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Yes, its that time again, when the postman does his thing and drops this little bombshell into your mailbox. The subscription rate has been changed to 10/\$.01 with no new subscriptions being accepted. Its my way of not having to pay anyone back any money on subscriptions that don't get filled before this goes under (oh, by the way, their aren't any unfilled subscriptions as all of them have run out with the last issue.). Trades with anyone already established will go on until I close shop but no new trades will be begun.

Gordon Anderson sent me a copy of his "newsletter" that must be a few months old from the looks of it. It contained nothing worth reading and seemed to ramble aimlessly on about how he should be crowned "God" at the least. I don't know what his problem is, but quite frankly I did not approve of his sending me this shit in the mail. Not to mention that the clown not only spelled my name wrong but even got the address screwed up too. PERSONALLY, I THINK IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR THE HOBBY (IF HE HAS ANY INTEREST IN IT AT ALL) FOR HIM TO QUIT WASTING HIS MONEY AND TIME ON AN ASININE NEWSLETTER THAT CONTAINED NO NEWS AND PUT HIS EFFORTS INTO THE GAMES HIS HAS LEFT IN LIMBO. A copy of this is going to Gordy just so he knows my feelings. I don't plan to engage him in any debate as his issue isn't an issue except in his own mind. I hope that none of you are also bombarded with this garbage that he's spreading around the hobby. I do apologize to all of you for wasting yourtime in this paragraph.

I have a little something that Bill Klitzke sent me on the 1972-DM game that just finished up in P&S:

1972 Dumb Mistake

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by Bill Klitzke

In as much as I was the only one to survive the whole thing, it behooves me to set the gamesmaster straight on the murky origins of 1972 DM. It started in CARBON 13, mismanaged by Fred C. Winter. The game stumbled slowly along until Fall 1904 (Nov. '72 to Aug. '73), when CARBON 13 and its editor collapsed. Then we languished in limbo until Jan. '74 when Conrad von Metzke very graciously picked us up and stuck the game in his shortlived orphan zine STAB. (Winter 1904 to Spring 1906) In April '74, he declared DM orphan again. Finally, we were sent to PEN & SWORD after a one turn stay in COSTAGUANA.

The players and statistics were:

- AUSTRIA: Bill Klitzke (out 1910)
- ENGLAND: William Osmanson (drop FO4) Terry Knowles
- FRANCE: Tom McMahon (drop FO4), John Hendry. (out 1907)
- GERMANY: James Tretick (drop FO1), Doug Grey (drop FO4), Dave Lagerson
- ITALY: Wayne Lanham (drop WO8), Civil Disorder (out 1908)
- RUSSIA: Rick Stuart (Drop FO4), Gene Giltner (drop SO5), Mike Keller (out 1906)
- TURKEY: Kern Lewis (drop FO4), Greg Warden (drop FO7), Gordon McCabe

Supply Center Chart - 1972-DM

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Austria	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	3	2	0
England	5	4	5	5	6	7	8	9	9	10
France	5	5	5	5	2	1	0			
Germany	2	4	5	7	10	12	14	15	16	18
Italy	5	5	4	4	5	4	3	0		
Russia	6	7	7	4	3	0				
Turkey	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	7	7	6

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PS-001  
1974-CT  
Fall 1906

EXTRA!!! \*\* EXTRA!!! \*\* EXTRA!!!

WAR FRONT CRUMBLES IN NORTH!! AUSTRO-TURKISH ALLIANCE????!!

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AUSTRIA (Baker) A Boh-Vie A Tyr S A Sil-Boh //retreat OTB// A Sil-Boh A Ven-HOLD A Apu-Tri F Adr C A Apu-Tri F Ion-Gre A Pru-HOLD //retreat Sil, OTB//

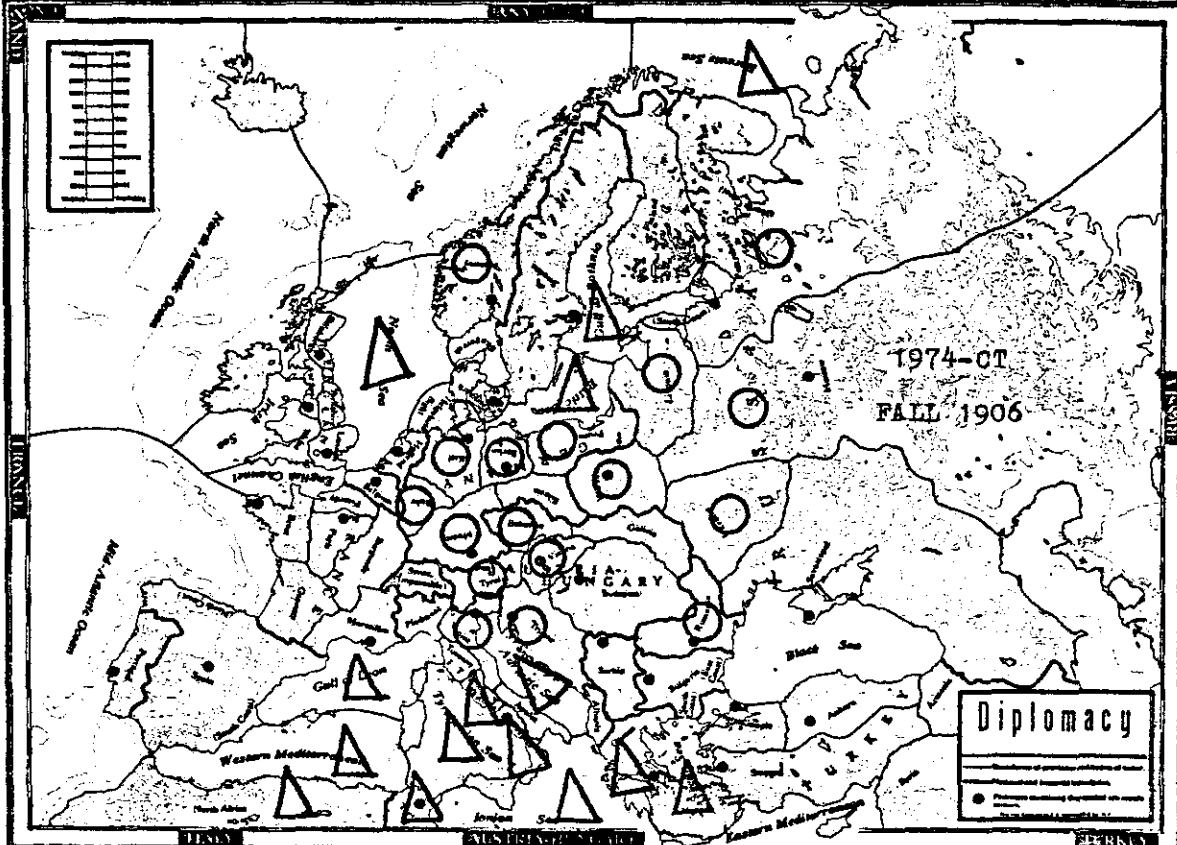
ENGLAND (Kelly) A Edi-Nwy F Nth C A Edi-Nwy F Nwg-Bar A Nwy-StP A Liv S A Den-Pru F Bot S A Liv A Den-Pru F Bal C A Den-Pru A Ruh S GERMAN A Mun //NSU// A Kie S A Ber A Ber S A Den-Pru

FRANCE (Fleming) F Tyrr S ITALIAN F Tun-Ion F GoL S F Tyrr F WmD S F Tyrr A Pie-Tyr A Mun S A Pie-Tyr F Mat-Naf

ITALY (McCabe) F Tun-Ion

TURKEY (McLendon) F Rom-HOLD F Nap S F Emd-Ion F Aeg S F Emd-Ion F Emd-Ion A Ser-Rum A Gal-War A Ukr S A Gal-War A Mos-HOLD

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART- 1974-CT - Fall 1906

	SC	Units	+/-
AUSTRIA: Bud, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, <del>Roh, Rnd, Waf</del> , GRE	06	06*	-
ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Lpl, Lon, Nwy, StP, Swe	11	11	-
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa	06	06	-
ITALY: Tun	01	01	-
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Mos, Nap, Sev, Smy, <del>Grs</del> , ROM, RUM, WAR	10	08	+2

\* Austria has a unit to retreat; if retreated then a unit must be disbanded, if not, then Austria is even.

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CONCESSION- 1-NO, 2-YES, 2-ABSTAIN Concession vote fails; all players please see comment on concession votes in zina....

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PRESS:

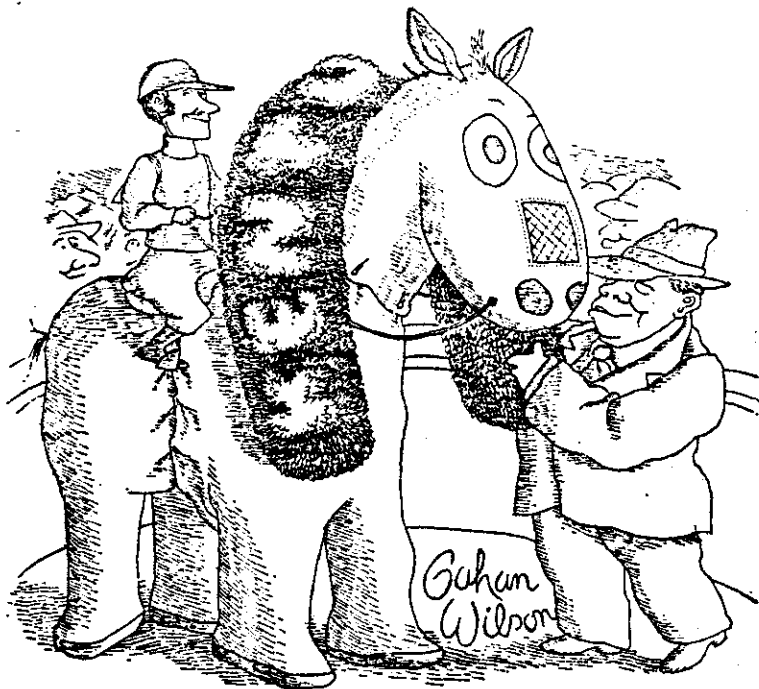
PARIS to ANKARA--- Our gnomes have been in tears for three days now. They keep butting their cute little heads against the walls of their miniscule cubicles and uttering tiny undecipherable sounds.

PARIS to ANKARA--- We are most pleased that the Anglo-French alliance reminds you of Laurel & Hardy. We hope to be able to tickle your funny bone, among other things.

//There is more press on the following page.....//

PRESS (continued):

PARIS to VIENNA--- It must feel strange, being in the "vanguard" of the fighting, taking supply centers and then having them eaten up by your ally. No? If England and France are Laurel & Hardy, then you and Turkey must be two boas eating each other up. I think I'd prefer Laurel & Hardy. //If you still have last issue, an illustration of just such a phenomenon is on page9.....//



"My apologies to you guys—I never thought you'd get away with it!"

SUPREME COURT Justice Hugo Black was considered a great storyteller. One of his best was about a sharecropper who was charged with stealing his landlord's mule. Rich and domineering, the landlord had few friends among the common people, but the evidence against the defendant was overwhelming. When the jury retired to consider the verdict, they were out only five minutes.

"Have you reached a verdict, Mr. Foreman?" asked the judge. "We have, Your Honor," the foreman said, and handed a paper to the clerk.

The clerk read: "We the jury find the defendant not guilty, provided that he returns the mule."

The judge brought the gavel down sharply, saying, "There is no such verdict in the law. The defendant is either guilty or not guilty." He told the jury to retire and come back with a lawful verdict. They returned in five minutes.

The clerk unfolded the paper, cleared his throat, and read: "We the jury find the defendant not guilty. He can keep the mule."

—William O. Douglas, *Go East, Young Man* (Random House)

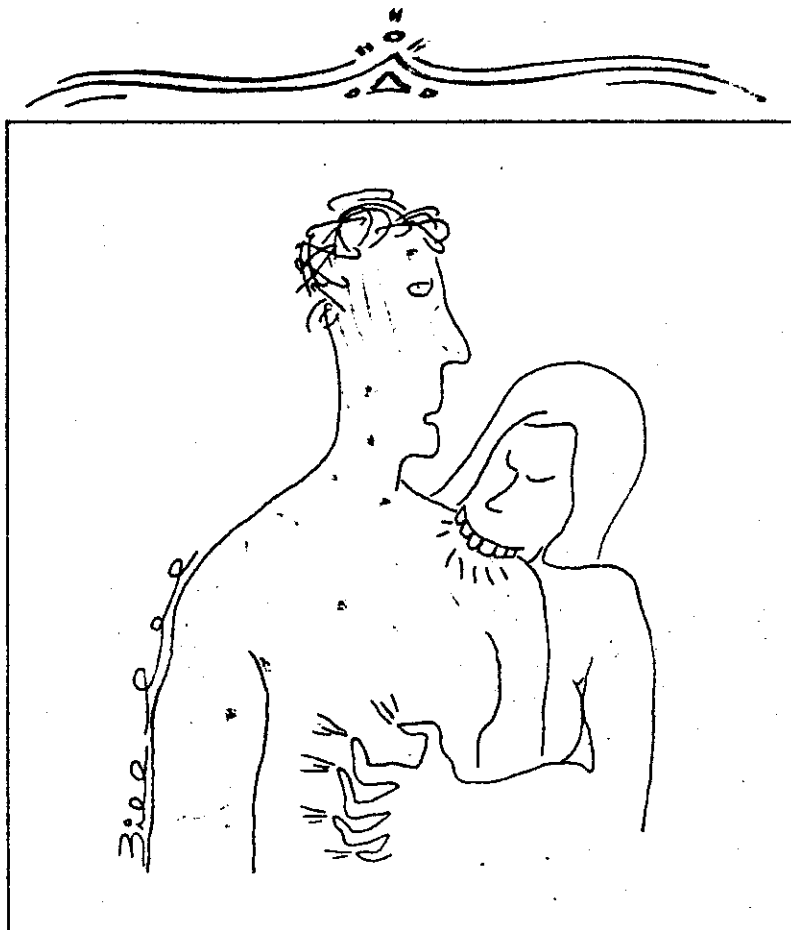
A newlywed couple in Italy installed a television camera in their bedroom to record certain events for posterity, or at least for reviewing. Wires got crossed and the camera was somehow hooked up to their apartment building's cable-TV system, giving neighbors keen insights into their family life.

"Godliness is in league with riches; it is only to the moral man that wealth comes. Material prosperity makes the nation sweeter, more joyous, more unselfish, more Christlike."

—BISHOP LAWRENCE, J. P. Morgan's preacher

CHARLES F. Kettering, who invented the automobile-ignition system among other things, remarked: "People think of the inventor as a screwball, but no one asks the inventor what he thinks of other people."

—King Features



"Needless to say, Margaret, my wife is getting suspicious."

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PSO-002  
1972-GG  
Winter 1909

# KING STEVEN ON VACATION!!!

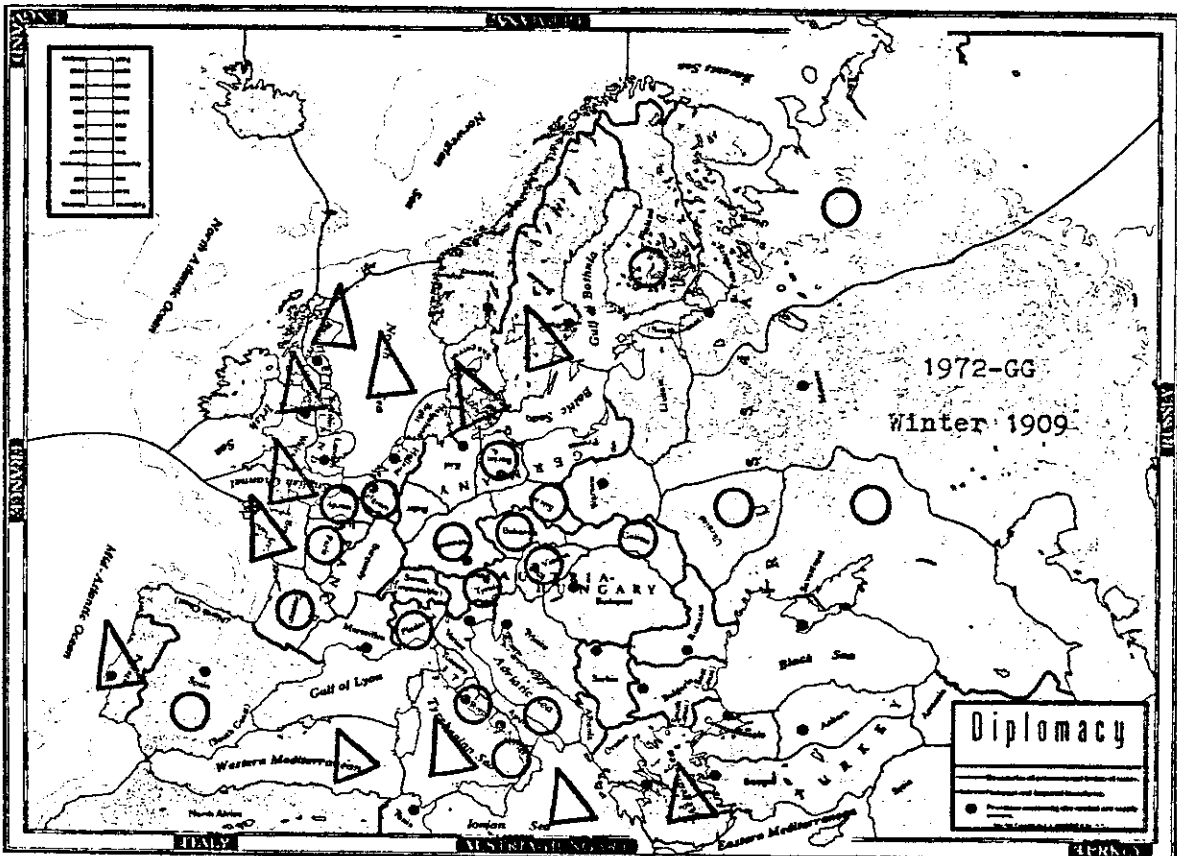
AUSTRIA (Ripperda) No Unit Built - One Unit Short for Spring 1910  
 Spring 1910 Moves On File  
 ENGLAND (Brooks) Build Fleet Edinburgh  
 FRANCE (Knowles) Remove Fleet Irish and Fleet MidAtlantic Ocean  
 Spring 1910 Moves On File  
 GERMANY (Baker) Build Army Munich  
 ITALY (Moran) Build Army London, Fleet Paris, Fleet Kiel, and  
 Army Berlin, all of which fail as y'all know!  
 RUSSIA (Kelly) No Moves Necessary This Turn

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PRESS:

MOS to VIE: What is your new address and/or phone no.?

(Pilsen) - Hardworking peasants plus good weather have combined to produce a bumper potato crop. Unfortunately the large crop has disrupted work schedules throughout the Empire, resulting in missed orders and communications breakdowns. //Uh huh....//  
"no reply from your wife as yet..."

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 JERRY RIPPERDA: again we follow the bouncing grad student as he now moves to- W-233 Owen Grad Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. 48824 effective immediately I would assume.  
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The Concession: of course, it failed again with 1 Yes vote & 5 Abstains.  
 I am assuming that all of you want to play this thing to the end....??  
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DEADLINE: Your moves for Spring 1910 are now due as follows-

1st Date: June 2, 1975                      Final Date: June 6, 1975

The dates would have been about one week earlier except that I had been requested to delay the game for a vacation schedule. If anyone else is planning on being away, please send some tentative orders so that I do not have to hold the game up a great deal for you. I want to get OUT!

# FIGHTING CONTINUES !!

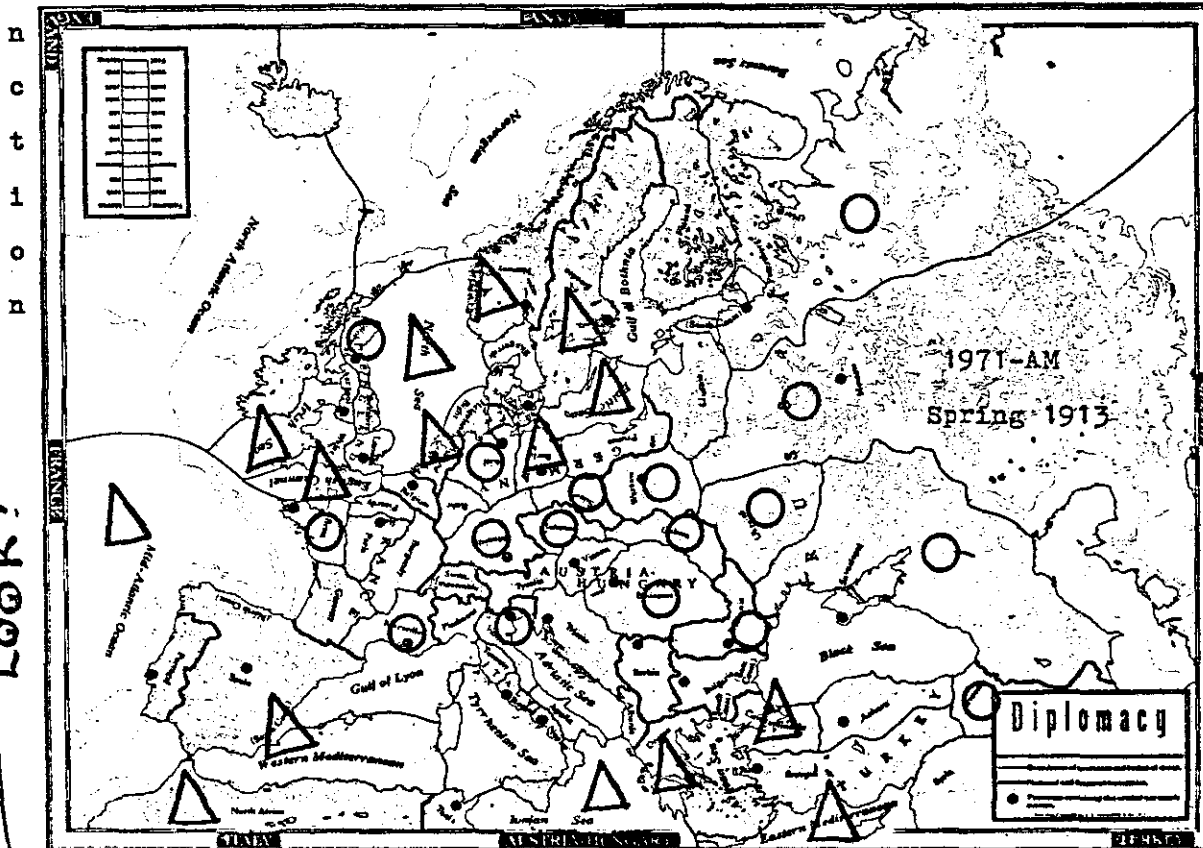
- p ENGLAND (Brooks) A StP-HOLD F Nwy S A StP F Swe-HOLD F Kie-Ber  
F Bel-Nth F Hol-Kie A Edi-HOLD A Lon-Bre F Lpl-Iri
- r GERMANY (Baker) A Liv-War A Mos S A Liv-War A Mun-Kie F Bal S  
A Mun-Kie A Mar-Spa //retreat Gas,Bur, or OTB//
- a ITALY (Lind) F Eng C EA Lon-Bre A Sil S EF Kie-Ber A Pie-Mar  
F Spasc S A Pie-Mar A Tyr-Mun F Wmd-Mat F Naf-HOLD A Vie-Boh A Tri-Ven A Gal-War A Bud-Gal
- g TURKEY (Ripperda) F Ion-HOLD F Emd-HOLD F Gre-HOLD A Rum-Ukr  
A Sev S A Rum-Ukr A Bul-Rum F Aez-Con A Smy-Arm

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a CONCESSION VOTE: Italy has suggested that a three-way draw between Italy, Turkey, and England be voted upon with Germany surviving the game as is.  
t Please vote next issue....  
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**PRESS:**

c Italia-- Nunna youse gise is gonna believe dat I'ma tryin' ta loose dis game, but I ama.... No matta' wad I du, I'se seems ta pick up da centa's almos' effortlessly.... please, won't ya help me? Please.....

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a COA\* Jerry Ripperda - W233 Owen Grad Hall, MSU  
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LOOK!  
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Moves Due for Next issue: Fall 1913 & Summer 1913 Retreats & your Vote !  
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A Note: Corrections made as indicated; thanks, John & Steve!!

NOTE:

If anyone has a planned vacation coming up in the near future, please let us know as we can then plan the issue schedule around your vacation and save us and you a lot of delay or missed moves, etc. Thanks.  
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Yes, its true that Germany was down to 2 units at Winter 1902. This was caused by a four power attack (England, France, Italy, and Austria), along with two missed moves. The four power alliance broke up in 1902 with a series of stabs and Germany had no where to go but up.

The only reason that this game continued after Fall 1904 (when 5 of 7 of the players resigned) was because von Metzke thought the game was even enough to start virtually all over again. Had it occurred even a year alter, it would probably have been abandoned as a sure German win.

// And it still took Dave forever to finish the thing because he kept on fooling around with the thing instead of just ending it quickly!//

Now the above might seem like something unusual to you, but I would wager that most all games go through something like that mess before they eventually get completed. Its a shame, but it happens for a variety of reasons.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Jerry Ripperda, W233 Owen Grad. Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824 // Sometimes I think he's just moving around as a new girl moves in and he wants to see what she looks like..... up the hall and down the hall and across the hall....//

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A QUIZ:

1. What cartoon character was once known as the "Birdman of Wall Street"?
2. What was the Sub-Mariners first published appearance?
3. What two people invented the Fantastic Four?
4. What character was revived a few years ago by the company which had put the original out of business?
5. What was Batman's first appearance?
6. What artist/writer was famous for his "Disney Ducks"?
7. What company recently (more or less recently) invented a character who was a parody of the aboves Donald Duck?
8. Everyone knows that Superman, in his secret identity, is a reporter. What two other major superheroes are in similar capacities in their secret identities?

(submitted by John Baker)

I hope a couple of you are trivia freaks because this thing has me stumped all the way 'round.

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A Survivors Statement for 1973-GJ: France-

Congratulations Kelly on your win. I wasn't around long but I know you earned it since I have never won any games outright and assume this must take the maximum effort to accomplish especially since you did it according to the outlined plan you sent me. (Also since you do it so often) I would like to apologize for my previous remarks on your set of moves. They, we, made the assumption you were going to allow the game to become a 17-17 draw which you had just voted down. Open mouth, insert foot.

Walter Blank

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ALL DEADLINES:

First Date- June 2, 1975 Final Date- June 6, 1975

Please be sure that you mail early! Note Jerry's new address!

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