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You are invited to participate in a new postal Diplomacy game (1965-whatever), sponsored by the Youngstown University Diplomacy Club, under gamesmaster John Koning. The game will proceed under the usual rules; all players will receive their copies of Massif by airmail; moves will be approximately every two weeks, with three weeks for the first move; entry fee is \$2.00.

Enclosed you will find a stamped envelope addressed to the gamesmaster, and a rating card. If you are interested in playing, will you please rate all countries on the card in your order of preference? Will you also please check the address overside, and make the necessary alterations if it is, or is about to become, incorrect? Finally, will you include your phone number (if you care to be reached by phone); note the hours when calling will be most convenient, and return the card, along with your \$2 entry fee\*?

Only eight invitations are being issued. Even if you do not wish to play, will you at least use the enclosed envelope to tell us so, so that we may find another player? If no word is received by Saturday, April 3, we will assume that you aren't interested. Reply before the deadline would, of course, be a Good Thing, and would make us all extremely happy and the like.

The gamesmaster's address is:

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His phone number is: 216 799-2141.

We hope you'll all be interested.

Y.U.D.C.

(\*refundable on a pro-rata basis if you're eliminated)

# BALKANS, IBERIA, SCANDINAVIA IN UPROAR WAR IMMINENT!!!

EUROPE (DWE) Clashes between the Dirac Angesten Gessept and the oriental terrorist organization, the Cosmic Circle, grow ever more violent in all parts of Europe. Sporadic fighting has broken out in the Pyrenees, in Denmark and Sweden, and in the Balkans, hotbed of intrigue. The .G. are apparently seeking to put down the Cosmic Circle, whose leader, Claude Degler, seems determined to secure the religious ascendancy of his fanatical group by any means.

The D.A.G. is reputedly headed by the mysterious Carl Brandon, known in many lands by many names (including such obvious pseudonyms as "Terry Carr," "Ron Ellik," "Boob Stewart," "Pete Graham," "Dave Rike," and "Norman Sandfield Harris"). Although Brandon has for

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years carried on his nefarious activities in various political epicentres, no living man is known to have met him. This is especially curious when we hear reports of Brandon holding the presidencies of such international combines as FAPA and (gasp) The Cult.

Tension among the major European powers is at a high-point since the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, heir to the Hapsburg throne, at Sarajevo, Bosnia. The assassins, D.A.G. agents F.T. Laney and Charles Burbee, claimed they were trying to hit arch-conservative, Alphonse Ashley, when the Archduke's coach intervened. Serbian authorities Walter Jesus Daughorty and Forest Jesus Ackerman attempted to extradite them to Austria-Hungary for trial, but found the assassins had escaped aboard the sloop I.N.S. Fandango.

The death of Ferdinand has aroused protest in all major European nations. Offers are being published by England, France, Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia, and Turkey to stamp out these terrorist groups. The strange phenomenon is that each nation denies that such groups exist within her own borders, but is preparing to strike at D.A.G. and C.C. cells in neighbouring countries. Nations as distant as Great Britain are offering to step into the Balkans to keep order, and "pour oil on the troubled waters of the Near East."

Peace in our time appears unlikely.

BELFAST (GDA) Rumors of Irish insurgentism were confirmed today when members of the I.R.A., led by American anarchist Peter Vorzimer, made a surprise raid on the central headquarters of the Belfast Police. Although thwarted in their main purpose, the assassination of Intelligence chief John Berry, the group did manage to wound distinguished visitor, statesman Sir Walter Willis. ((Continued -- Page 2))

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Sir Willis' attempted killer, a portly woman named G.M. Carr, was apprehended as she retreated with the other IRA members, but eluded the clutches of the Belfast police.

One insurgent remains in custody: a short, "wild-eyed man" known only as George W-----. W----- is being closely questioned by Berry, but remains silent except for occasional cryptic outbursts about "an international communist-negro movement that is engulfing Western Civilization."

Experts fear this outburst of violence presages a general uprising of insurgent and radical groups across the continent.

RULES: Moves arriving up until Midnight (as is possible with Special Delivery) will be accepted. Moves arriving after the deadline date, even if circumstances cause a delay of a day or so in the publication of Massif, will not be accepted. If any players care to, I will accept their deposits of a dollar or so, and will call the player concerned if his moves have not arrived by deadline time.

DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING 1901 MOVES IS SATURDAY, 24 APRIL 1965.

Press releases are most welcome, as are riders. Releases of over one page are subject to editing if space considerations demand such cutting. Players who wish to publish lengthy press releases are advised to run them off themselves, or include 25¢ for each page over one.

The Gamesmasters' phone number is: 216 799-2141.

I am usually difficult to reach, except on Thursday and Sunday after 2:30, and Saturday mornings, but you can call at other times, and take your chances by dictating messages to whomever is at home.

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WAR-BREAKING NEWS IN EVERYBODY IN ARMS !!!

## EVERYBODY IN ARMS !!!

GENEVA (DWE) The situation in Europe grows ever more tense as all major powers ready their forces and prepare, apparently, to invade anyone who happens to be handy. England seils east; Germany moves west; France goes north; Russia heads east, west, north, and south; Turkey marches into the Balkans; Italy stands pat; and Austria-Hungary is obscured by large clouds of dense black smoke.

Our agent in Vienna reports that the obscuring smoke, called "Smog" by the locals, is the result of experiments by the notorious Icarus Montgolfier Wright, who claims to have perfected a flying machine which he calls an "aeroplane." An American inventor, Gyro Gearloose, also lays claim to the invention, being perfected for the Yanks by the Smith brothers under the direction of millionaire-



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philanthropist Scrooge McDuck. The Smith brothers are already well-known for their marvelous cough drops and able impersonations of Abraham Lincoln, a little known US President who died of smallpox in 1873.

A variety of motives are claimed by the various ruling heads to justify their actions, ranging from a desire to suppress unruly elements in neighbouring countries to the noble aim of restoring unjustly deposed monarchies. More straight-forward was the explanation of British Prime Minister, Lord Salisbury: "We feel the time has come to take up the white man's burden... the Anglo-Saxon white man, of course... and civilize those barbarians on the continent. In short, we're greedy... but don't quote me on that." Lord Salisbury's government collapsed shortly afterwards, and was replaced by that of Lord Belial, who is far less outspoken in expressing his views.

LONDON On a brighter note, in London today young politician--scientist, Herbert Henry Asquith, remarking on the rapid spread of electric lighting systems to all parts of the continent, said: "The lights are going on all over Europe; we shall not see them extinguished during our lifetime." Mr. Asquith is being supported for a seat in Commons by the Technocrats in the next election.

WASHINGTON (DWE) The capital of the United States is in a turmoil today over events in Europe. The lights burn long in the White House, and the State Department is busier than it

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ENGLAND: F Edi-NorwS; F Lon-NorS; A Liv-Edi  
 FRANCE: F Bre-Pic; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur  
 GERMANY: F Kiel-Hol; A Ber-Kiel; A Mun-Ruhr  
 ITALY: A Ven-Apu; A Rome-Ven; F Nap-Ion  
 AUSTRIA: F Tri-Adr; A Vie-Tri; A Bud-Ser  
 RUSSIA: F StP-Gulf; A Mos-StP; A War-Ukr; F Sev-Bla  
 TURKEY: F Ank-Con; A Con-Bul; A Smy holds

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 This issue of Massif, and the deadline for Spring 1901 moves published in Massif #1, were delayed one week when it became apparent that, due to his moving, the issue had never reached Jim Goldman. Barring similar emergencies, the magazine will be published on schedule. Changes of address listed below:

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 Canada

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has been in years. Officials hold themselves in constant readiness, and the tension has become unbearable as demands pour in from all over the country for the U.S. to intercode and stop the approaching European carnage. Several large parties have been cancelled, including the Cherry Blossom Festival, the French Embassy reception, and the Democrats.

President McKinley, when fully informed of the situation in Europe by his confidant Mark Hanna, said: "The United States will remain neutral, as it has remained for nearly a century. We trust that the European Powers can solve their own problems, and know that they will repay this trust by leaving us to solve our own...in Cuba, in Panama, in Venezuela, and so on. No, the United States will not become involved in this mess. We will not interfere in the affairs of Europe. We will not meddle.

"We will sell anyone arms, of course."

Observers for continental powers are unanimous in their opinion that America may become a real threat very soon.

CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY (1 April 1901) The Swedish civil government in Norway has collapsed under a barrage of eggnog and ladyfingers, thrown with devastating effect by the local nationalists, anarchists, and syndicalists. The swarming masses screaming, "Chauvinism forever; Government never; and Pastry competition ever," brought down the flimsy Bernadette government, much to the chagrin of Desirce and to the many smiles of the French Bonapartists.

After the festivities had settled into a more rational pattern, such as tar-and-feathering the Swedish soldiery and raping and looting the Swedish settlements, etc., the local revolutionaries managed to communicate to the British Embassy in Christiania that the new--not extant -- government of Norway desired the peaceful, prosperous, and enlightened protection of the English Admiralty, Yeomanry, and Government.

LONDON (April) Upon being notified of the crises in Norway, Lord Belial, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister, took immediate and decisive action. Desirous of becoming known as a God-fearing man, Lord Belial had no other alternative but to commit his government to aiding the Christian peoples of Norway.

No less than thirteen hours after the request for succour had been made, Admiral Brut Magog, First Lord of the Admiralty, had the First and Second Squadrons of the Grand Fleet, commanded by the C-in-C of the Grand Fleet, Vice-Admiral Mansuetude, out to sea and headed for Norway.

In the meantime, Sir John Genet, Minister of War, had informed General Corineus Gog, Chief of the General Staff, to prepare his men, the General's men that is, for a move to Norway. It is expected that General Sir William Galderal, Chief of Staff, will command the expeditionary force that Gog will send by Magog's ships to Norway.

Though no opposition is expected, instructors of the heathen language spoken in the ghastly unprincipled State of Moscovy have begun to instruct the officers and men in their (instructors) specialty.

As a sidelight to the whole affair, as the ships and men of the Grand Fleet left Plymouth and Portsmouth -- rumors notwithstanding -- for the North Sea, the Archbishop of Canterbury, His Holiness Marduk Manes, made signs and potions and gave prayers for the success and safe return of England's finest.

SWAKOPMUND, SUID-WES AFRIKA (AP) Governor-General Dorlais has received the commandant of the local British station in Walvis Bay and informed him that in the event of hostilities between his nation and Britain, he will have to consider the colony in a state of war and hostilities must commence between them. In the event of such, Dorlais informed him that any civilians and natives at the Station would receive immediate safe passage to the Orange River and the main British lines, and assumed that the British in their turn would attempt to secure the safety of all women and children in the colony, whether European or native, if they should press an expedition across the Orange.

He rejected in advance any attempt by the British to make Suid-Wes Afrika neutral in the coming clash and assumed that Ost Afrika and Cameroons would react similarly.

When questioned as to the status of any Afrikaners in the Suid-Wes colony, Dorlais stated it is up to Berlin whether events would dictate any form of cooperation between the Smuts government and the Kaiser's government.

Individuals, however, would probably be allowed into the police force of the colony, in the event of war.

With the immense British field army within South Africa and occupying the Afrikaner Republics, the fate of an armed Suid-Wes

Afrika is considered militarily certain, however brave Delrais may act.

PEKING (UNS) The Russian and German ambassadors have given the Dowager's Government a simple unadorned request for railway passage of almost 5000 Russian troops from Blagoeschensk to Kiao-chau, or Tsintgao as it is sometimes called.

The great naval base is considered untenable in the event of a Franco-British-Japanese effort in the Far East, in the opinion of U.S. Navy Commodore Hartney (Ret), by the German High Seas Fleet command, under which Tsintgao is governed. Commodore Hartney considers it likely that the Germans in Tsintgao will be transferred to either Yap or Rabaul in the German Pacific domains. Both have excellent harbours, though service facilities for warships are definitely primitive.

That the Germans are turning the base over to the Russians is considered to be politically significant.

THE HAGUE (AP) The 117th Westphalian Regt. band was met today by near-empty streets and an occasional overripe vegetable thrown by an aged citizen.

Yet behind them marched the rest of the regiment and the bulk of the XI and XII Westphalian Jagers Divisions, a real firm metallic proof of the Dutch occupation. Within two days every military barracks has been occupied and every strongpoint armed by the Kaiser's goose-stepping troops.

The Emden is in the small harbour and every eye is trained on the North Sea, from whence the British are momentarily expected. For rioting continues in Paris and London and Rome over the unexpected demands made of the Dutch government. Never before has a populous, armed nation been occupied without a shot being fired in anger nor with such speed. But also never has an entire Navy been moved into the harbours, complete with transports of troops and such a show of strength as was prepared before the borders of Holland.

Germany has been almost universally abhorred because of this action, yet it remains true that Europe speedily draws into an even larger conflict than the present Italian-Austrian and Turkish-Russian ones. Military circles consider the invasion of Holland a masterly stroke.

Politically it is considered certain to bring the English in on the side of the French. Weighing the strength of the English Fleet against the advantage of occupying Holland nearly peacefully, some consider that it may be Germany's worst mistake of the decade.

PARIS (AP) The French government regretfully delivered a formal apology to the German ambassador today, despite the booing crowds outside the Embassy. Without vocal comment, M. Delcaorte gave the Ambassador a note expressing regret over the accidental exchange of volleys by artillery in the Gravelotte-Gorge region about Metz.

When making the contents of the letter public, the Ambassador, Herr August von Siesse noted that the French have continued to lay the blame for the incident on the German government, disregarding the provocative actions of the French Army. Speaking for his gov-



ernment, he said that the German people will not long disregard the daily shelling of German positions nor the continued artillery attacks on Togo by the French West African colonial government.

BERLIN (AP) The Kaiser's government today announced a declaration of war upon the governments of Serbia, Albania, and Montenegro, thus solidifying rumors of the entrance of Germany into the Balkan struggle.

News of the General Reserve being called up was also announced to the world. All reservists are expected to report to their stations within 24 hours. All civilian traffic on railroads is restricted immediately to very very important cause, and with a permit from the local military and traffic commandants. For the duration of the emergency all towns on the borders are under martial law, strikes will not be allowed, and rationing of important materials is to be in effect within two weeks, vital material within one week. Volunteers for the Army are instructed to report to their nearest Kaserne or Kreis police station for inductment proceedings. Workers in a listing of 114 vital industries are expected to remain at their posts and prepare to start lengthened work weeks. Farmers and fishermen are requested to work harder to feed the nation as their sons and husbands go forth to do their country's battle.

The French are expected to announce a General Mobilization of all classes within hours. The Russian fleet has steamed out of St. Petersburg. Montenegro has capitulated to Marshall Hotmiskolsiz-



"Herbie shouldn't play Diplomacy... he takes losing far too hard."

Herby Golden from HYPHEN





# ENGLAND GROWS GARRULOUS INVADES SWITZERLAND

British forces, egged on by the maniacal General Falderal and inflamed by their successes in Skandinavia, ventured into Geneva today with marines smuggled in disguised as Anatolian farmers. Fierce fighting erupted in the streets of the city, and a number of shops and factories were damaged. The offices of this paper were, in fact, forced to shut down for a week to make repairs.

Fortunately, the British perchance for fighting with eggnog and ladyfingers prevented any large-scale loss of life, and the Britishers were soon rounded up and herded into one of the smaller mountain towns where they are now employed making cheese. So disbelical is the

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British genius for creating weapons, however, that three attempts by the Welsh force to escape using ingenious artillery fashioned from cheese have been narrowly blocked by the Swiss guards, whose 16 foot lances enable them to strike from beyond the effective firing range of the British cheese-guns.

The invaders, described by their leader as the "one-on-oneth Velch Fussallars," are being held for ransom, but there is scant hope that the British, having gotten them out of the country, will go out of their way to get them back again.

ROME The Government of Italy formally requests all nations bordering on the Balkans or Mediterranean to join Italy in a conference to preserve the peace of southern Europe.

VIENNA There is a fascinating contrast between the attitudes prevalent in this city as compared to those famous capitals of the other great European Powers. Here there is none of the strident militarism of Wilhelm's Germany, the frenzied patriotism of Paris, nor even the indifferent superiority of the power-conscious Londoner. The Viennese would seem to live in a dream world of their own creation, where the scent of imperial elegance -- and perhaps, age -- permeates all classes and institutions of society. At a time when armies march and stiff protest notes and propaganda pass for diplomacy through-out the remainder of the continent, the Empire remains sombulent.

The aged Emperor presides, but does not rule. The Hungarians are restless, and the Slavs are in open revolt in Bosnia, aided and abetted by Serbia. This is probably the reason Count Conrad launched his highly successful campaign against them last Spring, against the opposition of the Foreign Ministry and the neutrality of Europe.

Where Austria will stand in the great war now developing is still unknown. The Fleet is returning to Trieste after summer ex-

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ENGLAND: A Edi-Den; F NorS (C) A Edi-Den; F NorweS-Nor  
 FRANCE: F Pic-Bel; A Bur (S) F Pic-Bel; A Mar-Spa  
 GERMANY: A Ruhr-Bel; F Hol (S) A Ruhr-Bel; A Keil-Mun  
 ITALY: A Ven holds; A Apu-Tun; F Ion (C) A Apu-Tun  
 AUSTRIA: F Adr-Tri; A Ser-Gre; A Tri-Ser  
 RUSSIA: A StP-Fin; F Gulf-Swe; F Bla-Rum; A Ukr (S) F Bla-Rum  
 TURKEY: No moves received.

Underlined moves do not succeed.

BUILDS: (underlined centers are newly acquired)

ENGLAND:	Lon, Liv, Edi, <u>Nor</u> , <u>Den</u>	(Build two)
FRANCE:	Mar, Par, Bre, <u>Spa</u>	(Build one)
GERMANY:	Keil, Ber, Mun, <u>Hol</u>	(Build one)
ITALY:	Ven; Rom; Nap, <u>Tun</u>	(Build one)
AUSTRIA:	Tri, Vie, Bud, <u>Ser</u> , <u>Gre</u>	(Build two)
RUSSIA:	StP; Mos, War; <u>Sev</u> , <u>Rum</u> , <u>Swe</u>	(Build two)
TURKEY:	Ank, Smy, Con, <u>Bul</u>	(Build one)

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circises in the Adriatic, the First Army Group is pushing into Greece to prevent that nation aiding the Serbs, and the II Army Group has taken on the job of subduing these Serbian units still holding out in the mountains.

On the political front, relations between the Empire and all neighbouring Great Powers are described as excellent.

Yet observers here cannot help but feel that these last languid days of summer are the beginning of the end for more than anyone can guess. -- Dick Tyler, New York Times Special

MANILA (AP) The wrecked hulk of the ex-cruiser "Griefswald" came to port today, after a harrowing four days at sea, a burned-out remnant of a once fine open sea cruiser.

On the ship were the crews, or the survivors of the crews, of the bulk of the German Pacific Squadron, formerly the China Squadron. Lieutenant Velt, acting Kapitän of the "Griefswald," declared that the Japanese have brutally and viciously opened war against the German Empire whilst it is helplessly engaged in a life-struggle against the French. It has furthermore done so without formal

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 CHANGE OF ADDRESS, effective May 28:

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declaration of war, and attempted to occupy the Pacific islands for itself without going to formal war.

Lieutenant Volt said that the Pacific Flotte was off Tinian, an island in the Mariana group, investigating rumors that big warships were in the area. Fearing the French Pacific Squadron or the Indo-China fleet, the Pacific Flotte Commander Okener was unprepared for what must have been the entire Japanese High Fleet in open column. The Japanese opened fire after a query had identified the Pacific Flotte of Germany.

Volt said that the pocket cruisers "Eckenfurde" and "Kapitan Mbbor" were disabled and sunk, the "Griefswald" heavily swept in its topworks, and the "Jabkner" aground on a beach of the island at last sighting.

"It is now highly probable that the Japanese and English will race each other for the remnants of our Pacific empire. Japan may yet find it to have been an ill-considered territorial grab."

LONDON (excerpts from Lord Balfour's speech before Parliament):

"...The government and peoples of Great Britain and the Dominions are outraged by the accusations and innuendoes made by certain European governments to the effect that the insurrection in Norway was instigated by agents of England, notably agent 006.9, James Limy. Just because eggnog and ladyfingers were used by the here revolutionaries does not validate the claims of those who accuse the Empire. Yes, eggnog and ladyfingers are the favorite weapons of England's super-secret agencies, but those dangerous weapons are available to any enterprising group that would have need of such weapons..."

BRUSSELS (AP) The Belgian roadblock continues to block everyone equally, but the days of Belgian neutrality are inevitably numbered. As fighting continues to increase in intensity in Alsace-Lorraine, the generals look increasingly at the flat open spaces of the Belgian plain for maneuvering room for their immense armies.

But the Belgian King continues to refuse access to either side and states that his Army will inevitably be allied against the one who invades first, which means that the formidable border fortifications will inevitably fall into the hands of the other's enemies, a not very enviable position for an invader.

Defense Minister Jaexxte has called for the utmost efforts by the citizenry to remain calm and support their Army if war should come. But he hopes if not to keep Belgium neutral throughout the war, at least to delay and delay again the beginning of the holocaust, so as to spare Belgian lives whilst the great combatants drain out their life's blood in the valleys of Alsace-Lorraine.

GENEVA An informal visit by Count von Meistersinger, German ambassador to Switzerland, to the offices of this paper occasioned a frank and informal interchange between the tall Prussian aristocrat and M. Eugène Hryb, our political analyst.

When asked by the Count what gave the Swiss the fierce independence to defy mighty nations like Great Britain, Hryb, waving his arms airily at the surrounding mountains, said: "The passes of our



# EUROPE IN ARMS

## EVERYBODY BUILDS - TURKEY OK

GENEVA (DWE) All major nations here in Europe have instituted vast programs of military construction, as the war mania that has possessed this unhappy continent for a year continues unchecked. With the whole of the Balkans filled with Turkish, Austrian, and Russian troops, a clash between those powers seems inevitable. Similarly, the French-German deadlock over Belgium has engendered much hard feeling in the West, and the world waits to see which side, if any, Great Britain will take. Italy alone remains uninvolved, having acted merely to subdue the weak and defenseless bloodthirsty rebels of Tunis.



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While the German propaganda mills spew out endless news bulletins and the British send futile expeditions into Switzerland, the fate of the Turkish government hangs in the balance. Recent reports indicate that a state of anarchy exists there, but since the country has shut its doors to foreign visitors our queries have gone unanswered. As Massif goes to press we eagerly await news from the Ottoman Empire.

Only one bright spot is apparent as an otherwise bleak Christmas approaches: the "Abominable Snowmen," who now control the government of the Russias, have stopped emitting their bloodthirsty threats against humanity. Reports have it that they are hibernating for the winter. But don't bet on it.

VIENNA The Austro-Hungarian Empire lends a receptive ear to the Italian plea for a peace conference on the Balkans and southern Europe before this area becomes engulfed in the war now raging in western Europe. However, the Government feels it would be rather hard to join the Italian Government at the Conference Table as the latter refuses to remain in one place long enough to be contacted.

WASHINGTON (DWE) Despite the persistent efforts of reporters, President McKinley remains adamant in his refusal to either confirm or deny the rumor that he recently sold the entire U.S. Atlantic Fleet to Great Britain. After constant badgering from William Randolph Hearst, however, the President was

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ENGLAND: Builds F London, F Edinberg  
FRANCE: Builds F Marseilles  
GERMANY: Builds A Berlin  
ITALY: Builds F Naples  
AUSTRIA: Builds A Vienne, A Budapest  
RUSSIA: Builds A Moscow, F St. Petersburg (North Coast)  
TURKEY: Builds F Ankara

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heard to remark that it "wasn't a very good fleet anyway."

Vice President Theodore Roosevelt, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, was more candid in his comments. None of them are however printable here.

PARIS (AP) General Foch, commanding Army Group Central, has claimed a victory over Schlieffen in the fight for the valley of the Dy in southern Luxembourg.

"The Germans in Esch are now effectively surrounded and should shortly be removed from the war. Luxembourg itself is obviously now precariously held and will probably soon fall.

"Casualties ran 1,100 dead, 9,800 wounded, 530 missing in action for the French with estimated German casualties ranging from a conservative Corps estimate of 1,900 dead, 27,000 wounded, 880 captured to date in the Dy operation."

Foch estimated that almost 24 square statute miles were captured from the Germans in the 14-day campaign. The heavy German casualties resulted from the continuing German counter-attacks against French positions dug-in and armed with Maxim's and land-mines, according to Foch.

STRASBOURG (AP) General Hindenburg today announced the steadying of the line in southern Alsace today, after three weeks of steady French gains. Worried about heavy French Army-size assaults against the Mulhousen front, Prince Rudolph-Nassau reportedly reinforced the area with the FreiKorps Schwabeischer, a crack corps of Badenese and Wurrtembergers.

Keypoint of the new line in Dannemarie on the Rhone et Rhine Kanal. The French have supposedly assaulted the strongpoint almost hourly in divisional and Corps strength for three days, both day and night, without making any penetration into the area.

Keystone of the complex is the Marieberg and the railway tunnel through it. German intelligence says that the French have already named the hill the "Ant's Nest," and the rubble village "The Factory." German intelligence also reports that the French have had to replace the I and VIII Corps due both to heavy casualties and to near mutinous desperation by the soldiery.

One Lieutenant from Savoy was quoted as saying that he'd rather



face a firing squad in Nevers than another day before the Ant's Nest. One captured diary stated that the private's company was down to 12 men, and a letter on a dead man dated two days previous stated that he had seen an entire platoon killed by Maxim fire after advancing only 100 yards from their trenches. He and several others were the only survivors.

Official German casualty reports stated that there were 10,440 German dead, 77,500 wounded, and 2,290 missing in action in the Mulhousen front over the three weeks preceding. French casualties were estimated at 19,000 dead, approximately 125,000 wounded, and 5,101 captured during the same period. The French have penetrated exactly  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to 8 miles from the frontier since the start of the war.

BAR-LE-DUC (AP) Marshall Junion of the French General Staff has revealed that eight weeks of battering at Metz has gained the French exactly an average penetration of the frontier about Metz of three miles.

Cornerstone of the German defense was stated to be Amanvillers on the west and St. Crat on the south. The former has been nicknamed "The Bowl" and the latter "The Chaise Lounge" for their physical characteristics. Though Gravelotte and Gorze are both in French hands, they are under observation and fire by forts on higher positions to their east.

Fort Buonose has reportedly taken almost 100,000 French shells in a week, but continued to support The Bowl. German artillery fire has probably been as high or higher, as pre-war estimates gave the Germans five artillery pieces for every three the French had.

An American military observer noted that an entirely new type of warfare is rapidly evolving in the holocaust of the Lorraine-Alsace front, due to the closely packed, heavily supported nature of the positions. If the war is not changed quickly to a war of maneuver, it will become a war of trenches and machine-guns, a war of attrition and desperate struggles for relatively unimportant points and miniscule hamlets.

Already the Swiss papers are referring to the French front as "The Meatgrinder" in commenting on the various war fronts. The Berne Zeitlinger estimated that each side must be suffering 15,000 men a day in casualties and dead and captured.

General Lomons was more optimistic about the area about Saaralbe-Saarunion, and hoped that week's end would see both of the Lorraine towns in French hands. Lomons declined to comment on rumours of 20,000 or more dead in the Metz campaign, and half that in the Venestroff plateau campaign of which he was so optimistic.

MARIE-ET-FLEISS (AP) Special; August 24th, The Belfort Gap:

The town with the unfamiliar title was once a quiet farming community of a few hundred families in the historically troubled Belfort Gap. Many armies have ridden through this hole in the wall of mountains which ring the upper Rhine Valley. Napoleon passed through many times and Mark Twain but once.

But today this town is literally a version of one of the levels of Dante's Hades. For this is the front line in a war which has been described more as an abbatoir than a military campaign. This little rubble village lies directly under the brows of the Ant's



yes, i play diplomacy.  
it's only a game, isn't  
it?

He demonstrated by removing the helmet from a poilu who was waiting to be evacuated to the rear. He placed it on a ruined rifle butt and moved it just barely to the lip a mere matter of inches above my own head.

A clang came almost immediately as it was graced by some sniper's snap shot. Upon its heels followed a half dozen impacting bullets, the last of which finally blew it off the rifle butt.

He showed it to me, pierced by at least six bullets, and added that the only danger nowadays was the occasional howitzer shell and the ricochets. He said that he would probably be in the line for many weeks now, as it was a quiet sector. But at least he had survived and was prepared to sit out the rest of the war here, if need be.

The Lieutenant, Serge Neuault from Normandy, had not participated in any of the last assaults on The Ant's Nest or The Factory last month, but had been in a unit which relieved the decimated occupiers of The Factory before the High Command evacuated the town.

He took me to an artillery observation post and let me gaze upon what has become one of the wonders of the world. The Ant's Nest.

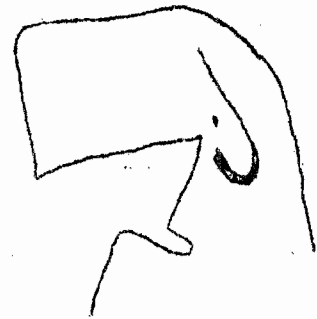
French Intelligence has stated that any defensive point on the hill can be reached from inside the hill, through a fantastic system of tunnels and bombproofs. That it is a honeycomb of vaults, rooms, lighted corridors, housing perhaps an entire division in its depths is not doubted.

But none of this shows to the naked eye. Physically, the hill is shaped much like two slices of pie, overlapping each other. No vegetation shows on the shattered face, only the dull brown of sandbags and bunkers and the occasional show of concrete from some recessed firing slit. At first it looks bare, then the first bunker

Nest, a matter of hundreds of yards from the Embankment and The Apple Orchard.

One enters it after having traveled through thousands of yards of communications trenches extending far back to the rear. One enters it to the strange quiet that prevails in what is now a quiet zone. Only it is not quiet, not really.

At first I didn't understand what the odd noises were, here where the crouch is normal and sleeping in mud to be expected. A beardless Lieutenant of Infantry explained to me that the occasional snick and frequent "fuut" were snipers bullets passing overhead, constantly seeking the soft flesh of man, any man who might be foolish enough to show his head above the parapet in this quiet.



a game? it's  
the depths of  
moral degrada-  
tion!

shows up, and the second. A gully shows itself to be shielding a dark tunnel of some sort. Shattered palisades show scattered over the hill, resembling nothing so much as salt spread upon a pudding.

More and more straight, thin slots of darkness appear upon the face of the hill. Behind each one I could imagine an unsmiling visage beneath a coal-scuttle helmet, a pair of binoculars, the projecting snout of a machine-gun or Mauser rifle. Upon that uninhabitable hill it suddenly dawned on me that at that very moment there must be a thousand Germans looking down on me.

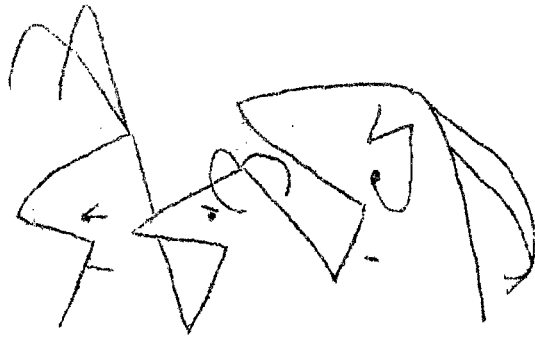
I must have looked upon the face of The Ant's Nest for an hour, frozen to the periscope. The snick-snick of bullets passed by overhead, the schut-schut-schut of shells passing overhead unheard.

For Lo I must have looked upon the faces of death and their countenances Have Trouble Me. Though Thy Word Is A Comfort 'Onto Me, the Sound Of Many Wings doth Trouble Me. Though Thy Eternal Grave bringeth Peace Onto Me, yet doth mine spirit lie troubled. For Mine Enemies art truly all about me and their Frightful Visage doth quake and rill the land.

Upon what is truly a most frightful visage, a landscape of the moon, the French and Germans have admitted they have shed the blood of over a hundred thousand men. Just in the landscape before me. The Long Slope immortalized in de-Bruere's poem. The Embankment where the men of Rousillion waded ankle deep in blood on the frightful day of June 29th, the Day of Many Tears. The Apple Orchard where a battalion went in and not a man ever came out again. ...treachery...

Over towards the smoke of The Factory is The Howitzer, the abandoned German weapon on which daily the Germans and French pin their lists of captures and enemy dead in their lines. A rusting emblem of horror upon which both sides still find time to relieve each other of the agonies of not knowing if a friend is captured or finally relieved of living in what must be truly hell on earth.

This evening, sitting and typing this by candlelight in a bombproof under what was once the local tobacconists, I learned that my young lieutenant had died in his quiet front, in his peaceful sector, punctured by a ricochet from some young sniper's Mauser. There was no hate between the Lieutenant and the nameless German, maybe an ex-baker from Freiburg, or a dentist from Stuttgart. Yet the Lieutenant is dead now, his breath stilled forever, a mother's nineteen years of hope and nine months of pain brought to a finis in a muddy hole in Alsace. The



shocking! sane adults  
practicing war...



...DECEIT!



but isn't that CAMEROON  
just like the real  
world?

The Germans were generally very very thin looking, extremely haggard, dirty and quite happy to be "out of it" one way or another. After three weeks of encirclement, the young men of the Rhineland showed no real disintegration, proving once more that this war will not be over soon.

One artillery corporal from Landstuhl in the Palatinate said that my cigarettes were the first he had smoked in over five weeks, except for some Deauville's taken off a dead French engineer. Soon after the encirclement was completed, his unit became infantry due to lack of ammunition and fought in the holes of the ever-narrowing pocket.

Mostly there was just sitting in the hole and hoping the next French shell wouldn't land in his lap, he stated. Once in a while, mostly at night, they would fire at what was presumed to be an enemy patrol or attack unit hoping to seize another strongpoint in the rubble factories south of Esch proper.

"It wasn't very exciting."

Personally he didn't feel that the Kaiser had particularly betrayed him, or anyone else. "These things happen. General Grebber just moved too fast, that's all, and the Franks just rolled up his flanks when they moved in.

"In fact, now I'm guaranteed of surviving this war. And after the French surrender, I'll be able to go back to the Postplatz in Landstuhl with my wound stripes and my 3rd Class Iron Cross and with a pretty "EschPocket" stitched on my left sleeve and tell meine schatzen about the horrible days in Esch. Then I can go back to being a carpenter and forget all about it."

Despite the loss of Grebber's Pfalzen Grenadier division, the German prisoners still feel that Germany will eventually triumph; however long it may take.



Down With  
Diplomacy!

young German may soon also lie quiet, stilled at last and sway from the fears and the shellings. The Official French communique stated that the Dannemarie sector was quiet today, but I remember only that the young smiling Lieutenant loved his calvados and cheese and hoped someday to own the best milking herd in all of Lisieux prefecture.  
-- Daniel McDonald

DIFFERDANGE, LUXEMBOURG (AP) The first group of prisoners from the Esch pocket arrived here today and were interviewed by members of the neutral Press, through the courtesy of the French staff.



that's the point!  
they don't like people admitting it is like that.

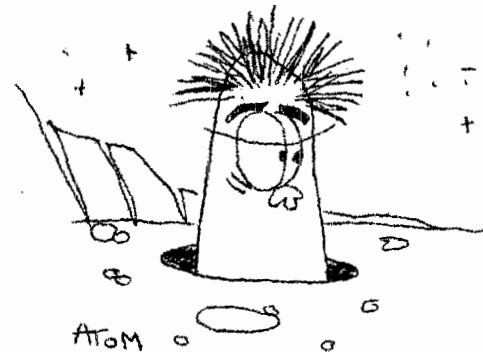
BERLIN (AP) General Doll vom Vorschacht of the General Staff today revealed that the 118th Division (Reinforced), otherwise known as The Neissen Lander Division, is in action "somewhere in Montenegro." He stated that Germany had committed itself to the struggle against the murdering nationalists of the Balkans and that Germany must honor its commitments. The General stated that he is not at liberty to confirm or deny any questions as to whether the German High Command intends to enlarge its Balkan force.

"Germany expects no territorial gain from this commitment, but only the satisfaction that it is helping to destroy those irresponsible Balkan nationalists and fanatical anti-civilization forces which have done so much to destroy harmony in Europe."



TRENTON, NEW JERSEY (DWE) Calvin Coolidge, just back from a tour through Belgium, is sporting a heavily bandaged leg, the result of wandering between the French and German forces during the recent skirmishes there. Coolidge, always a man of few words, answered those asking why he hadn't gotten off the field when the fighting started with a terse, "I did not choose to run."

PODGROICA, MONTENEGRO (AP) Today they brought to the railhead down here the earthly remains of Krokowzi, late General of the Neissen Lander Division (Territorial). Himself a hero twice over, decorated both with the Iron Cross, with sword and the Austrian Order of Olaf, he died as he might have wished it. Covered with snow, the cart also carried back two other dead on orders from Colonel Liet (Comm.). The Colonel explained in a letter to the Kaiser that the two junior officers were Sudenten Austrians attached to his HQ the day that the Serb raiders came out of the snows and mists.



but build a bomb-shelter anyway.

After a day of pain the General requested that he be buried with the two Sudenten, who had attempted to save his life.

Colonel Liet also added that despite the fantastic weather difficulties, the XXVI Korps had cleared the Albanian Alps and were now in visual contact with Ndrejaj. The Ivanai roadblock situation would therefore be shortly outflanked and the advance into Albania would be able to continue.

TRIER, GERMANY (AP) General Woxshiem vom Dellstedt today led members of the Neutral (and not so neutral) Press on a tour of a specially prepared map and display building. In it were very realistic layouts of the area about Briey and Amanvillers and Conflans, west of Metz. In a four-hour tour he showed us the French strong points, the units manning the line on November 11th, and the masked artillery emplacements which the German Pioneers or Engineers had spent six months building.

Colonel Liebrelluttel, a native of Fulda, showed us also the rail and road net built up and then used to channel the break-out troops onto the Verdun and Montmedy highways.

General Woxshiem pointed out that although over 5,000 artillery pieces, most of the rolling stock of the entire German Western Army, took part in the tremendous bombardment, only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles of line for a mile and a half back took the brunt of the morning assault.

After the line had been pierced (and he pointed out that the troops, all Territorials from Berry and Orlonais had fought fiercely despite the bombardment shock) it was a simple matter of exploiting the break before the French General Staff could channel the German thrust and halt it.

"General Foch's immediate evacuation of the Luxembourg line and desperate fight at Longtoyon is the only thing that kept us from bagging the entire Luxembourg and Hayange Corps. Such speed and dispatch by a French officer of high command was frankly not considered likely by our own staff."

Colonel Liebrelluttel added that "We did not for a moment hope to unhinge the entire French Army. It was spread too heavily to the rear for us to break the entire line without in effect withdrawing our armies from the Belgian border. If we had been aware that the XIX Corps had already moved from about Verdun and was already at Reims without the XXIV Corps moving to take its place, we could more effectively have exploited the Verdun break-through. Contrary to the French Press, our main objective was to destroy the Luxembourg Army. We never expected to take the city. The attack by the Brunswickians on the 12th was more of a surprise to Berlin than it was to Paris, I do believe."

"Once having spent our initial momentum, the French in the person of General Molle have our deepest admiration for effectively containing our breakthrough despite what amounted to a general panic in the III Group HQ," General vom Dellstedt added. "Due almost entirely to his desperate counter-assaults all about the expanding Verdun bulge, we were unable to push forward as fast as we hoped, after Verdun fell. Though the French press has castigated Molle for his enormous casualties, General Ludendorff feels we would be in Bar-le-Duc or Sedan otherwise."

Later on in the tour General vom Dellstedt pointed out that

heavier casualties had been brought on for less good reason by others in Alsace and Lorraine, yet the General Staff and the French Press have never censured these "inept butchers." But Molle has been given a territorial command in the Alps and Foch has only just barely kept his command at Margut. This sort of mismanagement, he stated, is just the reason why the German General Staff feels sure that Germany will eventually break the militarists of the French Republic.

When questioned about the report that immense reserves are still sitting in their reserve districts, the General declined to comment on the grounds that this at least was definitely a military secret.

PARIS (AP) The Defense Ministry today noted over 400 separate actions, mostly patrols and probing attacks, had occurred yesterday. For the fourth straight day the line Margut-Clerfon-Harricourt-Granpré-Aisne River-Triadcourt-Aire Rive-St. Mihiel-Thiaucourt-Pagny-sur-Moselle was relatively quiet and the general feeling now seems to be that the Verdun "Bulge" has stabilized into a steady front. Official sources remain calm and assume that the "Bulge" will be quickly erased.

The daily reports, however, continue to speak of patrols into heavily defended positions and probing attacks with heavy losses on some outpost or salient which is evidently heavily supported by all the appurtenances of modern warfare manned by determined young and fresh soldiers. The assault troops of the breakthrough have been largely replaced with fresh units.

AMIENS (AP) The streets were empty today, littered with cobblestones and stones, patrolling troops herding citizens along and breaking up any momentary grouping together of the angry people of this quiet town on the Somme.

Apparently the rioting itself was sparked yesterday when troops of the garrison executed a deserter they had captured the night before. The deserter, a Petro Bironme, was discovered by police looking for illegal hoards of foodstuffs and promptly turned over to the Courts General of the local garrison.

It was discovered during the next morning that Gironme was a native of the town and had been bayoneted by a German during the December 2nd debacle at Ste. Menehould on the Aisne, but had made his way back across the river by himself and had simply started back to his home.

Despite a Croix de Guerre from the September 3rd Gravelotte action, the Courts General decreed an execution as an example to others. When the execution took place the populace realized that Gironme had lost his left hand, probably during the Ste. Menehould debacle; yet the military still classified him as a deserter.

Amiens has lost almost a quarter of its sons and fathers in the war so far, being surpassed in local losses only by Tours and Perpignan in towns of this size. When the widows and grieving mothers saw a crippled hero shot by troops who had yet to fire a shot against the enemy (the 332nd is mostly from Limognes) they started stoning the firing squad, taking the lives of three of the troopers.

The commanding officer ordered his men to fire on the unruly women and a handful complied, unfortunately.

From there the rioting soon spread to the city hall, where ration cards are issued each week for the necessities of life, and to



the Place Napoleon where an unruly mob demanded recognition of their problems by Paris, larger ration cards, and execution of the officers responsible for the massacre of four women and a soldier on leave, who evidently was just an innocent bystander.

By nightfall the looting was over and without further bloodshed a troop of unmounted cavalry had cleared the main thoroughfares. The military commandant does not expect any further trouble in the town, though unrest might show itself in the rest of northern France, due to the quartering of the armies in the area.

VIENNA (AP) Emperor Franz Josef today made one of his rare appearances before the Parliament he has called a "pack of sheep" in times past. The Emperor primarily went to publicly inform the government of the seriousness of the border incidents with Italy and request the calling up of two more classes of reserves and the monies to run an extended and enlarged war, if such comes to pass. Particularly he pointed out that the "Meatgrinder" Franco-German Front has shown the necessity of large masses of artillery which Austria does not as yet possess in sufficient quantity to ease the fears of the War Ministry. If nothing else, Italy ranks fourth in the world in estimated pieces of artillery, though most of them are light, highly maneuverable pieces, unsuited to heavy barrages of the Dannemarie type.

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Dear Sir:

You are a bloody damn liar, sir!

Your obedient servant,

/s/ Lieutenant-General Falderal

I-Perhaps, after the breakdown in communications with your Loyal Welsh Fusiliers, you would care to come to Geneva to "talk" to us, sir? We could certainly find a job for you in one of the simpler cheese-making positions.--

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## GERMAN-FRENCH DETENTE FALDERAL FOLDS

GENEVA (DWE) This paper is happy to be the first to announce the departure of Lieutenant-General Falderal, former Commander of the English V Corps. Falderal, it will be remembered, made military history last year by virtually committing his nation to a war with Switzerland over a misspelling of his name in this newspaper. The war, never declared by England nor recognized by Switzerland, commenced with the landing of a division of "Loyal" Welsh Fusiliers in Geneva, and ended as swiftly as they were rounded up by the local constabulary.

The War Department, upon discovering Falderal's unprecedented action, immediately removed him from his command, and made him Ambassador to the United States. It is thought that in Washington his rather belligerent manner will go unnoticed.

GENEVA (DWE) Major reversals in military and diplomatic policy seem to be the order of the day this Spring. Germany and France, formerly at each other's throats over Belgium, have apparently reached a detente. Austria, formerly quite peaceable, is making ominous gestures toward Italy, while the Italians, oblivious to it all, ignore world affairs to concentrate on their own problems. Only the Russo-English conflict, obvious since last Fall, remains a stable note in this rapidly changing world.

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GAME 1965E

"Spring 1902"

19 June 1965

PARIS (AP) General Grimelle was made the new Chief of Staff of the French Army today, and given the rank of Full General as befitting his new assignment. The General announced that one of his first moves would be to move the Staff HQ completely from St. Germain and St. Denis to Villeneuve on the southern approaches of Paris. Also that large masses of men and their appropriate organizational staffs were being moved to "the rear," as well as to occupy Alsace-Lorraine pending the plebiscites in the area.

There is so little doubt as to which way the estatic Alsatians and Lorrainese will vote that the Kaiser's Plebiscite Commission has already turned over the forts to token French commissions and granted permission for the French to put line regiments into the area.

One German commissioner, a Herr Schlebner of Saarbrucken opined that Bismarck was not completely to blame for the pro-French feelings of the Alsace-Lorrainese. "Wilhelm I was quite ignorant of long-range aspects to make the provinces private 'Royal Domains' and suppress the natives politically the way he did. As with his antagonization of the British with his growing fleets,

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- ENGLAND: A Den-Swe; F Nor-StP; F N.S.-Skag; F Edi-Norwe; F Lon-N.S.
- FRANCE: F Mar-Gulf; F Pic-Bre; A Bur-Mar; A Spa holds
- GERMANY: A Ruhr-Kiel; F Hol-Bel; A Ber-Sil; A Mun holds
- ITALY: No moves received (F Nap, F Ion, A Tun, A Ven hold)
- AUSTRIA: F Tri-Adr; A Vie-Tyr; A Bud-Tri; A Ser-Alb; A Gre holds
- RUSSIA: F StP-Nor; A Fin (S) F StP-Nor; F Swe (S) GER F Keil-Den;  
A Mos-StP; A Ukr (S) F Rum; F Rum holds
- TURKEY: F Con-Aeg; A Smy-Con; F Ank-Bla; A Bul holds

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 THE DEADLINE FOR FALL 1902 MOVES IS SATURDAY, 3 JULY 1965!  
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Underlined moves do not succeed. The Russian fleet Sweden is supporting an impossible move, as there is no German fleet in Kiel.

The English fleet Norway, by the way, retreats to the Barrents Sea, by prior arrangement.

Smythe, when he gave me his moves, contended that even though he might be thrown out of Norway, his attack on St. Petersburg would stand off the possible movement of the army Moscow to St. Petersburg. I do not agree. John plays it this way (example: Trantor #6, Winter 1902 -- AUSTRIA: A Bud (S) TUR A Rum-Gal

RUSSIA: A Gal-Rum  
 TURKEY: A Rum-Gal, A Bul-Rum).

John Boardman, however, does not (example: Graustark #50, Spring, 1903 --

ITALY: A Alb-Gre  
 RUSSIA: A Serb (S) TUR A Gre-Alb  
 TURKEY: A Gre-Alb, A Bul-Gre).

It seems illogical to me that even when the fleet Norway is overcome by the Russian combination of fleet St. Petersburg, army Finland, and forced to retreat, it should still prevent the army Moscow from following the fleet into St. Petersburg. I will be happy to listen to any who care to disagree with my ruling.

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With his departure for Northwestern, John passed editorship of Trantor to me. In future, subscribers to either Trantor or Massif can get the other magazine at 20/\$1, rather than the usual 10/\$1. A 20 issue subscription to both zines, then, would run \$3.

By the way, if there are subscribers to Trantor about, would they please contact me and acquaint me with their status?

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he saw only his own immediate glory and desires.

"Wilhelm the II<sup>nd</sup> now, seems to have discovered more of a broad outlook on things and if his predecessors had not ruled with such a heavy hand here the people would probably vote to continue with the

Reich. Not now. Still, it is a fine thing that we (the French and the Germans) may now have peace, the slap to French pride of 1870 tempered by this orderly transfer of authority."

Herr Schlebner has two brothers in the forces and expressed relief that they had both survived the short bloody Franco-German war. He was unhappy over the border fighting going on in Silesia but hoped that this would not therefore develop into a war.

PARIS (AP) General Grimelle today informed the press that there would be no immediate demobilization of the reserves until the present "international situation was clarified to the satisfaction of the Risoux Government and the interim Romilly Command."

What international situations was not stated, even under questioning, nor would the General elaborate on what the clarification might be which would prove acceptable to the Romilly Command and the Premier Risoux.

However, later he did hope that Berlin would see fit to add Forbach and Sarregumines to the Plebiscite districts. At present this little strip of land adjoining the Saar district is the only bit of land belonging to France prior to 1870 that has not in effect been handed over to the French via the Plebiscite Commission.

It seems doubtful with the present attitude of the Berlin Socialist-Military government that President Risoux will be denied this last strip of ex-French land. Especially in view of the reported immense troop movements from West to East as the Russian occupiers of Kepno and Kalisz were assaulted afresh last night.

Practically it seems that the German occupation of Belgium is quite forgivable to the French in view of the sure return of Alsace-Lorraine and the return of the Verdun bulge.

Members of the ousted Third Republican government continue to repeat that France will some day regret her bargain with her "despoilers," but the Romilly Command adherents provokingly ask the Republicans what they gave France besides a quarter of a million dead and the German flag flying over Verdun.

Ex-Cabinet Minister Flavey of the Third Republic has pointed out to his dissident comrades that the main German defenses are now in French hands with the hand-over of Alsace-Lorraine even though Belgium's are now in the Kaiser's. For while the French Border forts are back, including Montmedy and Longwy, the Belgians are unwilling to build massive fortifications for their German allies on the uneven frontier and Luxembourg is completely neutralized, even to the disarming of the Fortress Luxembourg.

In short, the French feel that they have never gotten a better bargain from Germany. The English, extremely unhappy over the war, are now breathing happily and feel sure that the bargain will prove of immense benefit to both in the long run.

BERLIN (AP) General Fissellorn of the Defense Ministry tersely informed the Press tonight that the Russians have occupied Inowroclaw and have continued to occupy Ostrow, both west of the border. Efforts have been made, both diplomatically and militarily, to evict the Russian intruders.

Russian Army Corps are reported massing at Suwalki and Augustow

east of Ost Prussia and the German High Command feels that it has now been forced to declare mobilization of the Volkswehr, or Home Guard units in the four eastern Prussian provinces and is moving to support them with the necessary units from the now deactivated Western Front.

General Fissellorn refused to comment on Russian reports that attacks on Mlawa and Kalisz originally started the border troubles and were German instigated. Supposedly to facilitate secret protocols in the recent Anglo-German Naval Limitations Treaty which called for Germany to enter the Russo-English war on the English side.

He continued to state that this did not necessarily mean war. When questioned as to what else it could possibly mean, the General declined to comment.

BERLIN (AP) The Russian charge d'affaires was handed his passport and those of his staff last night, being requested to leave the country in view of the present unfriendly relations between the two nations. The Reichstag is expected to announce war today, though Socialist leader Joeblers is running into stiff opposition from both the Catholic Center and the Nationalists who state that the Socialists and England are pushing Germany into a war it does not want, to save the usual British chestnuts from the fire.

Pomeranian deputy Kaarls asked deputy Zuggams what Germany was supposed to do when the Russians control the Baltic and start "protecting" their slavie brethren elsewhere as they have in Poland and the Baltic provinces already.

Nevertheless, a sharp debate and a close vote is expected, with the Catholic Center calling for publication of the reputed secret protocols in recent Anglo-German treaties.

The Austrians are reported troubled over the confusing changes in Berlin since the Romilly Command proposed peace to the Germans.

ON OTHER FRONTS Diplomacy followers will be interested to know that John Smythe has won game 1964B in John Boardman's Fredonia. John played Austria-Hungary to victory in the Fall of 1909. Also of note are the Graustark series of information on Diplomacy games, a Diplomacy Directory, and a set of revised rules, all appearing in current Graustarks (available from John Boardman, 592 16th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11218 at 10/11).

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