

# The Ninth Circle



Introduction

Welcome, gentlemen, to the death knell of The Ninth Circle, a postal newsletter which was dedicated to the wargaming hobby and, in particular, to the play-by-mail Diplomacy hobby. Unfortunately, subscriptions are no longer available as, for all intents and purposes, this will be our final issue-- we are folding the tents and slipping silently off into the sunset.

The Devil's Den XXII

1) Yes, you read correctly--this will be our final issue. The reasons for this are many and varied, but what it basically comes down to is that as I sit here on December 17th putting the final touches on this the current issue, I am also coming into my fourth week of being behind schedule on getting this thing out and into the mail. Over the past several weeks I have tried desperately to come up with an hour here and an hour there so that I could get everything done, and all the while I began to feel more and more guilty about not having things done on time. It got so bad that the other day I convinced myself that I may as well face facts, and the fact is that since I started working full-time I simply do not have the free time to gamemaster, type, address and mail a project the size of The Ninth Circle. If I decided to continue with things as they are, delays would become more frequent, reliability (one of the hallmarks of quality in this hobby) would drop to zilch, subscribership would plummet, calls for stand-bys would increase, the list of players in every game would begin to look more and more alike, and angry letters and phone calls would begin to pour in. I have, therefore, elected to take the more honest course and call it quits now, thus sparing all of us a long, lingering death.

2) Now, as for the games, I am going to make a good effort at finding a home for all of the Diplomacy games. I expect right off that Konrad will transfer the two he GMs into his magazine, Eggnog. The others I will have a little more trouble with. Most of the magazines I have traded with over the past two and a half years are gone now. The only thing I can do is try and get in touch with some of the newer gamemasters I've become acquainted with over the past couple months and see if they can help us out. I will let each of you know by general letter once I can arrange the transfers.

As for the other games, I don't hold out much hope of their being wanted by most of the other gamemasters of the hobby. Therefore, I am going to follow a general policy of a refund of gamefees paid to us for those games which have recently gotten underway. For those games which have run a longer amount of time, a partial repayment will be effected. Payments will be sent out only to those players who originally signed up for the game in question. Stand-bys, since they paid no game in the

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Answers to 'The Quiz!'

- I. The Carolingian Empire of Charles the Great (a.k.a. Charlemagne)
- II. The Holy Roman Empire of Frederick II
- III. The Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great
- IV. The Byzantine Empire or Eastern Roman Empire of Justinian
- V. The French Empire of Napoleon I
- VI. The Angevin Empire of Henry II of England
- VII. The Roman Empire of Trajan
- VIII. The Russian Empire of Nicholas II
- IX. The Ottoman Empire of Suleiman I (The Magnificent)
- X. The Egyptian Empire of Amenhotep III
- XI. The German Empire of Wilhelm II

The overall response to 'The Quiz' was quite favorable, and there were several comments by those who sent in answers about how much they enjoyed trying to work out which empire was which, and which belonged to whom.

As it turns out, the quiz was something of a swan song for The Ninth Circle--I'm glad I thought of it before things started falling apart around here! Only one person got everything absolutely right--Stephen D'Alessandro.

1977HK

T9thC-2

Winter & Spring, 1908-09

GM: D. Bunke

AUS:DaleKemper--A Tri ret OTB  
 ENG:PhilCrowther--Bld F LFL  
 GER:RalphMorton--Bld F BER, F KIE, A MUN  
 ITA:PhilCooper--Rem F Aeg  
 TUR:EricAbbott--Bld F ANK  
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AUS:DaleKemper--F Gre S A Bul; A Ser-Alb; A Bul S F Gre  
 ENG:PhilCrowther--F Mid-Wes; F N.At-Mid; F For S F Spa(nc); F Spa(nc) S  
A Mar(imp); A Mar H; F Bre H; F Iri H; F Wal H; F Lpl-N.At  
 GER:RalphMorton--A Boh-Tyl; A Mun S A Boh-Tyl; A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser;  
 A Rum S A Tri-Ser; A Gal S A Rum; A Ukr-Mos; A Vie-Tri; A Kie-Hol;  
 F Ber-Bal; F Eng H; F Pic H; A Gas S ENG A Mar; A Bur S ENG A Mar  
 ITA:PhilCooper--A Pie-Tyl; F Ven-Tri; F Wes-N.Af(NSU); F Ion-Tyn; F Lyø H  
 (unordered)  
 TUR:EricAbbott--F Con-Bul(imp:coast not specified); F Ank-Con; A Smy S F  
 Ank-Con

PRESS:

SOMEWHERE ON THE BALKAN COAST--The exiting erstwhile Emperor of Austria  
 invaded Albania today, demanding coaling rights and a retirement cottage  
 by the sea. Also, the invasion of Germany has been cancelled due to the  
 invasion of Austria.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

The proposed draw was a total flop--only two votes were in favor of the  
 measure, and both of those were cast by omission!

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T9thC-3

Winter & Spring, 1905-06

GM: D. Bunke

ENG:Wm.Osmanson--Bld F EDI  
 RUS:PeterManis--Bld A MOS, A SEV  
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ENG:WilliamOsmanson--F For H; F Bre-Eng; F Bot-Swe; F Nwy H; A Fic-Bre(ann);  
 F Lpl-Cly; F Edi S F Lpl-Cly  
 FRA:WayneCallahan--A Mar-Gas; F Iri-Eng; F Cly-Nwg; A Par-Pic; A Bel S A  
 Par-Pic  
 GER:VincentLieu(?)--NMR! A Bel H; A Ruh H; A Bur H; A Fru H(ret Ber, OTB);  
 F Lvn H  
 RUS:PeteManis--A Boh-Mun; A Sil S A War-Fru; A War-Pru; A Mos-Lvn; A Sev-Mos;  
A Fin-Nwy; A St.F H; F Rum H  
 TUR:JimMcManus--F Wes-Mid; A Pie-Mar; F Lyø S A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Tus; F Ion-Tyn;  
 F Adr-Ion; A Ser-Tri; A Tyl S RUS A Boh-Mun; F Aeg H

PLAYER'S NOTES:

One retreat is missing above: GER:VincentLieu(?)--NRR! A Sil ret OTB.  
 Would Phil Crowther (address on p. 2) please submit stand-by orders for  
 Germany? Thanks, Phil!

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T9thC-4

Winter & Spring, 1907-08

GM: K. Baumeister

FRA:LeeKendter,Sr--A Ven ret Tus  
Bld A MAR, A PAR, F BRE  
 GER:KarlSchuetz--Bld A BER  
 TUR:RayCifani--A War ret Lvn; Bld A CON, A ANK  
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AUS:JohnAicken(?)--NMR! A War H(ret Ukr, OTB)  
 FRA:LeeKendter,Sr--F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar-Pie; F Lyø S A Mar-Pie;  
 A Tus S A Mar-Pie; F Tyn S A Tus; F Wes S F Tyn; F Tun S F Tyn;  
A Mun S GER A Sil; A Nwy-St.P; F Nth-Den  
 GER:KarlSchuetz--F Nwg-Bar; A Fin S FRE A Nwy-St.P; A Swe H; A Ber S FRE A Mun;  
 A Fru S A Sil; A Sil S AUS A War

TUR:RayCifani--A Boh S A Tyl-Mun; A Tyl-Mun; A Ven-Tus; A Bud-Vie; A Mos-War; A Lvn S A Mos-War; A Gal S A Mos-War; A St.F-Mos; F Rom S A Ven-Tus; F Ion-Apu; F Aeg-Ion; F Nap S F Aeg-Ion; F Tri-Adr; A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; A Ank-Arm

PRESS:

ANKARA (10 NOVEMBER 1907)--The Turkish government is willing to end the international conflict by recognizing the existing French and German territorial occupations of Europe. Hopefully, a lasting peace is close at hand, but until then, all Turkish woman and children will report to the front line.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

There have been proposals for Turkish-German-French and Turkisk-French draws. Not voting is a yes vote, and votes must be unanimous to pass. In the case both pass, the former will take precedence. You guys can get started writing your end-game statements . . .

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T9thC-5(N)

Fall, 1907

GM: F. Noble

..... ITA:PaulSzauter--A Ven ret Tus .....

ENG:GerardVanAlkemade--F Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Nwg; F Wal-Lpl; F Bre H  
FRA:TomPagedes--F Mid-Por; A Gas S F Eng-Bre; F Eng-Bre; F Iri H  
GER:BobKluge--A Far S ENG F Bre; A Bur S A Mun; A Bel-Ruh; A Ruh-Kie; A Mun H;  
F Den-Bal(ret Ska, Nth, Hel, OTB)  
ITA:PaulSzauter--F Tyn-Rom; A Tus S F Tyn-Rom; F Mar H; F Spa(sc)-Por  
RUS:LarryBoudon--A St.F-Nwy; A Swe-Den; F Bal S A Swe-Den; A Pru-Ber;  
A Sil S A Pru-Ber; A Boh-Vie; A Bud-Vie; F Rum H  
TUR:MikeMcMillie--F Con-Aeg; A Tri-Tyl; A Ser-Tri; F Tun S F Ion; F Ion S F  
Apu-Nap; F Rom S F Apu-Nap; F Apu-Nap; A Ven S F Rom

S.C. Count--

ENG: 5centers: lon, edi, ~~nyg~~, bre, LPL, SWE.....Bld 1  
FRA: 1center : ~~par~~, ~~mar~~, por, ~~lpl~~.....Rem 3  
GER: 5centers: ~~par~~, kie, mun, ~~den~~, hol, bel, FAR.....Rem 1  
ITA: 2centers: ~~rom~~, ~~spa~~, ~~mar~~, spa, MAR.....Rem 2  
RUS:10centers:4Home, rum, bud, vie, ~~swe~~, BER, DEN, NWY.....Bld 2  
TUR:11centers:3Home, bul, gre, ser, tri, tun, VEN, ROM, NAF.....Bld 3

PRESS:

RACINE to WORLD--My humble apologies for last season's NMR, and my heart-felt thanks to friend and foe alike for not taking advantage of my absent-mindedness. Yes, that is what it was; I can't even blame the U.S. Postal Service! I had neatly and formally typed my orders, just as I had promised, addressed an envelope, and left the whole lot sitting in my game file. My only excuse, for what it is worth, is that I do run 17 game-files these days, and this is the first NMR in my illustrious one-year career in a dozen or so zines (several of which have gone into permanent NZR).

More serious than the loss of a season's orders was the potential loss of another priceless Press Release, which follows:

LONDON--Prime Minister Gerald P. James, KC, VC, KBE, etc., had to announce to the British people that unfortunately frogs legs will have to remain a luxury that we will have to do without for some time to come, lest all of us (Frogs, Limeys, and Assorted Other Europeans) will be swallowed whole by the Bear or the Turkey. Her Majesty's Government now is exerting every possible diplomatic effort to forge a belated Western Alliance to stop the blaspheming Eastern Machine. Now it can also be disclosed that, contrary to what earlier appeared in the Russian Propaganda Press, it was no tickertape parade that welcomed Ivan to Stokholm. Rather, the indignant Swedes showered the invading barbarians with rolls of (used) toilet paper. It is only because the Russian riffraff had never seen or used this commodity that the confusion with tickertape arose.

Last but not least, the P.M. wishes to clear up a misunderstanding which seems to have taken hold among the League of Nations, and especially its Secretariat (you know, the "Gamesmasters"). Although the P.M.'s Christian name is Gerald (how else could he have attended Eton and Oxford?), the Prime Mover behind him and other aliases is officially known as Gerard. The distinction admittedly is minor, yet essential (the Prime Mover, f.i. did indeed not attend Eton and Oxford), if only to underscore the fact that the sage pronouncements of the P.M(inister) Gerald bear absolutely no semblance to the inanities for which Gerard is noted (such as playing postal Diplomacy and writing silly press releases at 36,000 feet above the Continental Divide).

LISBON--This does not look good, fellows. I would suggest we throw in the towel, but we'll need something to make our white flags out of. Any suggestions?

Signed,--The French Government-in-Exile.

MARSEILLES--The Italian King, vacationing in France, considered his country's situation with respect to the invading Turks. Recalling the words of the princess who awoke to find that she was still in bed with a frog, he wept a single tear and said, "You lied!"

SPAIN to BORDEAUX--If any have fallen, indeed.

ST. PETERSBURG--The Tsar has expressed sympathy over the recent death of his German interpreter. Since communications to Berlin have thus broken down, he has decided to go there in person to reestablish ties. His Imperial escorts have been chosen as the 1st and 2nd Guards Armies.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

Due to the huge number of changes this Winter season, a separation of moves will be granted upon player request.

Cincinnati to Racine--Sorry about the r/l business!--and the 'N' in T9thC-5(N) stands for 'novice.'

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1978CJ T9thC-6 Winter & Spring, 1906-07 GM: F. Noble

RUS:PeteManis--F Hol ret Hel; F Kie ret Bal  
Bld F ST.F(nc)

.....TUR:CliffMann--F Tun ret N.Af.....

FRA:SteveReeder--F Nwg-Bar; F Nth H; F Eng S F Nth; F Wes-Tyn; F Lyo S F  
Wes-Tyn; A Kie H(ann); A Hol S A Kie; A Ruh S A Kie; A Mar-Bur

GER:GenePaulson--A Bre-Gas

ITA:DaveMueth(?)--NMR: A Tri H(ann); A Ven H; F Nap H; F Tyn H(ret Tus, Rom,  
Ion, OTB); F Tun H

RUS:PeteManis--F St.F(nc)-Nwy; F Nwy-Nth; A Fin S F St.F(nc)-Nwy; A Ber-Kie;  
F Bal S A Ber-Kie; A Den S A Ber-Kie; F Hel S F Nwy-Nth; A Mun-Ruh;  
A Boh-Tyl; A Vie S A Boh-Tyl; A Bud S TUR A Ser-Tri; F Blk H

TUR:CliffMann--A Ser-Tri; A Alb S A Ser-Tri; F Aeg S A Gre; A Gre H; A Con H;  
F N.Af-Wes

PLAYER'S NOTES:

Would Eric Abbott (422 Virginia Ave., Glenwood, ILL 60425) please do the honors for Italy? Thanks, Eric!

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1978FB T9thC-7 Fall, 1906 GM: D. Bunke

GER:PaulSzauter--A Kie ret Ruh

.....RUS:LarryBoudon(?)--NRR! F Sev ret OTB.....

AUS:JohnHendry(?)--NMR: A Vie H(ret Gal, OTB); A Bud H; A Rum H(ret Gal, Ukr,  
OTB); A Sev H; F Gre H

ENG:DavidJoy--A Gas S A Bur-Mar; F Eng H; F Mid-Spa(sc); A Kie H; F Nth H;  
 F Hel S A Kie; F Den-Bal; F Hol-Bel; A Bur-Mar; A Far-Bur;  
 F St.P(nc) H

GER:PaulSzauter--A Ruh S A Mun; A Mun S A Ruh

ITA:JohnAicken--F For-Mid; F Spa(sc) S A Mar; A Mar S F Spa(sc)(ret Pie, CTB);  
 A Boh S A Tyl-Vie; A Tyl-Vie; A Ser-Bud; F Adr-Tri; F Nap-Ion

RUS:LarryBoudon(?)--NMR! F Ber H; A War H; A Mos H

TUR:JohnBeamer--A Bul S F Blk-Rum; F Aeg S A Bul; F Blk-Rum

S.C. Count--

AUS: 3centers: ~~kie~~, bud, ~~ser~~, gre, ~~rum~~, ~~bul~~, SEV.....Rem 2 (1 ann)  
 ENG:13centers:3Home, nwy, swe, den, bre, st.p, bel,  
 par, hol, KIE, MAR.....Bld 2

GER: 1center : ~~kie~~, mun.....Rem 1

ITA: 9centers:3Home, tun, por, ~~mar~~, spa, tri, SER, VIE.....Bld 1

RUS: 3centers: mos, war, ~~ser~~, ber.....Even

TUR: 5centers:3Home, BUL, RUM.....Bld 2

PRESS:

MUNICH--Caught in the jaws of the English Bulldog! Lookit his armies jump across the water!

PLAYER'S NOTES:

I think Larry must have completely forgot that he was in this game!--no orders were included with his moves for the other games he is in.  
 Would Phil Cooper (80 E. Brandis, Staten Island, NY 10308) please submit stand-by order for Austria? And would Bob Kluge (9521 Craigwood Ter., St. Louis, MO 63126) please do the same for Russia? Thanks, gentlemen.

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T9thC-8(N)

Fall, 1905

GM: D. Bunke

RUS:PaulSzauter--A Rum ret Sev  
 A Gal ret War  
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ENG:LarryBoudon--F Edi-Nwg; F Nth S F Edi-Nwg; F Yor S F Nth

FRA:DaleKemper--A Bre-Gas; F Pic-Bel; A Far-Bur

GER:GeraldMcDaniel--F Den-Ska; F Hol S A Bel; A Bel H; A Bur-Far; A Spa H;  
 A Pie-Ven; A Mun-Boh; A Tyl S A Mun-Boh

ITA:DaveRohde--F N.Af-Wes; F Mid-Por; A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Tri; A Boh-Vie;  
 A Gal S TUR A Rum; F Eas S TUR F Smy

RUS:PaulSzauter--F N.At-Lpl; F Nwg-Ska; A Arm-Smy; A Ank-Con; A Sev-Rum;  
 F Blk S A Ank-Con; A War-Ukr; A Sil-War

TUR:RichardCarl--F Smy S F Con; F Con H; A Bul S F Con; A Rum S ITA A Gal

S.C. Count--

ENG:2centers: lon, ~~lpl~~, edi.....Rem 1

FRA:2centers: par, bre, ~~pic~~.....Rem 1

GER:9centers:3Home, den, hol, bel, mar, spa, VEN.....Bld 1

ITA:8centers: rom, nap, ~~den~~, tun, tri, vie, bud, SER, POR.....Bld 1

RUS:8centers:4Home, swe, ~~rum~~, nwy, ank, LPL.....Even

TUR:5centers: con, smy, bul, gre, ~~ser~~, RUM.....Bld 1 (imp:  
 plays 1 short)

PRESS:

MOSCOW--The Czar requested German technical assistance in eliminating the alarming spread of Mediterranean kudzu throughout the border regions of Russia. He also expressed hope that the barbaric Turks would cease relying upon this invasive ground cover in their crude attempts at land-scaping.

LIVERPOOL--Russian sailors from the Leviathan, a luxury tourist liner, celebrated their arrival in the British Isles after a long and tiring journey through the frozen northern seas.

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T9thC-9

Winter & Spring, 1904-05

GM: D. Bunke

ITA:TomFagedes--Bld F ROM  
RUS:UliBaumeister--Bld A MOS

FRA:BobKluge--A Lpl-Yor; F Eng-Nth; A Bre-Gas; A Bur H; F Mar-Lyo; F Wes-Tyn;  
F N.Af-Tun  
GER:PhilCooper--F Nth-Nwg; F Den-Swe; F Bal S F Den-Swe; A Boh-Mun; A Hol-Kie;  
A Ruh S A Boh-Mun; A Ber S A Hol-Kie  
ITA:TomFagedes--F Rom-Tyn; F Tun S F Rom-Tyn; F Ion S F Tun; F Tri-Alb;  
A Ser-Tri; A Gre-Ser; A Ven-Tyl  
RUS:UliBaumeister--F Nwy-Swe; A Fin S F Nwy-Swe; F St.P(nc)-Bar; A Mos-Lvn;  
A Vie-Boh; A Sil S A Vie-Boh; A War-Gal; F Sev S A Rum;  
A Rum S F Sev; A Bul S A Rum  
TUR:WilliamOsmanson--A Arm-Sev; F Blk S A Arm-Sev; F Con H

PRESS:

TRIESTE--The funeral for the erstwhile Emperor of Austria was held in this city today. The Emperor, it will be recalled, was accidentally shot (17 time) by the head of the Austrian secret police in a gun battle which erupted as Italian units moved in to occupy the city.

BERCHTESGADEN (overheard by a highly placed Soviet spy)--The Reds are coming! The Reds are coming!

SILESIA (G.R.E.A.T.)--Damn right they are!

Fall, 1905, due 1/17/80

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1978IF

T9thC-10

Fall, 1904

GM: K. Baumeister

FRA:RonKelly--A Tus ret Pie  
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ENG:CliffMann--A Yor-Hol; F Hel S A Yor-Hol; A Bel S A Yor-Hol; A Hol-Kie;  
F Nth C A Yor-Hol  
FRA:RonKelly--A Ruh S A Bur-Mun; A Bur-Mun; A Pie-Tus; F Tyn-Tun; F Wes  
S F Tyn-Tun  
GER:GerardVanAlkemade--A Kie-Ruh; A Mun S A Kie-Ruh; A Ber S A Mun; A Den-Kie;  
F Ska-Den; A Nwy-Swe  
ITA:GregSteward--F Tun-Ion(ret N.Af, OTB); F Nap S F Tun(imp); A Tus-Rom;  
A Ven-Rom; A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Tri; A Tri S A Bud  
RUS:WayneCallahan--F Bot-Lvn; A St,P-Mos; A War-Ukr  
TUR:DavidJoy--A Bul S A Ser; A Arm-Rum; F Blk C A Arm-Rum; A Rum-Gal;  
F Gre-Ion; F Apu S F Gre-Ion; F Aeg S F Gre-Ion; A Ser S A Arm-Rum

S.C. Count--

ENG:5centers:3Home, bel, hol.....Even  
FRA:6centers:3Home, spa, por, TUN.....Bld 1  
GER:6centers:3Home, den, swe, nwy.....Even  
ITA:6centers:3Home, tri, ~~af~~, vie, bud.....Rem 1  
RUS:3centers: mos, war, st.p.....Even  
TUR:8centers:3Home, bul, rum, gre, ser, sev.....Even

PRESS:

BERLIN--Those (if there are any) who have been wondering about the Kaiser's whereabouts lately, are referred to an explanation contained in the Russian press release in T9thC-12 (1979HC).

PLAYER'S NOTES:

Greg, you really ought to use A/F notation. Spaces themselves can't move. My kid brother, who had to GM this game, almost refused to take your orders because you had been warned once before to conform to the HRS for The Ninth Circle. So, in future, please say F Bar, A Mos, etc. (From Dave)--I am in full agreement that this is the way it should be.

Winter & Spring, 1904-05, due 1/11/80

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1979CD

T9thC-11

Fall, 1902

GM: D. Kemper

ENG--MikeMcGranaghan--F Nwy ret Nth

AUS:CivilDisorder--A Vie H; F Tri H  
 ENG:MikeMcGranaghan--F Nth-Eng; A Lon H; F Ska-Den; F Nwg-N.At  
 FRA:KenPeterson(?)--NMR! A Spa H; A Far H; A Bel H; F Eng H; F Iri H  
 GER:SteveMcLendon(?)--NMR! A Hol H; A Ruh H; A Mun H; F Den H(ret Bal, Kie, Hel, OTB)  
 ITA:RonKelly--A Tyl-Tri; A Ven S A Tyl-Tri; F Wes-Mid; F Tyn-Lyo  
 RUS:TedGreiner--F Nwy-Nwg; F Swe S ENG F Ska-Den; A St.P-Lvn; F Rum H;  
 A Bud S TUR A Ser-Tri; A Gal S F Rum  
 TUR:BobSergeant--A Smy-Gre; F Aeg C A Smy-Gre; F Eas-Ion; A Ser-Tri; A Bul-Ser

S.C. Count--

AUS:2centers: vie, ~~spa~~, tri.....Even (1 ann)  
 ENG:5centers:3Home, nwy, DEN.....Bld 1  
 FRA:5centers:3Home, spa, bel.....Even  
 GER:4centers:3Home, ~~den~~, HOL.....Even  
 ITA:4centers:3Home, tun.....Even  
 RUS:7centers:4Home, rum, swe, BUD.....Bld 1  
 TUR:6centers:3Home, bul, gre, SER.....Bld 1

PRESS:

LONDON--Corporal Flash of the Black Watch Concert Band, the lead harpist, was visiting a dance hall in Wales called Sam Frank's, when he heard the awful news of the French intrusion into the Queen's waters. He headed home as soon as was possible, but alas, he left his harp in Sam Frank's Disco! ((Groan!!--DJB))  
 LONDON to PARIS--'There must be a better way' is, I believe, an extract of sorts from Nixon's words--'But it would be wrong,' could this be a case of DippyGate?  
 ITALY to FRANCE--Don't give me that bullshit. I'm not as stupid as you look.  
 CONSTANTINOPLE--This certainly is a quiet war.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

Would John Beamer (address on p. 2) please submit stand-by orders for France? And would Cliff Mann (Attack Squad 145, AIMD w/c 690, NAS Whibey Island, Oak Harbor, WASH 98277) please do the same for Germany? Thank you.  
 Considering the relatively few changes to be handled this Winter, a separation of seasons will only be granted upon the request of a majority of the players.

Winter & Spring, 1902-03, due 1/17/80

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1979HC

T9thC-12

Spring, 1902

GM: D. Kemper

AUS:JackBrawner--A Bud S A Vie; A Ser S F Gre-Alb; F Gre-Alb; A Vie H  
 ENG:JHToland--A Wal-Pic; F Eng C A Wal-Pic; F Nwy S RUS F Bot-Swe; F Lon-Nth  
 FRA:GregPerczak--A Pic-Bel; F Bre-Eng; F For-Mid; A Spa-Gas; F Mar-Spa(sc)  
 GER:LarryBoudon--F Ber-Bal; A Mun-Sil; A Kie-Ber; F Den-Swe; A Hol S ENG A Wal-Bel(NSO)  
 ITA:FredHyatt--A Tri S A Tyl-Vie; A Tyl-Vie; A Ven S A Tri; F Nap-Ion;  
 F Tun S F Nap-Ion  
 RUS:GerardVanAlkemade--F Bot-Swe; A Lvn-Pru; A War-Sil; A Rum-Gal; F Sev-Rum  
 TUR:PaulSzauter--A Bul-Gre; F Smy-Eas; A Con-Bul; F Ank-Con

PRESS:

VIENNA--Austria for Austrians!!

THE PARASITES (LEFT BANK)--The government announced today that hot-air balloon observations have confirmed the presence of a large RAT on the eastern horizon. Spokesmen indicated that there is every chance that this one will end by eating its own tail, as do most of the genre. In the meanwhile, the West has apparently mobilized to meet this threat by running aimlessly in tight circles while praying for rain. The President was heard to remark "Spengler was right."

THE PARASITES (FOREIGN EDITION)--The foreign circulation department decries the practice of conducting negotiations by directing all diplomatic correspondence to Austria, regardless of the true destination, merely on the rationale that one who bent over so obligingly for Italian penetration will smilingly forward all messages to their intended recipient. Whitehall is alleged to have commented: "It sure does make for some interesting rumors."

BERLIN to ST. PETERSBURG--Setze mir nicht, du Grobian, mirden Krug so derb vor die nase!

BERLIN to PARIS--Liebe und Wein!

BERLIN to ROME--Lambrusco e Riunite!

BERLIN to VIENNA--Is the Danube blue?

BERLIN to LONDON--". . . and the Englishman said--we're flying over London now, someone just picked my pocket."

ST. PETERSBURG--When the Czar was gloomily staring at the most recent European Situation Map, the people around him did not hear a sound, although the Man Upstairs heard loud curses, blasphemies and other uncouth language, the likes of which have not been heard in Heaven since the death of Pope Xavier XXII.

The Czar then issued his now historic orders for a new Spring Offensive on all fronts, uttering these stout words: "We're gonna get 'em." He then took off on a short trip to attend to some worldly affairs for which the J.I. Case Company, of Racine Wis., U.S.A. pays him handsomely (at least that's what CASE thinks), and left word that all diplomatic mail received during his absence, be held for his personal attention on his return. This mail will be ceremoniously opened and read on November 20-21, so that the Czar may give proper Thanks the next day for all good news, while manfully ignoring all bad news.

ST. PETE to BERLIN--Nyet!

" to CONSTANTINOPLE--Da!

" to LONDON--Da!

" to PARIS--Huhhh?

" to ROME--Nyet.

" to VIENNA--Da! DA!! DA!!!

ANKARA--Reports of a Russian "Phanton Fleet" in the Black Sea did not disturb the Sultan. "The Czar is wise," said the Sultan, "and would not risk the loss of his numerous friends. This dire portent is a mere shadow, signifying nothing."

BULGARIA--The Sultan's Foreign Service moved south at the request of the Austrians, who highly recommend the local baklava.

FLAYER'S NOTES:

There was a typographical error last issue: Russian F Blk should have read F Sev due to the Russo-Turkish bounce in Fall, 1901. This was my fault and not Dale's.

Fall, 1902, due 1/17/80

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T9thC-M1(Machiavelli)

Fall, 1456

GM: D. Bunke

Expenditures, etc.

NAP:TomKeller--(F B.Tun ret Ioni)

FRA:TomVeal--A Swis S A Turi; A Turi S A Swis; A Savo S A Turi; A Frov-Salu; F Geno H

MIL:MikeDeMeis--DEFAULT!!! EPA Tyro H; A Mila H; A Mont H

NAP:TomKeller--DEFAULT!!! F Alb H; F Mess H; F E.Tyn H; F Ioni H; F W.Med H; F Sard H

PAP:JohnAicken--F Istr-U.Adr; F Ferr S F Istr-U.Adr; A Bolo-Mode; A Sien-Peru; A Urbi-Spol

TUR:PhilCooper--F Tuni S F B.Tun; F B.Tuni S F Tun; F W.Med-Sard(NSU); F Pale H(unordered)

VEN:PaulNoble--A Peru-Rome; A Vero-Ferr; A Aust-Tyro; A Slav-Croa; A Friu-Anco; F U.Adr T A Friu-Anco; F Dalm S F U.Adr; F V.Lag-Padu

STATUS:

FRA--All France, Savoy\*, Turin, Genoa, Saluzzo  
MIL--All Milan, Fontremoli, Mantua, Montferrat  
NAP--All Naples (except Palermo), Durazzo, Corsica, Tivoli, Sardinia, Albania  
PAF--All Papal States (except Rome, Ancona & Tivoli), All Florence, Siena, Fiombino, Istria, Ferrara  
TUR--Tunis, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Ragusa, Palermo  
VEN--All Venice (except Istria), All Austria (except Tyrolia), Trent, Carniola, Slavonia, Croatia, Rome, Ancona  
REVOLT--Pavia, Fontremoli, Mantua, Aquila, Salerno, Durazzo, Corsica  
FAMINE--Marseilles, Swiss, Piacenza, Parma, Modena, Bergamo, Verona, Vicenza, Carinthia, Hungary, Pistoia, Florence, Urbino, Spoleto, Aquila, Ragusa  
AUTO.GARRISONS--Savoy, Modena, Lucca

PRESS:

FAPACY to VENICE--Nuts.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

Both Milan and Naples have defaulted on their debts to the money lenders. The consequences have been that all of their units have been ordered to hold for this campaign season, and each of the provinces under their control have been diced for possible rebellion. The list of provinces now in revolt is noted above.  
Income for the next year has been generated and is noted below. No payments have been taken out of this figure; with the next set of orders players will have due their builds and/or removals.

Treasury: \_\_\_\_\_ ducats      Debts: \_\_\_\_\_

Builds, 1457, due 1/17/80

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T9thC-SC4(Stellar Conquest)

Turn 13

GM: J. Schnieders

- "Alien Presences Reported At . . ."
- (1) Mnuhas--0612, 0516, 1315, 0607.
  - (2) ??? --2708, 2407, 2307, 2509, 2311, 2108.
  - (3) Fan-Sentient Federation--2617, 2712, 1818, 1614, 3110, 2511, 2514.
  - (4) The Immortal Valkars--0515, 0613, 0712, 0617, 0807.

PRESS:

MNUHAS--We would like the ??? and PSF to know that the Scourge was the first to draw blood. It remains to be seen who will be the last to do so. For clarity's sake, our last proposal was that we promised 10 M Scourge population, delivered as desired, to those factions that do not interfere in the current dispute between the Scourge and ourselves.

As an update, the Scourge are hairy little beasties who resemble the tail end of some of our domestic animals. No sensory organs are visible upon first glance. They seem to gain nourishment by absorbing each others waste products. Oddly enough, once disarmed they are quite docile and after some exposure are considered kind of cute.

THE IMMORTAL VALKARS OF THE HOLY SCOURGE--Glorious tidings, oh sentient beings, for the Scourge hath converted the Mnuhas home-world, Scorpii, to the true faith. The oppressed peoples of Scorpii hath welcomed with open appendages the Scourge's Valkar Missionaries. Cringe, oh ye vile and despicable ranks of the Mnuhas military, for ye shall be purged by thine that thou hast wronged and thou shalt feel the power of the Scourge. Wouldst thou but ask for peace and the Scourge would show mercy; but continue on thine aggressive path and thou shall meet with doom and defeat!! Praise be the Scourge!!!

Turn 14 due 1/11/80

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"Alien Presences Reported At . . ."

- (1) Kaabal--0311, 0410, 1009, 0405.
- (2) A German Mug--2808, 3110, 2607, 2908, 2509, 1507, 2211.
- (3) Sandow Exploration & Development Group--2619, 2712.
- (4) The British Empire--1711, 0513, 1818, 0212, 0613, 1412.

Turn 10 due 1/11/80

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AFRICA

Nigeria (Hooton)--Has a suda, a darf, f sw.atl, f n.afr, a tuni, f se.atl;  
Bld A GHAN, A NIAM  
 South Africa (Kemper)--Has a soma, a ethi, f wio, f joha, f nami, a tanz;  
Bld F MOZA, A BOTS

ASIA

China (Rohde)--Rem F Born; Has f eio, f s.chi, a viet, a burm, a tibe,  
 a shng  
 India (Kendter,Sr)--Has a guja, f bob, a bomb, a bang, f thai(wc);  
Bld F MADR  
 Japan(Hyatt)--Has a shnt, f yel.s, f naga, f nw.pac, f toky

AUSTRALIA

Australia (P.Paulson)--Has f phil, f araf, f gab, f s.pac, f papu

EUROPE

Austria (Sulsberger)--Has f grce, a alba, a veni, a vien  
 England (Sergeant)--Has f nrth, f nwgn, f grnl, f n.atl, f denm, a holl,  
 f kiel; Bld A EDIN  
 France (Brawler)--Has f m.atl, f w.med, a belg, a burg, f urug, a pied;  
Bld F MARS  
 Germany (D'Alessandro)--Rem A Ruhr; Has a muni  
 Italy (Ledder?)--NRR! A Veni & F W.Med ret OTB; Has a trie, f tyrr  
 Russia(McFherren)--Has f ne.pac, f ber.s, a arme, a afgh, a kash, a o.mon,  
 f blk.s, a serb, a buda, a berl, a prus, f balt; Bld F KAMC, A TASH  
 Turkey (Mathias?)--NBR! Has f bulg(sc), f aege, a egypt (Plays 1 short)

NORTH AMERICA

Canada (Lipscomb)--Has f hon(ec), a ohio, a sava, f davi, f alas; Bld  
 F MONT(ec), F VANC  
 United States--Rem A Hous; Has f mexi

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina (Price)--Has f cuzc, f chil, f drak, f sant, a lapam  
 Brazil (Blevins)--Has a boli, f moa, a amaz, a mato, f guya  
 Peru (McLendon?)--NBR! Has f n.zea, f pcw, a iqui, a vene (Plays 1 short)

PRESS:

LA FAMPA--Siesta, siesta; always the damn siesta!

MUNICH--The Assembly has voted to change the name of the country from the Federal Republic of Germany to the Federal Republic of Bavaria.

ST. PETERSBURG--At the monthly press conference the Czar made these points:

1. The naval movements toward Japan are not intended as warlike movements if there is a government of Japan. Rumor has it that the country is in civil disorder however, and until the situation is clarified intervention seems prudent.
2. The Peruvian invasion of Australia was viewed with interest, and when the Czar was asked if he would send arms to the aborigenes his only remark was they wouldn't know how to use them anyway.
3. When asked what his plans are for the holidays, the Czar said he was going to pluck a Turkey for Christmas!

NEWS AGENCY SYDNEY--Australia has kept Japan, India and China busy in diplomatic and tactical maneuvers from attacking Russia in the past. However, the Russian land-grab honeymoon is over. Australia pledges defensive support to Japan, India and China in their balanced attack on Russia. Australia urges all threatened nations to join the blitz on Mr. 15 centers. Charge!

JOHANNESBURG--The U.S.A. of the P.A.U. declares all Africa and environs free of foreign invaders. Let agressors beware. The battle-hardened troops of the P.A.U. Self-Defense Forces (S.D.F.) are ominous to behold.

FROM THE NIGERIAN THRONE--We were somewhat dismayed at the apparent chauv-anism and racism evident in the recent Australian press release. We have ordered our fleet to take direct action against that country as soon as it arrives in that area. (The Indian Ocean is an expensive haul, but the Drake Passage has its price.)

FLAYER'S NOTES:

Since I had to re-type this page after reaching the decision to fold the magazine, it would seem to me to be a rather pointless exercise to go through the list of all the stand-bys being called up to fill positions in this game--most especially so since it seems unlikely that any other gamemaster will pick up this game. However, if anyone does decide to continue on with the game, I will be sure to forward the list of those who graciously volunteered to stand-by.

One thing I would like to point out about this game is that basically the entire purpose behind it was to allow Bob the opportunity of working out some of the bugs in the system and the map. It has certainly accomplished that with flying colors--World War III(b) is now out, and I for one think it is a much better version of the original idea. Both Bob and I thank all of you who participated in this endeavor.

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first place, will not receive a refund. Games receiving a full refund will be the last two Stellar Conquest games, both Machiavelli games, the A Mighty Fortress game, and the newer arrivals to En Garde!. (I'll get in touch with Gene to see if he wishes to continue the En Garde! game on his own, but since he does not have access to reproduction facilities, I doubt if he will want to. Besides, hardly anyone sent in moves this time, so I suppose interest was waning anyway.)

- 3) Refunding of subscription money will be made at the rate at which you paid for the subscription--some subscribers still have issues left from the time when we were charging only 20¢ per issue! I will spend what money we have remaining as far as it will go, but since we have always operated at a loss I cannot in all honesty guarantee completely full refunds of sub money. Nothing, however, will be kept back--all the money we have left will be returned.
- 4) Of course, it goes without saying that you may ignore all deadlines listed within the body of the magazine. (These have been changed twice already, and even now do not reflect a decent amount of time between publication and what would have been our next issue!)
- 5) Since it is extremely unlikely that any of the Stellar Conquest games will be continued, I think its time to reveal just who it was behind some of those nefarious races (and press writers!). SC1: (1) Vincent Lieu, (2) Floyd Lightsey, (3) Jim Schnieders, (4) Jim McCormick. SC2: (1) Jim Schnieders, (2) Eugene Faulson, (3) Steven Blohm, (4) Peter Manis. SC3: (1) David Knepper (2) David Bunke--The Boon-phards!!!! (3) Phil Cooper, (4) Vincent Lieu. SC4: (1) John Aicken, (2) Phil Cooper, (3) Mike Striley, (4) Paul Noble--The Scourge!!!! SC5: (1) Paul Blevins, (2) M.J. Mishcon, (3) Floyd Lightsey, (4) Steven Blohm.
- 6) Before taking my leave, I would just like to say what a great group of people you have been. With the exception of one or two real stinkers, you have all been very cooperative and supportive of this organization over the last two and a half years, and I have appreciated it more than I can say. Through thick and thin it's been a lot of fun, and I have enjoyed virtually every minute of it. We wish all of you every possible happiness and all the best for the future.
- 7) Take care and good-bye!

Terry & Pat,

It's been a pleasure and a  
lot of fun. I hope we  
meet again!

Sincerely,

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