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## CHRISTMAS ISSUE

For to us a child is born,  
to us a child is given;  
and the government will be upon his  
shoulder,  
and his name will be called  
"Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Of the increase of his government and of  
peace  
there will be no end,  
upon the throne of David, and over his  
kingdom,  
to establish it, and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and for evermore.

Isaiah 9: 6-7

The ARMAGEDDONIA staff extends to all our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This larger-than-normal issue is our Holiday gift to our readers.

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ARMA-1

Fall 1904

ROMANOV GRAND DUCHY OF WARSAW COLLAPSES! ANARCHY CONTINUES IN  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC! AUSTRIA AT WAR WITH ENGLAND! ITALY IS AUSTRIAN!

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE (Reinsel): A Ukraina-Sevastopol; A Rumania (S)  
A Ukraina-Sevastopol; A Serbia (S) A Rumania; A Vienna-Bohemia;  
A Trieste (S) A Serbia; A Venice-Tyrolia; A Roma (S) F Apulia-Naples;  
F Apulia-Naples.

BRITISH EMPIRE (Dygert): A Denmark-Livonia; F Norway-Norwegian Sea;  
A Moscow-Warsaw; F English Channel (C) A Wales-Brest; A Wales-Brest;  
F Picardy (S) A Wales-Brest; F North Sea-Norway.

REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE (Curtiss): NO ORDERS (ENCORE). A Burgundy,  
A Paris, A Gascony, and F Marseilles stand.

"GERMANY" (Johnson): A Sweden-Denmark; F Baltic Sea (C) ENGLISH  
A Denmark-Livonia; A Ruhr-Holland.

HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE (Tzudiker): A Munich (S) A Kiel; A Berlin (S)  
A Kiel; A Kiel (S) A Munich; F Mid Atlantic Ocean-Portugal;  
F Naples holds (Ho Ho). ((That's what it says here.))

GRAND DUCHY OF WARSAW (von Metzke): CIVIL GOVT REMAINS IN COLLAPSE.  
A Silesia stands. ((Off the board.))

OTTOMAN EMPIRE (Brannan): A Bulgaria-Rumania; A Greece-Serbia;  
A Sevastopol (S) A Bulgaria-Rumania; F Aegean Sea-Ionian Sea;  
F Albania (S) F Aegean Sea-Ionian Sea.

All right! Underlined moves fail. The Italian F Naples is dislodged  
and must retreat.

Supply Center Count:

AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ven, Rome, Nap, Ser, Rum (8) No build.  
ENGLAND: Edin, Lon, Liv, Nor, Mos, St Pet, War, Br, Bel (9) Builds 2.  
FRANCE: Par, Mar, Sp (3) Must remove one.  
GERMANY: Hol, Den, Swe (3) No build.  
ITALY: Ber, Kie, Mun, Tun, Por (5) No build.  
RUSSIA: O Must remove one.  
TURKEY: Con, Ank, Smy, Gr, Bul, Sev. (6) Builds one.

Winter 1904

The Italian Fleet dislodged from Naples retreats to the Tyrrhenian Sea.

ENGLAND: Build A London & A Edinburgh. RUSSIA: A Silesia is  
FRANCE: Gamesmaster removes A Burgundy. removed and Russia is O-U-T.  
TURKEY: Build A Constantinople.

How about that! We knocked off two seasons in one issue! This was  
made possible by the fact that Roland Tzudiker submitted a conditional  
retreat for the F Naples, that Dygert and Brannan gave their builds  
by phone, and that Mr. Curtiss refuses to submit any further moves,  
so I feel perfectly justified in making the removal. cmt

Spring 1905 moves will be due on or before THURSDAY 5 JANUARY ~~1905~~, 1967  
c/o C. Turner, 843 Santa Fe, Albany, California 94706. Due to  
the slowness of the Holiday mails, this is a three-week deadline.

ARMA-1 cont.

VIENNA: A state of war apparently exists between England and Austria! Long Live King Charles! Emperor of Austria-Hungary and Italy.

LONDON: To King Charles--We shall rub your bloody puss clean across the Balkans. Furthermore, because we feel that Austria's aggressions are due to a "Jewish" conspiracy ((retch. ed.)) we shall have to liquidate the entire Empire of Austria-Hungary. That's right, King Chuck, we Celts and Saxons are going to kick the \_\_\_\_\_ ((deleted, ed.)) out of every last ruddy army and fleet you claim to possess. What provinces the Turks don't have under their suzerainty, we will award to the Italians--to rip up at their pleasure. HA! OK!!! ((Is everyone as ill as I am? cmt))

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ARMA-2

Summer 1902

The English F Norway retreated to the Skagerrak. ((First British naval defeat in one hundred years.)) The Turkish F Black Sea retreated to Constantinople.

Fall 1902 Manoeuvres

AUSTRIA (Fletcher): A Vienna-Galicia; A Bulgaria-Rumania; A Serbia (S) A Bulgaria-Rumania; A Budapest (S) A Bulgaria-Rumania; F Albania-Greece.

ENGLAND (Powlesland & Maddux): A Yorkshire practices raping and pillaging ((stands)); F Edinburgh-Norwegian Sea; F Skagerrak-Norway; F Helgoland Bight-Kiel.

FRANCE (Nelson): A Ruhr-Munich; A Burgundy (S) A Ruhr-Munich; A Holland (S) ENGLISH F Helgoland Bight-Holland ((sic)); A Picardy (S) A Belgium; F Portugal stands.

GERMANY (Celestre): NO ORDERS RECEIVED. A Kiel, A Holland, and F Denmark stand. A Munich is dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Brannan): A Tyrolia-Munich; A Tunis-Syria; F Ionian Sea & F Eastern Mediterranean Sea (C) A Tunis-Syria.

RUSSIA (Johnson): F Norway stands; A Ukraina-Galicia; F Black Sea ((S) F Sevastopol; F Sevastopol stands; F Sweden stands; A Finland stands.

TURKEY (Alexander): A Rumania-Sevastopol; A Armenia (S) A Rumania-Sevastopol; F Constantinople-Smyrna; ~~A~~ Aegean Sea-Bulgaria (sc).

Underlined moves fail. The German A Munich and the Turkish A Rumania are annihilated. Winter builds are due on or before THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 1967, c/o J.J. Dygert, 2090 Blackwood Drive, Walnut Creek, California 94596. For supply center count, see next page. (The three-week deadline is due to the slowness of the Holiday mails.)

AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Rum, Gre (6) Build one.  
 ENGLAND: Edi, Lon, Liv (3) Must remove one.  
 FRANCE: Par, Mar, Bre, Spa, Por, Bel, Mun (7) Build two.  
 GERMANY: Hol, Kie, Den, Ber (4) Builds one.  
 ITALY: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun (4) No build.  
 RUSSIA: Nor, Swe, St Pet, War, Mos, Sev (6) No build.  
 TURKEY: Ank, Smy, Con, Bul (4) Remains stable. Build 1

ROME: "So I make a jest of Wonder, and a mock of Time and Space,  
 The roofless Seas an hostel, and the Earth a market-place,  
 Where the anxious traders know each is surety for his foe,  
 And none may thrive without his fellows' grace.

-----Kipling

LONDON: Due to fire (would you believe incompetence?) the European  
 Concertmaster has lost that scrap of paper PM Maddux wished broadcast  
 to the world. It was a lie anyway. Rruff.

MT. OLYMPUS: Looking down from his Olympian Heights, the European  
 Concertmaster looked down upon the world...Just about then, he  
 slipped upon a banana peel and fell and loosed a lightning  
 bolt which consumed all the press releases. ((Would you believe  
 he dumped them in the incinerator?--cmt))

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ARMA-3

Fall 1901

ITALIANS SEIZE TRIESTE!!! ENGLISH SEIZE CHANNEL! HEAVY FIGHTING!

SEATTLE

AUSTRIA (Beyerlein): A Tyrolia-Munich; A Trieste-Serbia;  
 F Albania-Greece.

FRANCE (Shagrin): A Paris-Burgundy; A Marseilles-Spain;  
 F Brest-Mid Atlantic.

\*RUSSIA (Long): A Warsaw-Silesia; A St Petersburg-Norway;  
F Gulf of Bothnia-Sweden; F Rumania holds.

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\*ENGLAND (Dygert): F London-English Channel; F North Sea (C)  
 A Yorkshire-Belgium; A Yorkshire-Belgium.

GERMANY (Johnson): A Munich-Burgundy; A Berlin-Silesia; F Denmark-Sweden.

ITALY (Bailey): A Venice-Trieste; A Rome-Venice; F Ionian-Tuhis.

Underlined moves fail. There are no retreats. Russia and  
 Italy (!) may each build two. Austria, France, Germany, and  
 England may each build one. The Winter 1901 builds will be due  
 on or before THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 1967 c/o C. Turner, 843 Santa Fe,  
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ARMA-3 cont.

FIUME (formerly Rijeka): Notice what success can result when André Borkovich Swensonov--alias Baron Münchhausen--is not present and in charge of muffing the mail. Prince Picci Pussyfoot of San Marino, alias Avaricious XIII, Emperor of France.

PLYMOUTH: Bully for the Lobsters.

BERLIN: Sieg Heil to me too.

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ARMA-4

OMNIBUS

Spring 1914

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Walker): F Trieste-Venice; A FIUME Slavonia;  
A Budapest-Cracow; A Cracow-Prague; A Prague-Munich;  
A Vienna-Salzburg; A Debrecen-Rumania.

ENGLAND (Alexander): F Glasgow-North Atlantic Ocean; F Edinburgh-Norwegian Sea; F London-North Sea; F Liverpool-Irish Sea; F Gibraltar-Andalusia (wc); A Cairo-Suez; A Birmingham-London; A Dublin-Serbia ((sic)).

FRANCE (Powlesland): A Bordeaux-Pyrenees; F Brest-Bay of Biscay; A Paris-Picardy; A Orleans-Champagne; A Besancon-Lorraine; A Lyon-Burgundy; A Nantes to Orleans; F Marseilles-Hell ((sic)).

GERMANY (Celestre): F Kiel-Denmark; F Hamburg-Helgoland Bight; A Saarbrucken-Alsace; A Cologne-Belgium; A Munich stands; A Leipzig (S) A Berlin-Silesia; A Berlin-Silesia; A Danzig-Warsaw; A Hannover-Westphalia; A Frankfurt-Cologne; A Metz (S) A Saar-Alsace.

ITALY (Long): A Genoa holds; A Milan-Lombardy; A Bologna-Venice; A Rome-Tuscany; A Rome-Tuscany; F Venice-Adriatic; F Naples-Tyrrhenian Sea.

RUSSIA (Carrilloo): A Warsaw-Danzig; A Minsk-Grodno; A Kiev-Bessarabia; F Odessa-Black Sea; A Rostov-Astrakhan; A Astrakhan-Caucasus; A Archangel-Norway; A Perm-Vologda; A Moscow-Smolensk; A Riga-Vilna; F St Petersburg-Helsingfors; A Smolensk-Minsk.

TURKEY (Schow): A Damascus-Armenia; A Constantinopole-Bulgaria; A Smyrna-Aegean Sea (sic); F Trebizond-Black Sea.

Underlined moves fail. There are no retreats. The Fall 1914 moves will be due on or before THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 1967 c/o J.J. Dygert, 2090 Blackwood Drive, Walnut Creek, California 94596.

PRESS RELEASES:

KARPATHEGELY (formerly Wien) (23 February 1914): Standing amidst the ruins of the former capital of the former Sustrian Empire, the leader of the victorious Hungarian army, Zoltan Karpathy, today proclaimed himself Zoltán II, Emperor of Hungary. His Most Magyar and Imperial Majesty, a former English instructor at the University of Budapest, has led the Hungarian Revolution to victory after victory over the decadent Hapsburgs, culminating this month in the

Battle of Linz and the Siege and Burning of Wien (now renamed Karpáthvély). His Majesty also vowed continuous and unrelenting war against the hated Teutons. At this writing, the whereabouts of former Emperor Franz-Josef are unknown, and it is feared that he perished with the Imperial family during the burning of Schonbrunn Palace. Of all the city, only St. Stephen's Cathedral and a few other historical landmarks were preserved.

BUDAPEST (12 March 1914): At a grand coronation ball this evening, His Imperial and Most Magyar Majesty Zoltán II celebrated his ascension to the Hungarian throne. Considerably in evidence was His Majesty's Empress, Lucrezia. Her Majesty, nee Lucrezia Bordscha of the noble Italian family, is the daughter of His Holiness, Pope Innocent XIV. Her Majesty granted an interview to several reporters. In part, she said: "We are most happy for the great victory gained by Our husband the Emperor over the hated Germans. Although We now hope for peace with all of Europe, it may be that war will still cloud the bright horizon of the Hungarian people. Our brother, Caesare Bordscha, Prince of Transylvania, has taken command of the army and is ready to meet any threat." Her Majesty also went about the happy crowds offering some of her specially made cocktails, but there appeared to be no takers.

BUCHAREST (15 April 1914): His Highness, Caesare Bordscha, Prince of Transylvania, today led the Austrian Army Awfully Array'd into the former capital of Rumania. In a speech to the assembled crowd, His Highness stressed that Austrian action was undertaken to prevent imminent capture of the country by the heathen Turks, who already had sent great military forces into the Balkans. He also exhorted the people against the evils of hoarding money and useless valuables, and expressed the hope that it would not be necessary forcibly to save them from this sin. His Highness then retired to a private interview with a local Russian noblewoman, Countess Gotta Givinsky, who reputedly was a personal emissary of the Tsarina of Russia. Meanwhile, His Highness' aide, Count Ritorna Vincitore, took control of the Rumanian Royal Treasury in the name of the Hungarian Crown.

BUDAPEST (21 April 1914): Her Majesty the Empress Lucrezia today gave out the following press release: "To whom it may concern: And lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world!"

GENEVA: King James III, on tour here today, exclaimed: "Hark! I here the trump of doom!" Braazi!

BUDAPEST (3 May 1914): Hi, Italy! Wanna play?

BERN (Swiss Confederation): Emperor Franz-Josef and His Royal train today took up residence here. As the Austrian head-of-state, he proclaimed, "Our brother the Kaiser shall help us have revenge upon those uppity Magyar barbarians!" He also stated, "My biggest mistake was sharing my bed with that \_\_\_\_\_ Lucrezia. I haven't been---er---myself ever since." Franz was last seen piloting a dirigible airfleet toward Salona.

VERSAILLES: Defense Minister Mydarlin Clementine took a much needed vacation today after suffering severe writer cramp from drafting the last set of Orders. He stated that he had presented the Premier with an ultimatum, in which he demanded a raise in pay, or else he'll move to Turkey, where the work load on the Defense Ministry was much more equitable.

VERDUN: Sources in the Defense Ministry reported that operations were being undertaken to repel an expected invasion by the German hoardes, shortly. These operations, it was reported, are preparing to move into high hear, at the first sign of aggression.

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ARMA-5

1900

"And there will be wars and rumors of wars..."

The following persons will kindly attempt to negotiate a general disarmament treaty...

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FRANCE: Charles P. Alexander, 714 E. University #1, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

GERMANY: Lawrence Peery, 5834 Estelle Street, San Diego, Calif. 92115

ITALY: Anders B. Swenson, 145 Ponderosa Lane, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94598

RUSSIA: Paul Leitch, Humphrey 31, Harvard University, Graduate School of Business Administration, Soldiers Field, Boston 63, Mass. ((Paul--we must have your ZIP Code.))

TURKEY: Stephen Willard, 2095 Stillman Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

The Deadline for Spring 1901 moves will be on or before THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 1966 c/o J.J. Dygert, 2090 Elackwood Drive, Walnut Creek, California 94596. This is not a postmark deadline. All moves must be received by the 5th.

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The Seattle vs. LTA Team game has been redesignated ARMA-3, the OMNIBUS game ARMA-4, and the new regular game ARMA-5 (instead of ARMA-3, as previously planned).

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"How can one avoid war when the other side wants it?"

Emperor Franz Josef  
in 1866

"One must always be one of three on the European chessboard..."

Bismark

## ARMAGEDDONIA RULES FOR THE PLAYING OF POSTAL DIPLOMACY

1. Except as noted and/or interpreted below, the rules of Diplomacy as published by Games Research Inc. will be observed.
2. All moves must be received on or before the listed deadline. Moves by US Mail, Pony Express, carrier pigeon, telephone, telegraph, smoke signal, etc. are excepted. The gamesmaster is not responsible for being near the telephone come deadline, however, and any communications foul-ups in phoned orders cannot be rectified.
3. A precedent set in a game shall be followed throughout that game.
4. All orders must be signed and must indicate country and game.
5. The latest set of orders on hand shall be used.
6. The first player to hold a majority of the units on the board shall be declared the winner.
7. Decisions of the gamesmaster will be final except in instances when he has mistakenly ruled in violation of a standing rule. All appeals must be made within two weeks of the alleged violation.
8. Countries are not assigned by lot. Assignment is made on the basis of these criteria:
  - a) stated country preferences submitted by the players;
  - b) geographical distribution: people from the same area will not be given countries which can effectively act in concert in the early stages of the game;
  - c) superior players will also be separated.
9. Once assignment is made, no exchange is permitted.
10. No more than two people from one geographical area will be accepted in the same game. (This rule will be bent if two or more of the people in question are known to hate each other!)
11. Press releases are encouraged. The editor reserves the right to edit, condense and/or delete material in the interest of space and/or good taste (whatever that is).
12. Players, having paid money for the right to play their countries, shall be permitted to play them as they please. This means that they may choose to let them go down the tubes by not submitting any moves! Therefore, players will not be replaced unless:
  - a) they give notice of resignation,
  - b) they haven't paid their gamefee, or
  - c) they miss the Spring 1901 move.
13. The gamesmasters reserve the right to have a neutral, anonymous third party submit moves for a country if, in the early stages of the game, they feel this to be in the best interest of the game.
14. Mechanics of order writing: Players are encouraged to double-check orders before stuffing them in the envelope. We try to be lenient about miswritten orders, but the following will be



interpreted as "stand" orders:

- a) confusing an army for a fleet or vice-versa,
- b) naming the wrong province a unit is in;
- c) ordering a unit to a province which it is physically impossible to move to,
- d) not naming the coast a fleet is ordered to (if there is more than one possibility).

The following abbreviations are employed:

- A) "-" indicates "attack" or "move to"
- b) "(C)" indicates "convoy"
- c) "(S)" indicates "support."

Players may employ abbreviations in writing orders but are encouraged not to do so. Incomprehensible or illegible orders are interpreted as stand orders.

15. Players may submit propaganda purporting to come from another country so long as it does not purport to indicate that government's foreign policy.

16. We reserve the right to call for conditional orders when the alternatives are few and simple (e.g. orders conditional on the direction of a retreat).

17. Attempted deception of the gamesmaster shall result in one's being immediately dropped from all ARMA games.

18. Orders may be conditional on gamesmasterial rule interpretation.

19. The Koning's Rule is observed. The rule stating that "if two units are ordered to the same space, neither may move" is set aside when one of the units attempting to enter a province is routed by a unit coming from that province. The attack of the routed unit does not prevent another unit from entering the province it attacked.

Example: FRANCE: A Bur-Ruhr; A Bel (S) A Bur-Ruhr, A Mar-Bur.  
GERMANY: A Ruhr-Bur (Routed--does not stop A Mar-Bur).

20. Well's Extension of the Koning's Rule is followed.

Example: RUSSIA: A Rum-Bul, F Bl (S) A Rum-Bul.

TURKEY: A Bul-Rum, A Ser & A Bud (S) A Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul.

Even though the Russian A Rumania was supported into Bulgaria, the unsupported Turkish move to Bulgaria succeeds.

21. Two units both ordered to retreat to the same province are annihilated. If two units both must retreat, and the same province is the only one either of them has available for retreat, it is possible that one of the units will not be ordered to retreat, so the gamemaster will not automatically remove both from play.

22. Support by fleets in split provinces: A unit in Gascony may support a fleet in Spain (s.c.) or may support a fleet attacking Spain (s.c.), since the rules state that a unit may support a unit in a province it is able to move to. Since a fleet in Spain (s.c.) controls the entire province, the support is legal. A fleet in Spain (s.c.) may not support a unit in Gascony, however. This

principal applies in all similar situations involving Bulgaria and St. Petersburg.

23) The Brannan Rule of Convoys is not followed. The Brannan Rule states that a convoyed attack is treated as though the attack comes from the last fleet in the convoy chain. In ARMAGEDDONIA:  
a) An exchange of positions when one of the units is convoyed is not allowed. Example: if Germany orders A Hol-Bel and England orders A Bel-Hol via North Sea convoy, a stand-off results.  
b) A convoyed army may, according to literal interpretation of the rules, cut support given by the attacked piece for an attack on the last convoying fleet. Example:

AUSTRIA: F Adriatic-Ionian; F Greece (S) F Adriatic-Ionian.

ITALY: A Naples-Greece (cuts the support); F Ion (C) A Nap-Greece.

24) When a unit is attacked from two sides by equally supported forces, a stand-off results. The poor little unit in the middle is not destroyed, because the only way a piece may be annihilated is if it is dislodged with no place to retreat to.

25) The Coastal Crawl. See Editorial.

26) The Changing of the Guard is illegal. For example, the move F Mar-Pie and A Pie-Mar is not permitted.

27) Support of the original position of a unit ordered to move fails, even if the ordered move fails. Thus, if A St Pet is unsuccessfully ordered to move, an attempted support from A Mos is not allowed.

28) Support may never be convoyed.

29) "Cutting one's own throat" is not allowed. A German unit may not cut the support of a German unit.

30) Chalker's Rule is not observed.

31) Ownership of a supply center changes hands only when a unit of another power occupies it at the end of a full turn.

32) Neither the Swenson Rule nor Turner's Extension of the Swenson Rule are observed.

33) The cutting of the cutting of support is not allowed.

34) Armies may be convoyed to contiguous provinces so long as no exchange of positions results thereby (see 23-a). Such convoyed attacks are interpreted as coming from the province of origin. Thus, A Holland-Belgium via North Sea convoy does not cut Belgium's support for an attack on Holland as it would under the Brannan Rule.

35) When no orders are received for a country, civil government is said to have collapsed for that turn. If, during this time, a unit of the country is question is dislodged, the dislodged unit is not retreated, but is annihilated instead.

36) When a country must remove one or more units, and the player for that country submits no removal orders, the gamemaster shall remove those units, which, in his opinion, it will do the least harm to remove, even if said removal is contrary to the priority established in the rules.

38) No retreat via convoy is allowed.

39) Boardman's Dilemma:

RUSSIA: A Prussia-Berlin; A Silesia (S) A Prussia-Berlin.

GERMANY: A Berlin-Silesia; A Munich (S) A Berlin-Silesia; A Kiel-Berlin.

The German attack from Berlin does not cut Silesia's support for Prussia's attack on Berlin, even though Silesia is forced to retreat. This problem was discussed in ARMA #'s 3 and 4. Further discussion may also be found in Brobdingnag #49. With apologies to John McCallum, we may state the principal thus: If a force is dislodged by an attack, not from the side but frontally (i.e., from the space into which it is supporting), its support remains good.

In compiling the above set of rules, I am indebted to the many fine discussions which have appeared in other journals. My thanks to Jack Chalker, John Boardman, Charles Reinsel, Rod Walker, etc., and especially to John Koning and John McCallum. As always, reader response is solicited. cmt.

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"Live and Learn"



"...But Conrad promised not to attack me!!!"

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LETTERS ABOUT THE CELESTRE QUESTION IN ANMA-2:

KEN FLETCHER (AUSTRIA): On the decision for the German Fall 1901 moves: let it stand as is. (Sorry Mike, but that's the way the rules read.)

DEREK NELSON (France): I vote NO to Celestre's preference, matters of self-interest aside.

His reasoning is invalid. As one who likes to play the game as realistically as possible, I feel the present rulings are both proper and reasonable. A convoying fleet attacked from the side does not turn to face its attacker, though this is, admittedly, only an implicit ruling. This is the function of a fleet, for while it engages the enemy the convoy vessels themselves get through. If attacked by twice as many enemy fleets as are escorting, the convoy does not get through. What could be simpler than that?

Celestre presumes the fleet to be both convoy and escort, in actual fact the army moving is the convoy proper, and the fleet the escort. (Yeah, I see the objection to this line of reasoning. Why then can't an army move on its own, across water? However...)

All right. This question is now closed; the original ruling stands. Powlesland, Johnson, and Brannan all voted to keep the ruling as stated. Vote: 5-1-1. Brannan (publisher of Wild 'n Woolly and Kalmar) wrote a letter which we shall not print condemning the fact that Celestre presumed to even question the ruling. On our side, we feel that it was a simple misunderstanding, and we hope that things will now continue with no hard feelings. Mike, we hope that you now see that the ruling was in accordance with the rules as everyone else interprets them, and that Dygert's ruling was not based on mere prejudice. cmt

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ROLAND TZUDIKER writes:

What do you think of my press releases? All other gamesmasters say things like (sic) or (heave) ((I believe von Metzke's phrase was 'retch.')) etc.

((While others--Mr. Bailey in particular--seem to react rather violently to the E. Barbara Phillip press releases, I find them rather funny...The only releases I ever comment on are those atrocities written by Mr. Super-ego himself: Dygert! cmt))

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"...One never tries to avoid one difficulty without running into another, but prudence consists in being able to know the nature of the difficulties, and taking the least harmful as good."

Machiavelli

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EDITORIAL: THE COASTAL CRAWL

John A. McCallum brought up this problem in Brobdingnag: is the  
move of F Spain (s.c.)-Portugal and F Portugal-Spain (n.c.) legal?  
The trouble is that the rules state that two units may not exchange  
"spaces." If the word were "provinces" instead of "spaces," clearly  
the move would be illegal. But the word is "spaces," which is

undefined.

It would seem that the greatest arguments against the Coastal Crawl are as follows:

- 1) The word "space" must be interpreted as meaning "province" because
- 2) In regards support into split provinces, a province is treated as a whole, regardless of coast.
- 3) The rules state that a fleet in one coast of a province occupies the entire province.

The arguments in favor of allowing the Coastal Crawl are:

- 1) If space means "province" why wasn't the word "province" used?
- 2) Calhamer states he would rule the C.C. legal.
- 3) The Coastal Crawl is realistic.
- 4) Most other gamesmasters allow it.

ARMAGEDDONIA will allow the Coastal Crawl, mainly for reasons #1 and #4.

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