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incorporating RURITANIA and FREDONIA

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TURKEY VICTORIOUS!

ENGLAND (Thompson): F Mid, A Bel, & A St.P hold; F North Atlantic
S F Mid; F Bot S F St.P; F Bal & F Den S GERMAN A Kie;
F North Sea S A Bel.

FRANCE (McCallum): F Por S ENGLISH F Mid.

GERMANY (Brannan): A Kie holds; A Hol S ENGLISH A Bel.

RUSSIA (Smythe): No moves received.

TURKEY (Wells): F North Africa-Tun; F Wes-Mid; F Spa holds; F Lyo
S F Spa; A Bre-Pic; A Bur S A Bre-Pic; A Par. & A Gas S A Bur;
A Tri-Vie; A Rum-Bud; F Bla-Rum; A Arm-Sev; F Adr-Ven;
F Ion-Adr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian armies in Moscow, Livonia, Warsaw, Berlin, Silesia, Munich, and Ruhr, and the Russian fleet in Prussia, are not ordered and hold. The Russian army in Picardy was dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Belgium, Denmark, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Norway, St. Petersburg, Sweden. (8)

FRANCE: Portugal. (1)

GERMANY: Holland, Kiel. (2)

RUSSIA: Berlin, Moscow, Munich, Serbia, Warsaw. (5)

TURKEY: Ankara, Brest, Budapest, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Marseilles, Naples, Paris, Rome, Rumania, Sevastopol, Smyrna, Spain, Trieste, Tunis, Venice, Vienna. (18)

Turkey builds armies in Constantinople and Smyrna, and a fleet in Ankara, and thus has a total of 17 units. Russia would have to remove 3 units in addition to the one annihilated in Picardy. This would mean that all other powers together would have only 16 units. Turkey, played by Charles Wells, thus has a majority of all units on the board, and is accordingly declared the winner of postal Diplomacy game 1965A.

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LOOSE SCHEDULES AND LUSITANIA

The last mailing of GRAUSTARK carried with it a tentative issue of Lusitania #9, with the observations that no issues of that Diplomacy bulletin had been seen here for the past 3 months. My efforts to contact Gamesmaster Bernie Kling and get some idea of whether his game 19650 was still operating proved unavailing, as they had last year when Dave McDaniel suspended Ruritania and game 1963B without warning. Under the circumstances, I naturally assumed that the same situation existed with Lusitania as with Ruritania, and that someone else would have to salvage the game on behalf of its players.

Consequently, I was greatly surprised to hear from Kling, and from three of the five 19650 players, that Lusitania was still in operation. The real Lusitania #9 had, in fact, come out in mid-February. Kling, apparently, was distributing the 'zine only among his players until sufficient copies had accumulated to send bundles around to others. At the leisurely pace at which 19650 proceeds, this would naturally take some time.

Kling, naturally, was quite indignant, as was one of the three players. (Of the other two, one praised the leisurely progress of 19650, and the other was harshly critical of Kling's Gamesmastership and hoped for a change.) My error, I see, was in assuming that Kling's lapse was of the same sort as McDaniel's. I should have instead privately written to the 19650 players to determine whether the game was in fact still in progress. I offer him and the players my apologies for precipitate action.

However, I feel that no apologies are necessary for concern with the possibility that a Gamesmaster may delay or cease publication and leave his players high and dry. Anyone who undertakes the responsibilities of refereeing a game of postal Diplomacy should keep his publications coming along regularly.

Therefore, if unforeseen circumstances keep a Gamesmaster from continuing, I will be able to undertake refereeing any postal Diplomacy game in which I am not a player. And if any postal Diplomacy bulletin suffers a three-month lapse in publication, I shall write the players affected to see whether they wish the game resumed under my direction. Three months is certainly too long a delay to be attributed to a casual lapse.

PRESS RELEASES - 1965A

LONDON: The Turkish menace to Russia is applauded in London. "The Turks Will Put the Mad Czar away!" The Earl of Thompson then proposed a Turkish-French-English alliance.

DENMARK: An angry German protest note was received. England then announced her continued refusal to include a German representative in the proposed peace talks.

SWEDEN: It is reported that England has been considering the dissolution of the German Government, and the setting up of a puppet satellite government. However, the Earl of Thompson is in favor of annexing Germany directly into England.

BELGIUM: Here we hear an unconfirmed report that the English Army in Belgium is preparing to move toward Holland or support the North Sea fleet into Holland.

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E Intervals
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A Appears
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I Inflame
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N Nerves

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