

# BARAD-DUR 37

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## C GAME ENDS IN "TIE"

THE GAMESMASTER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FROM HIGH COMBATTANT POWERS:

Perpetual Treaty  
between  
The Tsar of All the Russias  
and  
The Sultan of all the Turkies  
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The signatory powers, in order to bring peace to a war-torn continent, do hereby compact the following:

1. All hostilities shall cease as of January 1, 1912.
2. The armed forces of each of the signatory powers shall remain at the current strength of seventeen (17) units.
3. All territories under the control of either of the signatory powers shall remain under the control of that power in perpetuity. This proviso places all of Europe under one or the other of the signatory powers, with the exception of the Republic of Switzerland, which is guaranteed independence in perpetuity by the signatory powers. This proviso is not restricted to continental Europe, but includes all islands and the occupied portions of Asia and Africa.
4. The signatory powers agree to peace in perpetuity and will henceforth devote all their efforts to rebuilding the war-shattered economies of the occupied territories.

Signed at Geneva on December 31, 1911:

FOR RUSSIA: RICHARD A. BROOKS  
FOR TURKEY: BANKS H. MEBANE

GB-1965-C is declared tied.

The Gamesmaster would like to take this opportunity to state that he does not believe a tie or, more correctly, a dual agreement to stop while equal, is very cricket. I consider Diplomacy cut-throat unless team Diplomacy is being played. However, there is also no recourse, other than to replace both players, except to accept a draw if one is declared by all concerned. As with John Boardman, who was in a similar situation not long ago, I feel that it is better to allow this tie than to continue with two different people. However, as an aside, it would be fun at this stage to play it out on the board and see who the victor would ultimately be.

C was plotted at Tricon, by the way. Moves are on page 3.

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A note from John Boardman states that he's dubious over the Guard, noting Swenson is still sitting it out in California. This is the Air Guard, though, John, which is quite different. There's also a turnover of 100 men per year in it and none has ever -- in the history of the unit -- been kept active longer than their contract stated. Maybe I'll be the first, but come what may I'll save ulcers and be noncombattant at the same time.

JIM SANDERS will take over BARAD-DUR in my absence. BARAD-DUR will be kept a separate magazine, running only its own games in the same way, and under my rules. My effective Feb. 26 date to go has not yet been confirmed, but should be this month. It's the one totally uncertain item until I'd actually enlisted.

CoA: Conrad Von Metzke has noted that, effective immediately, his Jamul address is no longer valid. You can reach him only at 5327 Hilltop Drive, San Diego, California, 92114.

NEW PUBLICATIONS: First to be received is THE HIGH LIVER, THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CALVIN COOLIDGE FAN CLUB AND WAR GAMES ASSOC., which looks computer-printed, arrived from Richard Shagrin. It will be 10/\$1.00 and has the cheapest game fee anywhere: nothing. That's 356 Haggett Hall, U. of Wash., Seattle, Wash., 98105.

And LINN HARAMIS (at least that's how I read the signature) 2323 Belleflower, Alliance, Ohio, 44601, will soon start an as yet untitled magazine, with the fee \$5 and a country preference. With an address like Alliance how can he miss?

#### THE REGULAR (SOB) DEPARTMENT ERRORS

GB-1965-B: Turkey owns Greece, Austria owns Serbia -- not vice-versa as listed last time. No change in build directions, though. But XF was a really bad one last time -- I don't know how or why I did it, though.

GB-1966-XF: Barbary F Ireland was not merely dislodged but destroyed, as was AH A Serbia. Russia's BERL-KIEL failed. Barbary is down to 3 -- it never took Portugal, in those weird maneuverings for the Mid-Atlantic a while back. Russia has 13, not 12 -- I can't count, it seems.

Don Miller sends a note stating that he wants to merge his big family of about 40+ games of all types into the N3F Games Bureau. I like the idea, but we have to get together on rates. Don understandably doesn't want to raise his, and I can't lower mine. It looks, though, as if the group will merge, making the Games Bureau the largest single group of Diplomacy games and magazines anywhere. Who said the idea of a Diplomacy Federation was all wet?

I did, But there'll be no internal interference here.

HAL NAUS sent \$1 for "J" -- Hal, I'll let it go at \$1.00 and consider the other part of the game fee as subscription for ADAG, so that we just keep trading even.

HEARD FROM ON "J" -- Leitch (paid), Naus (paid), Prosnitz, Latimer (paid), Huff. No word as yet from Griffin or Jacks. DEAD-LINE FOR SPRING, 1967 MOVES AND THE FEE IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1967, at 10 PM EST (7 PST).

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

GB-1965-C:  
FALL/WINTER 1911

UPPER CASE SUCCEEDS  
lower case does not

ENGLAND: f edinburgh stands  
(Owings) f nor atlantic stands  
OFF THE BOARD

RUSSIA is able to build ONE.

RUSSIA BUILDS ARMY WARSAW

RUSSIA: A ST. PETE TO MOSCOW  
(Brooks) A FINLAND TO NORWAY  
F BARENTS TO NORWEGIAN  
F NORWEGIAN TO NOR ATL  
F CLYDE TO EDINBURGH  
F DENMARK TO HEL. BIGHT  
A HOLLAND (S) A BELGIUM  
F LIVER (S) NORWSE-NORATL  
A RHUR (S) A BELGIUM  
A MUNICH (S) T BURGUNDY  
A BOHEMIA TO GALICIA  
A SILESIA TO BOHEMIA  
A GALICIA TO UKRAINA  
F ADRIATIC TO APULIA  
A BELGIUM (S) T. PICARDY  
F NORSEA (S) CLYDE-ED.

TURKEY is able to build TWO:

A CONSTANTINOPLE  
ARMY SMYRNA

They then declared themselves  
drawn (see page one).

An unusual game, in which personnel changed rapidly -- one through resignation (Gilliland), although Russia was already dominant over England at the time, and the others -- most notably Joel Sattel's France, which was able to progress well into the Mediterranean, at one time up to 9 units, but could not sustain the drive against the collapse of the Anglo-French alliance. This gave Turkey a free hand in the already weakened Mediterranean, and she overran Italy, and, with Russian collusion, wiped out Austria. England took France, and, with Russia, Germany, but a sustained drive by Russia kicked England out of most of Scandinavia and was slowly driving her back from Germany as Russian fleets appeared in the north. At that

TURKEY: F ENG. CHAN TO LONDON  
(Mebane) A CONST TO GREECE  
F AEGEAN (C) CON-GREECE  
A SMYRNA TO SYRIA  
A VENICE STANDS  
A ALBANIA STANDS  
A PICARDY STANDS  
A BREST STANDS  
A BURGUNDY STANDS  
A MARSEILLES STANDS  
A NORTH AFRICA STANDS  
F MID-ATLANTIC STANDS  
F W. MEDITERRANEAN STANDS  
F IONIAN STANDS  
F SPAIN (SC) STANDS

point Gilliland resigned, and Owings did nothing more than effect a holding action against overwhelming odds. In the meantime, Turkey, with England's French holdings weakened, started to move and soon linked up with Russia in England -- and that was game.

GB-1965-C, DRAWN, FALL-WINTER, 1911.

Mark Owings -- you realize that this is your last issue now unless you DO something???

GB-1965-B  
WINTER, 1912



UPPER CASE BUILDS SUCCEED  
lower case builds don't

TURKEY: BUILD ARMY CONSTANTINOPLE

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: REMOVE FLEET ALBANIA  
REMOVE ARMY BERLIN

ITALY: BUILD ARMY ROME  
BUILD ARMY VENICE  
BUILD FLEET NAPLES

DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1913 MOVE ORDERS IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1967,  
AT 10 PM EST.

PROPAGANDA:

Constantinople: Just two more apiece and it's 17-17!  
Italy, Berlin and Vienna are yours; Budapest and Serbia are mine.OK?  
//NOT IF YOU CAN HELP IT - GM//

Frank Clark sends another of the old-time silent movies  
stationary, showing a shiek and a couple of harem girls, with: "I'd  
have written sooner but I've kind'a had my hands full lately!" to  
which is appended "with Italy" and the signature, "Gen. Franz Pfitz-  
enstarz.

Don't tie this if you can help it, folks. I don't want to  
start a trend. And not after fighting so long and hard....  
I know Frank Clark would be satisfied with a tie...if AH were one.

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GB-1966-XF:  
WINTER, 1904



CAPITAL BUILDS ARE  
CAPITAL GAINS....

RUSSIA....BUILD ARMY MOSCOW  
ARMY WARSAW  
FLEET RIGA  
F SEVASTOPOL (EAST COAST!!!)

ITALY:....BUILD FLEET ROME

FRANCE:...BUILD ARMY PARIS  
A MARSEILLES

TURKEY:...REMOVE FLEET AEGEAN  
REMOVE ARMY MONTENEGRO

SCANDINAVIA:...BUILD FLEET STOCKHOLM

BARBARY.....no orders for removal wrre received. Gamesmaster  
removes the following: REMOVE FLEET BELGIUM, furtherest unit.

deadline for SPRING, 1905 MOVE ORDERS is FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1967,  
at 10 PM EST (7 PST).

Propaganda:

KALMAR, Dec. 5, (KA)- By unanimous vote, both houses of the  
Thing, meeting in special session, have declared war upon the Russ-  
ian Empire. The King, in attendance as Premier Peer in the Peerhus,  
signed the declaration. "Any country who would attack an ally with-

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GB-1966-G:  
SPRING, 1902

UPPER CASE SUCCEEDS  
lower case doesn't

GERMANY: f holland to north sea  
(Huff) F KIEL TO HELGOLAND BIGHT  
A BELGIUM (S) F BURG-PIC  
A DENMARK STANDS  
a munich to bohemia  
A berlin to munich

AUSTRIA: a romania to galicia  
(Dygart) a vienna to bohemia  
A A SERBIA TO TRIESTE  
A BUD (S) SERB-TRIESTE  
F TRIESTE TO ALBANIA

FRANCE: A BURG TO PICARDY  
(Von F BREST TO ENGLISH CHAN  
Metzke) F MID (S) BREST TO BBC  
A PORTUGAL TO SPAIN

TURKEY: A BULGARIA TO GREECE  
(Turker) A ARMENIA TO SMYRNA  
F CONSTANT TO AEGEAN  
F ANKARA TO CONSTANT

ENGLAND: A NORWAY STANDS  
(Bailey) F LIVERPOOL TO IRISH  
f north sea (s) engchan  
f eng. chan (s) LIV-IRISH

RUSSIA: A WARSAW TO GALICIA  
(Latimer) A UKRAINA (S) WARS-GAL  
A MOSC (S) F SEVAST  
F SEVAST STANDS  
F SWEDEN STANDS

ITALY: F VENICE TO ADRIATIC  
(Pros- F TUNIS TO IONIAN SEA  
nitz) A ROME TO VENICE  
A TYROLIA TO VIENNA

English Fleet English Channel is  
dislodged and forced to retreat.  
Please submit your retreat WITH  
YOUR FALL MOVE, but all players  
most remember that the retreat is

considered to happen first. DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1902 MOVE ORDERS IS  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1967, AT 10 PM EST (7 PM PST).

#### PROPAGANDA

Aix-La-Chapelle (Early Spring, 1902): The newly crowned replace-  
ment emperor, Conrad the Red of Lorraine, today announced his future  
plans to the press. "Breakfast at 8:30 -- red grapefruit, red-dyed  
eggs --" "No, no! Your Majesty!", interrupted one of the press. "POLI-  
TICALLY what will you do in 1902?"

"Well, I think first I'll disembowel the Admiral Nelson statue  
in Trafalgar. Then we're going to make the Turkish Emperor eat his  
comments about the Bishop of Rheims -- he will write his words onto  
an avocado and roll them into a guacamole taco. Then we will give him  
his lunch."

"If you want to decimate England," suggested one newsman, "why  
not napalm London?"

"Thank you for the suggestion," beamed Conrad. "That's what I  
call Progressive Obliterative Thinking. What paper did you say you  
represent, son?"

The reporter smiled and answered between his glistening, pointed  
teeth, "The Pennsylvania Clarion."

St. Petersburg: The entire Black Sea reeks of fish and so does the  
Austrian proposal.

From the Archbishop of Canterbury: Come within reach of crozier, you  
smelly, turbaned bed-bug, and I'll show you some conversion -- heh  
heh.

XF PROPAGANDA (CONTINUED FROM PAGE FOUR)

out a declaration of war or even a statement of grievances is undeserving of the slightest mercy. At present, Russia is at war with France, Kalmar, and Turkey. The British Empire and the Netherlands, who own districts of Kiel, are expected to declare war shortly." Prime Minister Frans Sillanpaa collapsed after this with what was later diagnosed as a heart attack.

's Gravenhage, Dec. 5 (Reuters) Queen Wilhelmina has signed a declaration of war upon the Russian Empire.

Paris: Italy, France wants peace with you -- but if you stay allied with our common enemy, Russia, we'll have no choice but to fight you. Russia may be helping you now, but wait a move or two and you'll see what kind of an ally he really is. I suggest you join the "stop Russia" alliance before Russia has a chance to turn and destroy you!

Italy to France: No to Corsica for you for Christmas. Or haven't you been seeing what's going on in the East? Do you need new glasses?

Constantinople, Dec. 17: CURSE THE RED BARON!

FURTHER DISCUSSION DEPT:

Margaret Gemignani asks if you can send in revisions of moves. The answer is, that, while I allow certain liberalities on an evenly distributed game -- mostly based on whether I open the letter first or last -- I have allowed a few changes, normally only because of Gamesmaster error or if I did not make the rules perfectly clear on that score. This has ended. Hear ye all:

NO REVISIONS OF MOVES SUBMITTED IS PERMISSABLE. THE FIRST SET OF ORDERS IN TO ME GOES, although you may add to existing orders or propaganda if you discover something embarrassing (such as forgetting to move a unit, or forgetting to put in a coast).

Margaret also asks how she missed out after applying to both "G" and "J." No plot involved -- you'd be surprised just how many folks write in when I announce a game opening. And since I always put Al Huff in, there's only 6 openings around. These are disbursed in the order people apply to them -- a "G" application, for example, is not used for "J" -- and I had 11 people want to play "J."

DON MILLER wants to know why the devil "J" is "J" and not "I." As a science fiction fan he should understand that "I" must be an experimental game for the sake of the abbreviation alone.

John Boardman once mentioned the regional nature of BARAD-DUR players. Considering I only have met 2/3rds of the active players -- less if you count "J" -- I hardly think that we're regional, although so far the winners seem to be area personnel. The major reason for Baltimore people (after B) being in at all ~~xxx~~ is, simply, that they are the closest people around for stand-bys.

D.C. area and Baltimore area people, however, are not the same. 50 miles is not close, nor is it even an inexpensive phone call, relatively speaking. Instead of thinking in terms of Brooklyn to Staten Island, the distance is more like Manhattan to Albany....