didn't make any difference.⁴⁴ The treaty was very strict. Carthage had to surrender most of her fleet, pay a heavy indemnity, turn her elephants over to Rome, become a Roman ally, and refrain from making war without the permission of the Senate. There was a heavy tax required to pay the indemnity, and the Carthaginian Senate wept when they decreed it.⁴⁵ But it was the least of their worries. The treaty also forbade further training of elephants.

Hint: Chapter III, the Third Punic War.

⁴¹He was, too.

⁴²Lincoln's. Were you wondering?

⁴³Nor must we forget Hannibal NY (population 600), Scipio NY (400), Hannibal OH (500), Scipio OH (25), Hannibal Corner NY (200), Scipio IN (300), Hannibal Corner NY (200), Scipio KS (65), North Hannibal NY (100), Scipio Siding OH (25), Hannibal TX (?), or Scipioville NY (500). Of course, these figures may have changed a bit since the 1890 census, from which they are taken, but they will give you the idea.

⁴⁴Hasdrubal was put in his place by Hannibal himself, who punched him in the nose.

⁴⁵They had to pay the tax, too.

Keep the Unfaithful!
 A HISTORY OF PODERKAGG

Part 14 -- The Life and Times of Duchess Salome I, Part 1

Duchess Salome I was the first of Poderkagg's many female rulers. The country was at this time under the Salic Law, but Salome simply wore a false beard and declared that she was a man. She also declared she would execute anyone who called her "Sissy" because she wore a dress (she did not like to be mistaken for her twin brother, Sissyphus, who also wore a dress). Salome was the daughter of Giustini I Borgia, first Count of Lurch, and sister to Rodrigo I, second Count of Lurch. Giustini had married Belladonna, daughter of Duke Acrophobius I, so that Salome was third cousin to Duke Parsimonius III, whom she married (and bore a son, the future Pandemonius III). When Parsimonius died, in 1445, Salome declared her son a minor (he was 26 at the time) and had herself crowned Duke. Or Duchess. Or something. More in the next Part.