

RUNESTONE #4

"The Game" now known as 1973-AO. This is the 41st postal game to start in 1973. (The first 26 are numbered 1973-A to 1973-Z. Then 1973-AA to -AO encompass another 15.) This numbering system is known as the "Boardman Numbers" as they were invented by John Boardman.

Game 1971-AO; Fall 1901 ITALIANS IN MARSEILLES! ENGLISH IN BELGIUM!
GERMANS IN BURGUNDY! EVERYTHING IN TURMOIL!

Austria (Wighton): x alb-gre, s by a ser; a tri-alb.
England (Kitching): f eng-bel; a edi-ngw, c by f nth.
France (Robertson): a pic s Eng f eng-bel; f mid-por; a spa-mar.
Germany (Monahan): a bur s Ital a pie-mar; a kie-den; f hol-bel.
Italy (Gruber): f ion-tun; a ven h; a pie-mar.
Russia (Hayward): f sev-run, s by a ukr; a str-ngw; f bot-swe.
Turkey (Ham): a bul s Ital f ion-gre (no such order); a con s a bul;
f ank-bla.

Centres: Austria: home, ser, gre (5) Build 2.
England: home, bel. (4) Build 1.
France: par, bre, spa, por (4) Build 1.
Germany: home, den, hol (5) Build 2.
Italy: home, tun, mar (5) Build 2.
Russia: home, run, swe (6) Build 2.
Turkey: home, bul. (4) Build 1.

Orders for winter 1901 are due Mar. 21 (Wednesday). Mail: 4:00 PM; Phone: 7:00 PM.

Constantinople: Rumour has it that the Turkish Sultan Abd Ul-Eamid II has declared to his ministers that he will "brook no act of aggression by the Austro-Hungarian pigs or their cohorts, the Russians, in this Machiavellian plot to overwhelm the Empire. Let them beware!"

Berlin: Due to incessant pressure from the media and the many journalists, reporters and broadcasters who have been clamouring for an interview, Kaiser Paul von Monahan has conceded to send this report of the real situation in the Franco-Prussian War. Previously, the public was misled by French propoganda and cover-ups. Now the whole rotten truth has come to the surface.

June 13, 1901 - The French middle was annihilated in a furious five-day battle whereby 5 French corps were surrounded and captured due to the superiority of German tactics and weaponry. The French fortresses, which have gained fame for their supposed invincibility, could not stem the tide of the German advance because of the effectiveness of the Austrian 42 mm. "Stoeka" siege cannon (patent pending) supplied by the Austria-Hungary High Command.

- Navy News - June 16- Due to Germany's superiority in dread-oughts and square-sterned canoes the English Government was forced to leave the North Sea open for the German Navy to sail through at will.

Oct. 2 - At last reports the entire population of Denmark left their homes and jobs to hail their liberators (Germany.) The entire Danish fleet (15 whalers and 8 rowboats) gave a 21-harpoon salute as the army entered Copenhagen.

Budapest: The Turkish 7th Army attempting to cut off the Greek flank in Lacedonia was routed at Serai in a three-day battle by the combined Greek

army. The Austro-Hungarian troops fought superbly even though outnumbered and the Grecian mountain forces helped win the battle. Three Turkish corps have been reported as captured and the rest of the 7th Army rendered ineffective, due to heavy losses and frenzied retreats. The Austro-Hungarian fleet support and bombardment proved invaluable in the battle and now the navy controls the entire Greek coastline.

November 1 - All Turkish attacks into Serbia and Rumania have been driven back, and the Austro-Russian troops are massing along the Bulgarian border for the final assault. The Turkish armies in Bulgaria are threatened by a three-way attack from Rumania, Serbia and Greece, and all told the allies have a total of 10 armies (not including support troops from Greece, Rumania and Bulgaria and vast naval superiority) along the border against an estimated 3 armies on the Ottoman side. The Bulgarian government is petitioning for troop support against the Turkish menace and Austria-Hungary has made promises of withdrawal from the Balkans as soon as the Ottoman threat has been eliminated.

Agressors beware! A strong Austro-Russian alliance has been formed between Emperor Johan von Nighton and Czar Hayward for mutual protection against Turkish expansion. A state of war now exists between the grand alliance and the Ottoman Empire.

The three centralized powers, Austria-Hungary, Germany and France have renewed the treaty of Tyrolia to assure mutual co-operation and non-aggression.

Stockholm: The nation erupted in celebration today. The Riksdag has secured Russian military support against projected British aggression tactics. Russian troops are in evidence in every major centre. It is a time of unparalleled security.

Oslo: The Storting has recommended to the King that support be accepted from Russia in sight of recent British military movement. Brief English-Russian skirmishes in Northland, indicate Russian superiority and the advisability of such action.

Bucharest: Russian intervention in this Balkan state's affairs has been requested in sight of the new Turkish expansionary policies instituted by its recently installed regime under reactionary Mohammed II.

Moose Factory: The citizenry of Moose Factory are happy to see that communication has been restored to Europe. We feel the entire continent should be grateful to the asylum directors for generously allowing their inmates their freedom in order to staff the newspapers and broadcasting outlets.

In view of this restoration of service, Moose Factory requests the governments of England, France and Germany to contact us re urgent financial matters.

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Delarna still needs one more player to fill. Somebody?

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