

BARAD-DUR 17

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WELLS WINS!

Charles Wells takes me to task for subverting the rules in mid-stream, and he is correct. Thus, I will make a revision in the "how to win the game" directions listed last time -- not because the rules say so (they do) but because I think it's reasonable.

The first player to get a majority of all of the units (not just centers) on the board at the completion of a fall move (or, if you prefer, at the start of winter -- i.e. after acknowledged winter builds) will win the game. 18 will, of course, win the game. But if, through play, say, two centers are unowned and one player has 17 units, player B 9 units, and player C 6 units (total in opposition: 15) player A, with 17, would win. Indeed, here 16 units would win.

Why do I insist on it being units and not centers? Because in many cases a nation may have 17 or 18 or even 19 centers, but not be able to build through needed home defense of his home supply centers. I was once in this position, being Austria with 19 and Jerry Jacks being Germany with 15 centers -- but I only had 15 units on the board. His armies in Galicia, Venioa, and the Tyrol made me have to keep all 3 home centers occupied. So, he was gradually able to out-maneuver me in France and knock some pieces out -- to win the game on unit count! I have since always demanded a unit plurality, and will continue to do so.

PAGE LIMITATIONS

I think that BARAD-DUR can and should be kept to 4 pages whenever possible, even if this means cutting propaganda. I probably, though, won't be able to do it in 4 this time. If this means crowding or omissions, I'm sorry. So, this time only I'm going to try an abbreviated moves system to see if I can shorten the space required for moves, have more room for propaganda and miscellany, etc. If you don't mind it, we'll keep it. If you're spastic, yell.

GAME FEES AND BACK ISSUES

As Diplomacy chief for the Games Bureau I technically set Diplomacy policy in the GB family, including fees. However, I am going to free, on request, GB gamesmasters from a system of uniform fees. I request only that you all keep the replay fee at a constant amount -- I suggest \$1.50 or \$2.00, no more (we'll give it exactly next time). As for initial fees, I favor the \$5.00 game, as does Jacks, since it comes close to paying costs allowing for the reduced fees from replays (remember, your replay right is good in all 3 Postal 'zines carrying GB numbered games, and does not expire as long as you are or were in at least 1 game running in a GB magazine). Ron Bounds favors \$4.00, and I say that's fine -- it's his money. O.K., Ron? ON BACK ISSUES, I have only a few of #s 11-16; these are 10¢ each -- order by number. Ron has 1-10 in wee amounts and (NEXT PAGE)

may be out of a couple of those. They are 5/\$1.00 while they last. His back-issue ORTHANC rate may also be different. However, if we get a buck, this will be current issues (present & 9 future ones) only; if you want back issues, specify.

GB-1965-B
SPRING, 1906
MOVE ORDERS



MOVES IN UPPER CASE SUCCEED
Moves in lower case fail

ENGLAND: F SKAG-NORWAY
F NORWEGIAN (S)
SKAG-NORWAY
A NORWAY-YORKSHIRE
F NORTH SEA (C) A
NORWAY-YORKS.

FRANCE: A PARIS (S) A
BREST-PICARDY
A BREST-PICARDY

ITALY: F MID-ATL-IRISH SEA
F PORT-MID-ATLANTIC
A SPAIN-GASCONY
A MARS (S) SPAIN-GASC
A PEEDMONT STANDS
a venice-tyrolia
F TYRRHENIAN STANDS

GERMANY: A PIC-BURGUNDY
A BELG (S) PIC-BURG
A RHUR (S) MUNICH
a mun (s) A PIC-
BURG.
A BERLN(S) MUNICH
F DEN-KIEL
F SWE-DENMARK

AUSTRIA: A LIMONIA-PRUSSIA
A WARSAW (S) LIV-PRUS.
A SILESIA (S) tyrol-mun.
A BOHEMIA (S) tyrol-mun.
a tyrolia to munich
F IONIAN SEA STANDS

TURKEY: A CONST STANDS
A ANKARA-ARMENIA
A ST PETE STANDS
A MOSC-LIVONIA
A BULGARIA STANDS
F AECEAN STANDS
F RUMAN-BLACK S.
F WEST.MED STANDS

There are no retreats. Attention shifts from the south now to France and England. FALL, 1906 MOVE ORDERS ARE DUE IN BY 6 PM SATURDAY APRIL 9, 1966!

PROPAGANDA

News Release: Herr Von Reinsel today announced that Germany declares war on Austria-Hungary because of her unprovoked attack on Silesia.

ENGLAND! FEAR NAUGHT!

A series of foundation factories (First, Empire, and Second) have been built in the Brest area, to uplift and support the sagging economy there. /the GM notes that this propaganda came in on the back of Ford Motor Company stationary. Holy Asimov! Not the First, Empire, and Second Ford Foundations! jlc/

ANKARA: The Turkish forces are finally getting hold of themselves!

Sorry for the abbreviated form; I'll use it only when necessary, since I prefer the itemized kind I've been using -- easy to read and keep track of. Still, with the necessary news on p. 1 I would not have been able to fit B on 1 page even with the sparse propaganda (thank heaven) this time if I'd used the old system. This way there's space left over....JLC

GB-1965-0
Spring, 1905
Move orders

UPPER CASE MOVES SUCCEED
lower case moves fail
decrease the surplus
population.....

GERMANY: f baltic-gulf of bothnia

RUSSIA: A WARSAW-SILESIA
A PRUSSIA-BERLIN
f swe-g of bothnia
A BOH (S) GAL-VIENNA
A BUD (S) TURK SERB-TRIES.
A GALICIA-VIENNA
F SEVASTOPOL STANDS

TURKEY: A SERBIA-TRIESTE
f adriatic-venice
F AEGEAN-GREECE
A BULG (S) F AEG-GREECE
F SMYRNA TO AEGEAN SEA

ITALY: a rome-tuscany
a ven (s) ro-tusc.
F NAPLES-TYRRHENIAN

FRANCE: A PICARDY-BREST
A BURG-MUNICH
A MUNICH STANDS
A PIED (S) F TUSC.
F TUSCANY STANDS
F MID-ATL STANDS
F TUNIS-WES. MED.

AUSTRIA: a trieste-venice
A VIENNA-TYROLIA
F IONIAN-EAST. MED.

ENGLAND: A BELG-PICARDY
a kiel-munich
A LONDON-HOLLAND
F NORTH (C) LON-HOL
f helg.b-kiel
F DEN.(S) f h.b.-kiel
f Eng.ch.-mid-atlantic
f liv (s) naples-tyrr.

I've seen a lot of moves in my time but F Liverpool (s) F Naples-Tyrrhenian takes them all. Is this a case of believing your own propaganda? Man, they're playing them to the hilt these days.... Austrian A Trieste is doslogged, and Jacks tells me his retreat is ARMY TRIESTE TO ALBANIA, which takes care of the summer. I apologize for short-form; hope you have no trouble with it. DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1905 MOVE ORDERS IS SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 6PM (EST)

PROPAGANDA: *The Colisseum Restaurant was reopened today, with French food as the first meal (for the lions, of course).

*Admiral Salmon P. Hake, commander of the Liverpool fleet, told a news conference today:

"There are too many fuzzy-minded civilians [CENSORED] in the War Office. Those [CENSORED] fellows are simply [CENSORED] incapable of reading their [CENSORED] maps." When asked if he objected to our support of our Italian allies, he replied: "Yes I do. Especially when our fleet could equally as well have moved to support Gen. Kitchner into Munich, or Adm. Yamamoto to the Mid-Atlantic." The War Office in turn censured Admiral Hake for second guessing on military strategy. "These barnacle minded admirals learn to drive a boat and they think they can run a war," a spokesman for the War Office said. "Well they can't, see?"

*GM NOTE: The [CENSORED] CENSOREDs above are England's, not mine.

*BERLIN. The Director of Germany announced today that he is sailing north this spring, in order to re-open "the northern route to America," which he is sure is being kept a secret by the Russians. The Vice-Director flatly stated that the Director was being confined to his room "for his own safety."

GB-1966-E
SPRING, 1902
MOVE ORDERS



UPPER CASE MOVES SUCCEED
lower case moves fail
it's your war....

AUSTRIA: A VIENNA-BOHEMIA
A GALICIA-SILESIA
A TRIESTE STANDS
F GREECE-IONIAN SEA

TURKEY: A BULGARIA-RUMANIA
a armenia-sevast.
F B.S. (S) arm-sev.
F CONSTANT-AEGEAN

ENGLAND: F NORWEGIAN-BARENTS-SEA
F north sea-skaggerak
F EDINBURGH-NORWEGIAN
a norway-st. petersburg

GERMANY: A MUNICH-TYROLIA
F DENM-SKAGGERAK
A HOLLAND STANDS

FRANCE: A BURGUNDY-BELGIUM
F BREST-PICARDY
A SPAIN-GASCONY
F PORTUGAL-SPAIN (SC)
F MARS. STANDS

RUSSIA: A ST. PETE-FINLAND
F SWE (S) GER. F
DEN-SKAGGERAK
a mosc-st. pete
A UKR (S) SEVAST.
F SEVAS-STANDS

ITALY: A TYROLIA-VENICE
a piedmont-marseilles
F ROME-TYRRHENIAN / F TUNIS-W.MED.

Hasn't somebody got something against Serbia? Or are you scared you'll start World War I? Margaret, I realize why the builds were written as they were (though I'm still not sure about that Silesia bit) but you've got to read those rules. I can't devote space explaining everything. It costs money. There are no retreats. I apologise for the short form crowded above, & promise to use it only when absolutely necessary. For the uninitiate, (S) = supports and (C) = convoys. DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1902 MOVE ORDERS IS APR. 9, SAT. 6 PM propaganda:

*Germany has found who is her true friends and will act accordingly. She is also glad that England wants to stay out of Europe and will allow England to further her wishes by leaving the North Lands.

*Constantinople: Pasha Abdul-al-Aleikum-al-Muhammed-al-Suloi-man-Jacobowitz today respectfully requested the Isar of Russia to "go to hell." When informed by some eunuchs that the Ottomans do not believe in Hell as a Christian concept, the Pasha mused for a moment and then said, "well, ah...would you believe Japan?"

*London, April 15 (Reuters): Sir Alfred Huffley was given a clean bill of health by his doctors and psychiatrists. His remarks at Oslo caused some wonder back here, but he's fit and sane. "So you think I'm mad, do you?" snarled Huffley at a late press conference. "Well I'll show you who's mad. I'm imposing an income tax retroactive one year. A certain part of your incomes is due at the Treasury at 12 tonight. That gives you 4 hours to pay or be jailed." At this point the press tried to harm the PM and were ejected by the Light Guards.

*ROME. Deus Brannanus, Pope and Sublime Casserole of All Italian Dominions, today declared war on Austria, daring them to attack. "We believe in liberalism," the Pope stated. "For example, we have interpreted 'Italian Dominions' very liberally."

*VIENNA: The Austrian government refuses the request of the German Empress to allow German troops to cross Austrian soil to attack Turkey. In the face of our refusal Germany chooses war. So, so be it -- WAR! And away we go....

*It was learned in Paris that some Carthaginian demagogue named Handcar or something was going to send his son to trample us with elephants. It's ridiculous. He'll never get them off the ground....