

This is BESEROVIA, which may not be as much fun as a student strike, but is certainly more significant. It chronicles the last gasp of The Triton Game, #1969BQ, the Diplomacy game that Got Gobbled. This is Pandemonium Publication #149, edited and published by Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego CA 92116; member, NFFF Games Bureau Diplomacy Division and IFW Diplomacy Society. A complete set of the SDSC issues of BESEROVIA (1a-1f, 2a-c, 3a-3e, 4a-4g, 6; 22 issues) may be obtained from the above address for \$1.00.



#1969BQ

BRITAIN UTTERLY DECIMATED, EVERYBODY GETS A PIECE; EUROPE UNDER TURKISH DOMINATION!

Fall 1909:

ENGLAND (Parrish): F Naf-Wes, A Par-Gas, F Mid-Naf, F Eng-Mid S by F Iri. Owns: ~~Lpl, Kie, Bel~~, Par, ~~Den~~ (1). ON E F Wes, A Gas, F Naf, F Eng.
 FRANCE (Baer): A Bur-Bel S by A Hol. Owns: ~~Waf~~, Hol, Bel (2). No change.
 ITALY (Oberschulte): A Tyr-Mun, A Yor-Lon, F Lpl-Iri. Owns: Rom, Ven, Lpl, Mun, Lon (5). B A Rom, A Ven.
 RUSSIA (LaMotte): A Nwy-StP, A StP-Lva, F Ska-Den, A Mun-Kie S by A Ber. Owns: ~~Mpp~~, StP, Ber, Swe, Nwy, Den, ~~Waf~~, Kie (6). Nochange (no room for 1).
 TURKEY (Everson): A War-Pru, A Sil-Ber, A Boh S ITALIAN A Yor-Lon, F Spa(so)-Mid S by F Por & F Bre, F Mar H, A Ukr-War, A Mos-Lva, A Sev-Mos, A Bul-Rum, F Bla H, F Tyr-Tun, A Ank /h/, A Con /h/. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tun, Sev, Nap, Tri, Spa, Por, Vie, Bud, Mos, War, Edi, Bre, Mar (20). B A Con (no room for 3).
 ...oops...add F Nth S ITALIAN A Yor-Lon.

At this point, it appeared fruitless to continue the game, and since only 2 of the 5 active players voted in favor of continuing, the game was declared a victory for Turkey. The summary:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
A	2	3	3	2	1	-				—Pat Fouquet (SO6)
E	3	4	4	5	6	7	7	5	1	—Michael Parrish
F	4	5	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	—Phillip Baer
G	5	5	4	3	2	1	-			—Bruce Hobday (out W07)*
I	5	5	3	4*	4	3	4*	3	5	—Bill Oberschulte
R	6	6	7	8	8	7	5	6*	6*	—Conan LaMotte
T	5	6	8	9	11	14*	16***	18**	20***	—Jon Everson (won W09)

*Note: John Buckelew was the German player for SO1 only.

VICTOR'S STATEMENT: Sultan Abdul Hamid II Sauron has instructed me, his humble servant, to extend our thanks to the nations of Europe for their help in keeping the "sick man of Europe" alive. For my own small part in the pacification of Europe, I can add a spread eagle to my coat of arms, I can keep my inscribed stiletto, and I may use "Pasha" in front of my name. I was also given a one-way ticket to St. Helena and instructed not to take any government position within 1000 miles of Ottoman territories. I also have 40 million lira (\$1.67) in my pocket.

GM REVIEW: This game was dominated by Turkish diplomacy and Italian duplicity. The inability of the major opponents of Turkey (England and Russia) to trust each other or to cooperate in any meaningful way was heightened by Italy, who would construct huge complex alliances against Turkey and then proceed to betray them. The number of times England trusted Italy, only to be met with Italian Punic faith, cannot be counted. Nor can the number of times nations (Austria, Italy, and Russia) were talked into voluntarily surrendering supply centers to Turkey. He never stopped talking and may truly be said to have wheedled his way to victory.

