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"Winter 1905"

April 25, 1965

ENGLAND PREPARES MASSIVE INVASION FORCE

FRENCH ARMY IN MUNICH SURRENDERS TO AUSTRIANS & TURKS

Antwerp, HQ Western Army Groups: The French General Staff await with impassive fatalism the inevitable English invasion. They realize that the hopelessly inadequate shore defenses along the Channel and North Sea Coasts can not prevent the English from landing. Steps are already being taken to withdraw the remnants of the once proud Western Command from Germany and Belgium. Military sources admit that the most the French General Staff hopes to accomplish is to hold the frontier fortresses. All plans for la Grande Europe have been shattered by the infamous English fall campaign.

Vienna, Austria (March 31, 1905): The streets of the Austrian capital today rang with the tread of marching men as the Dual Monarchy raised yet another army for the present European war. The Imperial Fourth Army, supplied by the loot from re-conquered Venice, will shortly be under way to a yet-secret destination on one of the Empire's fighting fronts.

Officials here express great confidence as a result of the collapse of Germany and Italy. It is expected that large territories can be detached from those anarchistic nations and placed under Austro-Hungarian rule with a minimum of difficulty. My host Major von Soyecourt-Breschau, who in private life is the Grand Duke of Noumaria, is convinced that the annexation of Germany and Italy will be the manifest destiny of his nation.

"If you know your history, Herr Wasser," he assured me in his correct but heavily accented French, "you realize that at one time the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation ruled from Sicily to the Baltic. It is the sacred mission of the Empire to restore its premier place in Christendom. As it is written: A. E. I. O. U.!"

I asked him what the letters meant. "It's an old Austrian saying, in Latin," the Grand Duke informed me. "Austriac Est Imperare Orbis Universo - which is to say, It is to Austria to rule the whole world."

"If Austria-Hungary is, with this war, re-asserting her ancient title to rule all Christendom," I asked, "then what is the purpose of the alliance with the Moslem Ottoman Empire?"

The young sovereign shrugged. "We cannot guard all our frontiers at once," he replied, "and these Turks have the work of safeguarding the eastern frontier. Their ancient amity with the Russians make them perfect for this task. We can also use them to reduce unfriendly parts of Germany. Then, afterwards, they cannot very well lean over Austria-Hungary and rule Germany, can they?"

"But what about this mysterious Turk called 'The Mule'?" I asked.

"I beg of you, let us change the subject," said the Grand Duke, looking decidedly uncomfortable. "I have had your articles from the Lichfield Times-Despatch translated, and I find you made one error while in Rome."

"What was it?"

"This French Pope whose tomb was going to be blown up," he answered. "I should judge that you misunderstood some Italian incompetent. His name was Adrian VII, not Stepehn X. If you can spare the time from your snooping - er, your journalistic duties - look up this history of his dealing with King Theodoret. A most strong-willed Primate, not like the reasonable man whom we hope to place in St. Peter's chair after this present war is over. And now, my friend, let us visit some of the cafes on the Ring, and I shall show you that even under wartime exigencies Gay Vienna can show its visitors a good time."

- James Branch Water
Lichfield Times-Despatch

Building moves for the winter of 1905 are:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: no change

ENGLAND: A Liv, A Edi

FRANCE: removes A Mun

GERMANY: no change

ITALY: no change

TURKEY: F Con, F Ank

Deadline for the spring 1906 moves is May 8, 1965. Please send in your moves on time.

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