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As of January 1972, the World News and War Report is going to merge with The Journal, another postal dippy zine. We have yet to think up a name for the new zine. All information below is for the new zine.

Fees: Every player must have a subscription, which is \$2.00 a year (12 issues.) Regular 7 man games are \$1.50, with Youngstown Variant games \$2.00 (includes map and rules). There are no discounts except former Prussian Guard members may deduct 25¢ from all fees.

House Rules: The new Diplomacy Rulebook has come out. I haven't yet had time to go over it, but I understand it clears up a lot of the problems the old one had. Next month, all players shall get a copy of the House Rules, plus a sheet detailing all the changes from the old Rulebook.

Trading Policy: We welcome trades on an all for all basis.

Game Openings: Currently we have openings in 1 Regular 7 man game and 1 YV Game.

Lame Excuses: Well, here I am, a month late again! There are a lot of reasons, mainly that I was rather busy, and when I had the time to do it, I just was too damn lazy. You people however, have the right to expect me to do it, on time, unless there is some ironclad excuse. I think I've solved the problem with my merger with the Journal. The editor of the Journal is Dale Bosowski, and Dale too is very busy, and his zine is sometimes late. However, by merging, we will each save each other a lot of work, and if one month I've very busy, Dale might not be. Everything should work out well.

Prussian Guard: The Wargaming club, the Prussian Guard, which published this zine has folded. I will continue however to put it out. Anybody who was a member in good standing of the PG at the time it folded will be given a discount, explained under Fees.

The Walker-Beshara Feud and The Diplomacy Association: As many of you know, two of Diplomacy's most prominent figures, Rod Walker and John Beshara, have been feuding. I know both of these guys personally and they are both good people. I have had exposure to both the pro Beshara press (mainly Graustark) and the pro Walker press (mainly Erewon). But I really can't say who is right, and who is wrong, so I'm staying neutral, which is why you haven't seen much regarding this

read in the WNSWR, and you won't see much in the future.

Along with all the charges made against Beshara and Walker, charges have been made against their respective organizations, The Diplomacy Association, and The Diplomacy Division of the NSF Games Bureau. I would like to say that I am a member of the Diplomacy Division, and that I believe it is an excellent organization, and deserves your support.

However, the Diplomacy Division is a GM-Publisher group, and although it provides many useful services, there is much that it certainly does not do. Thus, a group for all players was needed, and into this void came The Diplomacy Association. When TDA was first forming, I supported it vigorously, and I joined it. However, many people claim that TDA is not doing what it was supposed to, and that it is not a democratic organization, but rather it is run by John Beshara, supported by various lackeys in New York. Walt Buchanan and Larry Peery have come out with a publication, called Veritas Vincet, which is anti-Beshara and anti-TDA. Peery and Buchanan seek to reform TDA, that is, to set up their own TDA. So, there are now two TDA's. One is the original group headed by John Beshara, and the other is the rebel group headed by Buchanan and Peery.

I have read Veritas Vincet, and Graustark, which refutes much of what is in VV. I have come to some conclusions, but I honestly can't say who is right--John Beshara or the Rebel TDA. But I will say this. Plainly, there is something wrong with the Diplomacy Association. That is that it cannot function well until this dispute between them and the Rebels is resolved. Also, I personally don't like some of TDA policies, in particular, their refusal to publish a list of members, and their lack of a constitution guaranteeing democratic government of the organization. Therefore, at this time, I can no longer recommend TDA. I do not recommend the rebel TDA either. I urge that every player get the facts and make his own decision. Right now I'm going to try to keep an open mind, and see what happens.

Deadlines: A number of players complained that last month's deadlines were unfair and ridiculous. You are absolutely right! And in such cases where I make a stupid mistake, you are fully justified in getting your moves in a day or so late. If such a case happens again (God forbid!) just send in your moves as soon as you can, along with a nasty letter urging me to get off my fat ass!

New Games: Finally, Y 1 and 2 are starting! My apologies to you that have waited as long as 6 months for this game to start. With the new zine, games should start sooner, as we'll have a larger pool of players to draw from.

Smut: Pete Weber, one of our own players, is starting his own literary effort, aptly called Smut. The game fees are reasonable, and discounts are offered for second games, and IFW, TDA, and NSFGBDD members. Pete's address is 417 East Hatcher, Apt. 2, Phoenix, Ar., 85020. He'll be glad to send you a free issue giving all the details. I might also mention that I have read his House Rules regarding procedure, and they are very good, and are written very clearly. In fact, I'll probably copy them! Any of you who are interested in playing more games should look into Smut, and I highly recommend it.

Postal Origins of World War II game: Joe Antosiak, 3637 Arden Ave., Brookfield, Ill., 60513, is another WNSWR player who is going into the GM field. Joe will be GM'ing a Postal Origins of World War II game. Also, Joe has volunteered to start keeping Boardman numbers or something similar for Postal Origins games. Although I haven't seen Joe's zine yet, I think he'll probably do a good job on it, he is a very reliable player, so if you want to play Postal Origins, you should write him.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 3-Imperial Finance Minister Piotr Rasboinik today revealed that auditors had uncovered a shortage of 4 million rubles in the imperial treasury. Rasboinik stated further that every effort was being made to uncover the reason for the shortage, but that initial attempts to obtain information had proved fruitless.

Vienna, Sept. 25-Pray for Peace.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5-Piotr Rasboinik, former Imperial Finance Minister, was today sentenced to 99 years in prison for high treason against the crown. Imperial spokesmen remained closemouthed on the subject, refusing to comment on any possible connection between Rasboinik and the 4 million ruble deficit in the imperial treasury. Rasboinik has been replaced by former deputy finance minister Ludwig Kolachky.

Paris, October 30-The Truffle Tournament is flourishing and having exhausted the Argonne Forests is moving site of operations to Munich, despite reputed dangers to the hands of the pig. The Tournament Director has had to retire, however, due to the receipt of too many poison pen letters written in pre-1902 reform-archaic German script, and yields his position to that eminent notable, fabled in Truffle Histories, RubRub Snduthamal. All inquiries concerning technique and procedural matters may be addressed to him, care of Paris, as well as any suggestions, information, or volunteers for shifting operations into the heart of the Black Forest, or modern day Berlin.

St. Petersburg, October 19,Czar Gregor IV of Russia today abdicated his throne and fled the country, leaving the government in the hands of his 8-year old nephew Igor. No explanation could be made for the Czar's untimely disappearance, nor could any light be shed on his destination.

The Czar's hastily scrawled abdication note was found in his chambers by Countess Pyatnitsa XIII, Gregor's sister-in-law. She is the mother of Igor, and he will rule the empire thru her, as she has been named regent until Igor comes of age.

Berlin, Germany, July 7, 1901-The Kaiser joins with all peace loving nations in protesting the French Fleet in the English Channel. Some decency must be present in this day. (Ed. comment-Where? Surely not in Germany). The German Olympic team is now in training and will make use of the sports fields of those nations who have opened their borders to the German Boy-Scouts Troops moving West.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17-The Czar today expressed its "extreme displeasure" with the Turkish government, concerning the Turkish move into Armenia, traditionally considered a demilitarized area by Russia and Turkey.

Modesto, August 24-Today we received the following from Austrian Jim Carr: "Try to figure this one out. A duel was fought by Alexander Shott and John Nott. Nott was shot and Shott was not. In his case it is better to be Shott than Nott. There was a rumor that Nott was not shot, and Shott insists he shot Nott, which proves either that the shot Shott shot at Nott was not shot, or that Nott was shot." I think Carr should be shot.

Rome, Sept. 23-What did I tell ya? There go the French, charging right into them machine guns!! (Evidently the Germans forgot to put bullets in them.) I wish they would have stuck to leap-frogging and truffle-hunting!!!(So do the Germans!!!) (Ed. note-Editors comments in parentheses.)

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1-Prince Igor the Miniscule, heir apparent to the Imperial Russian throne, announced today that a contingent of Russian troops had been sent to Finland under an agreement with the Finnish government, for training in arctic operations. (Our man in Helsinki tells us the agreement was as follows: You let our troops through our country, and we won't kick you ass.) When asked the reason for this training, the prince replied (lied) that the troops would be sent to the northern regions of the empire to quell civil disorder.

At the same press conference, his highness announced that the Russian naval units on maneuvers in the Gulf of Bothnia were running into rough seas (there were gusts of up to 5 miles an hour, with occasional waves of 3 feet) and gale force winds. Several vessels had been forced to seek refuge on the eastern coast of Sweden, and it was indicated that the future of the maneuvers was in doubt. (But there is now no doubt on part of the Swedish population, or, Russian population.)

Game 1

Moves

A VIE ABWD Fall 1901

Austria-Hungary (Carr) A Vie-Fri, A Sev S F Alb-Gre, F Alb-Gre.
 England (Oliver) A Wal-Bel, F Nth S A Wal-Bel, F Wng-Nor. F 201
 France (Sprockles) A Bur-Nim, F Eng C A Wal-Bel, A Spa-Por. A PAR
 Germany (Brooks) A Kie-Dan, A Ruh-Bel, F Hol S A Ruh-Bel. A BER
 Italy (Weber) A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Pie, F Ion-Tun. A ROM, F NAP
 Russia (Antosiak) A St. P-Fin, A Ukr-Sev, F Bot-Swe, F Sev-Rum.
 Turkey (Zablocki) A Arm-Sev, A Bul-Rum, F Ank-Bla. F CON A MIS

(Ed. Note-This month builds are due, not moves. You people do not have to send me conditional builds, in fact I'd rather you didn't. If you already sent in builds, please send them in again. Thank you.)
 Fall 1901

Game 1

Possessions

Austria-Hungary (Carr) H, Sev, Gre. 2.
 England (Oliver) H, Nor. 1.
 France (Sprockles) Pzr, Par, Bre, Mun. 1.
 Germany (Brooks) Dan, Hol, Kie, Ber. 1.
 Italy (Weber) H, Tun, Mar. 2.
 Russia (Antosiak) H, Swe. 1.
 Turkey (Zablocki) H, Bul. 1.
 Neutral Spa, Bel, Rum.

I would like to compliment you all on getting in your moves, even with my deadline. Also, your Press Releases were very good, and I hope you continue to write them. Deadline for next months moves is December 31, 1971, which is the last day of this year, and a Friday. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy new year. (Please see note above.)

T 1

Bull

Fall 1901

Somewhere in Liechtenstein-The latest reports have informed us that the Color Guard unit on its way to Innsbruck to demonstrate its color((or off color?)) (Ed. note-Double Parentheses means its anti-Edibar's note!) has been delayed in the Liechtenstein wilderness. The problem attributed to the delay has as yet been determined but it appears to have something to do with the altitude of the region since the unit has turned green to the men. ((Odd-here at good ole Modesto, 80 feet above sea level, I'm turning green and feeling worse.))

Vatican City-The Vatican today announced that it will be planning a Papal visit to Belfast on a good-will tour. It is expected that throngs will be massing to greet the Pope and shout encouragement (?) and greetings. The Pope also plans to tour most of Northern Ireland and has been invited to speak at the annual meeting and convention of the IRA.

Bologna-Best known for its ancestor of the tube steak, the count Bologna has been instructed to appoint a minister to join English Prime Minister Neville Saye-dye in a possible agreement on a joint world tour. At this time it is not known who the appointee will be but it is likely to be the honorable Count Binacion Pisa. It was once said of the count that he was a Pisa with everything. If the talks are favorable, Sir Ian Harnie will join Ser Lech on his visit to Wechauken, N.J.

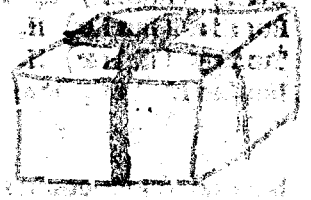
Genoa-Despite bad press releasings which hint rather strongly at an Italian invasion of Austria, we do not find it necessary to continue to state our true intentions to the Austrian government. All matters had been originally discussed at the Brenner Pass talks and the Italian government does not feel it needs to discuss it further to satisfy the world or anyone else. Buzzzzzzzz.

((All the above came from the prolific pen of Harry Fong.))

Moves Fall 1901

Austria-Hungary (Wilson) F Alb-Gre, A Ser, Ser, Alb-Gre, A Uni-Bud.
England (Rubin) F Nwg C A Edi-Nor, F Nth-Eng, A Edi-Bud.
France (Eller) F Eng S A Bur-Bel, A Bur-Bel, A Mar-Spa.
Germany (Goss) Dan-Swe, A Kie-Hol, A Rus S A Kie-Hol.
Italy (Fong) F Ion C A Apu-Tun, A Adu-Tun, A Tyr H.
Russia (Bird) F Bot H, F Rum H, (Dislodged and destroyed), A Sev H, A Cal H.
Turkey (Burke) F Bla-Rum A Bul S F Bla-Rum, A Arm-Sev.

Austria-Hungary (Wilson) H, Sev, Gre. 2.
England (Rubin) H, Nor. 2.
France (Eller) H, Bel, Spa. 2.
Germany (Goss) H, Swe, Hol. 2.
Italy (Fong) H, Tun. 1.
Russia (Bird) H, 1.
Turkey (Burke) H, Bul, Rum. 2.
Neutral Por, Den.



T 2 Bull Fall 1901

Constantinople to the World... What is England doing?

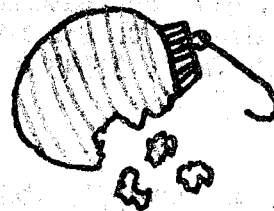
Ankara to the World... What is the Germanmaster doing? ((Damn good question-anybody know?))

Syria to the World... What am I doing?

T 2 Moves Fall 1901

Austria-Hungary (Goss) F Alb-Gre, A Vie-Gal, A Ser S F Alb-Gre.
England (Wilson) F Nwg-Nor, F Nth C A Edi-Lon, A Edi-Lon.
France (Bird) F Eng H, A Spa H, A Pic H.
Germany (Eller) F Hol S A Ruh-Bel, A Ruh-Bel, A Kie-Dan.
Italy (Burke) F Tyr C A Tus-Tun, A Tus-Tun, A Pie H.
Russia (Rubin) F Bot C A St P-Swe, F Rum H, A St P-Swe, A War-Sil.
Turkey (Fong) F Bla-Con, A Arm-Ank, A Bul H.

Austria-Hungary (Goss) H, Ser, Gre. 2.
England (Wilson) H, Nor. 1.
France (Bird) H, Spa. 1.
Germany (Eller) H, Hol, Den, Bel. 3.
Italy (Burke) H, Tun. 1.
Russia (Rubin) H, Swe, Rum. 2.
Turkey (Fong) H, Bul. 1.
Neutral Por.



T 3 Bull Fall 1901

France to England-Peeze!

France to Modesto-Whatta ya want no grammar or good taste?((What do you want, bad press, or blank space?))

France to the World-For those of you who have been offended, the above press releases

have been written while smoking an old copy of a Limbourg Gazette and Bi-Monthly Almanac while visiting Bert's Rest Home. For complaints write care of Lee Childs, proprietor and care taker

T 3

Moves

Fall 1901

Austria-Hungary (Bird) MMR F Tri H, A Sev H, A Tyr H
England (Goss) F Eng-Bar, F Nth C A Edi-Nor, A Edi-Nor
France (Fong) F Mid-Spa (BC), A Pic-Bel, A Bur S A Pic-Bel
Germany (Wilson) F Den-Swe, A Kie-Hol, A Mun H
Italy (Rubin) F Ion-Tun, a Ven H, A Apa S A Ven
Russia (Burke) F Sev S A Ukr-Rum, F Bot-Swe, A Gal-Vie, A Ukr-Rum
Turkey (Eller) F Ank-Con, A Con-Bul, A Bul-Gre

Austria-Hungary (Bird) Tri, Bud, Sev
England (Goss) H, Nor 1
France (Fong) H, Bel, Spa 2
Germany (Wilson) H, Hol, Den 2
Italy (Rubin) H, Tun 1
Russia (Burke) H, Rum, Vie 2
Turkey (Eller) H, Bul, Gre 2
Neutral Por, Swe

Alden Sprowles, a player in Game 1, suggested the following method for scoring the tourney: Award one point for each country beaten in each game. Hence winner of one game gets 6, second place gets 5, etc. Tourney winner is the player with the highest aggregate points over the three games. I would like to thank and compliment Larry Fong for his PR's, they were appreciated very much. I hope more of you will write them. Builds will

be due on December 31, 1971, the last day of the year, a Friday. If you already sent in conditional builds, please send them in again. Well, till next time, I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Attention Game 1 Players: I forgot to put in the following address changes:

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Pete Weber, 417 E Hatcher #2, Phoenix, Ar, 85020

Late Plug: Lew Pulsipher, 371 A Twin Towers, Albion, Mi, 49244, is starting a postal zine, Blood and Iron. It will carry all kind of neat things like dippy and variants and postal origins games. Lew is very reliable and experienced, and I recommend his zine.

Y 1 Roster

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France-Paul Wood, 24613 Harmon, St Clair Shores, Mi, 48080
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