



BORIS THE SPIDER

A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,
Raw Power, and Naked Greed

*"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"*

--Sir Walter Scott--



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Happy belated Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! May your gaming be ever interesting and your list of Victories long! (Sort of sound like a Klingon, eh?)

Our second game of SILVERTON begins this time, taking over the pages occupied by the all too soon departed "Sgt Preston". In CIRCUS MAXIMUS meanwhile, Flippus has a forced win in two, so we'll be starting up an advanced game of KREMLIN in February or March. Those signed up should confirm their interest and select a faction name. I hope to be able to print the initial set-up next time.

Time to start thinking about the 1999 Con season. PlayersCon, Origins, or GenCon?

STANDBY ALERT:

MAGIC REALM: Fern & Xyla

Interested parties should send in orders for each position they are interested in. If the present player again fails to submit orders on time, a random drawing will be held.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "The fact is, that civilization requires slaves. The Greeks were quite right there. Unless there are slaves to do the ugly, horrible, uninteresting work, culture and contemplation become almost impossible. Human slavery is wrong, insecure, and demoralizing. On mechanical slavery, on the slavery of the machine, the future of the world depends." --Oscar Wilde

The 3rd Chattanooga Rail Gaming Challenge will be held on January 15-17, 1999 at the Best Western Heritage Inn in Chattanooga, TN. There is a lot of information about the convention posted at <http://www.home.chattanooga.net/~derrick>. In brief, \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Rooms at \$44/night (single or double) if reserved ere 1 Jan. 18XX, crayon games, more. As it's MLK weekend, I won't have class that Monday, so might make it. Any possible roomies?

BOOS & KUDOS

This month's Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (& free issue) goes to the poet in "Boris XIII".

This month's Ms Ner Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at the author of the "Real man" classified for "a poor attitude towards women!" The Mighty One has spoken!

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is Noon CST 9 Jan 99



TURKEY OUT!! Italy or Germany Next?

X11

1998i

Fall 1984

ERRATA: RUS press last time got cropped out of the hardcopy. It appears below marked with (*).

MINAS MORGUL: Who is next to enter the dustbin of history? Germany is encircled and the Italian centers separated by increasingly unfriendly seas. Russia and Austria are clearly the 800-lb gorillas at the moment. Should England and France rally to Germany's and Italy's defense or snap up the orts R/A leave to fatten them for the next kill?

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Turkish A SMY retreats to SYR.

AUSTRIA (Fryling): A Apu S F Nap, F Nap S A Apu, A Con S RUS F Smy, A Tri S A Tri-Ven, A Tri-Ven, A Vie-Tri, [F Aeg-Gre].

ENGLAND (Shacklett): F Edi-Cly, F Nth-Hol, F Lon-Wal;

FRANCE (Boyum): F Spaisc-Wes, A Pie S AUS A Tri-Ven, [A Mar-Bur], A Bel S ENG F Nth-Hol, [A Bur-Mun], [F Mid-Eng];

GERMANY (R. Fisher): A Den-Kie, [A Mun-Ber], [F Hel-Den], [F Iri-Eng], [A Hol-Bel](r-???);

ITALY (McCabe): [F Ion-Gre], F Tyn-Rom, [A Ven H](r-???);

RUSSIA (Fowle): F Bla-Ank, [F Smy S AUS F Aeg]nsu, A Arm S F Bla-Ank, A War-Sil, [A Pru-Ber], A Swe-Den, F Ska S A Swe-Den, [F Nwy S ENG F Nth]otm);

TURKEY (Gardner): [A Ank S A Syr-Smy]d), [A Syr-Smy].

Orders in brackets fail; nso = not so ordered; nsp = no such place; otb = off the board.

German A SMY must retreat otb or to RUH. Italian A VEN must retreat otb or to TUS.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUS: Bud Tri Vie Gre Ser Bul Nap +Con +Ven

(9) Build 2

ENG: Edi Lon Lpl +Hol

(4) Build 1

FRA: Bre Mar Par Por Spa Bel Mun

(6) Even

GER: Ber Kie Mun -Hol -Den

(3) Tear 2 *

ITA: Rom -Ven Tun

(2) Tear 1 **

RUS: Mos Sev StP War Rum Swe Nwy -Con +Ank +Den +Smy

(10) Build 2

TUR: -Ank -Smy

(0) Tear 1, OUT

* If German A HOL r-otb, then TEAR 1.

** If Italian A VEN r-otb, then EVEN.

Due next time are orders for retreats, builds/tears, the retreat and Spring 1905 and **Press**. Ms Nar craves Press!

EMBASSY BEAT

France - World: I'll continue to help all of you from everybody.

France - Russia = Wow! You are on a roll.

France - Italy = Can I be of assistance?

France - Austria = Watch out for the Tsar. He is getting rather rotund from swallowing up so many supply centers.

France - Germany = The Tsar is on your doorstep.

Germany to France-If Russia's the bad guy why do I get chills on my neck from your icy breath?

Germany to England-I'm sorry, it was all Austria's fault-he made me do it.

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ENGLAND INVADES CONTINENT!! Four To Build Two!

Fall 1981

XIII

1998Q

KLENDATHU: No clear leader has emerged in the first year, although England with 5 units so early should make France and Germany wary. There are hints of an Austro-Russian collaboration, else why is there not a Russian A in BUD in replay of 1849? Could an A/I/R be aimed at Wormtongue?

TROOP MOVEMENTS:

AUSTRIA (Holliday): F Alb-Gre, A Ser S F Alb-Gre, A Tri H;
ENGLAND (Trent): F Nth C A Edi-Bel, F Nrg-Nwy, A Edi-Bel;
FRANCE (Gardner): F Mid-Por, [A Bur-Mun], A Mar-Spalsc;
GERMANY (Boym): [F Den-Swe], A Kie-Hol, [A Mun-Bur];
ITALY (Anderson): A Ven H, A Apu-Tun, F Ion C A Apu-Tun;
RUSSIA (Ja Kanne): A Ukr-Rum, A Gal S A Ukr-Rum, [F Bot-Swe], F Bla S A Ukr-Rum;
TURKEY (Fryling): [A Bul-Gre], F Con-Aeg, A Ank H.

Orders in brackets fail.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUS: Bud Tri Vie +Gre +Ser	(5) Build 2
ENG: Edi Lon Lpi +Bel +Nwy	(5) Build 2
FRA: Bre Mar Par +Por +Spa	(5) Build 2
GER: Ber Kie Mun +Den +Hol	(5) Build 2
ITA: Nap Rom Ven +Tun	(4) Build 1
RUS: Mos Sev StP War +Rum	(5) Build 1
TUR: Ank Con Smy +Bul	(4) Build 1

As a one-time-only-good-deal, due next time are build orders for Winter 1901/02. Henceforth, build/tear orders will be due with Spring orders unless I think things are too complicated (usually several thousand permutations of retreat/build/tear for several players).

EMBASSY BEAT

Germany - England: I hope we can keep things friendly. There's no reason to get in each other's way.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

Constantinople Constitution: Sultan Ali Wormtongue promised his full support to His Majesty King Anderson in his program to free the Slavs. "The Austrian/German alliance is a threat to us all, and we appreciate the King's willingness to stand firm against the spread of such tyranny."

Evening Times (London): The German peoples have had a long and troubled history with the Low Countries. One can only begin to guess at the reasons -- better cheese, simpler language -- but why digress? England's military leaders announced this afternoon that by Monday morning royal troops would already have been transported from Scapa Flow to Ostend, Belgium. His Majesty's hopes that the loaned troops will secure peace in the Low Countries and can help our allies, the French, in the defence of their homeland. In the meantime, the University at Oxford has created open enrollment in their Dutch classes in order to ...

CLASSIFIEDS

How many real men does it take to open a beer? None, it should be open when she brings it to him!!

'Twas the move before Christmas and all through the land
DIP players were making their last minute plans.

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BALKAN WARS VI

Turkey Is Back!

Fall 1911

1998J
pb08

ERRATA: Both Albanian A TIR and Bulgarian A DUB should've had (r-???).

CLIFFHOME: Bulgaria is the chump this year, losing one center. Greece continues to lead the pack, absorbing yet another neutral to offset the loss of THR. Turkey is back into the fray, regaining CONE and a beachhead in Europe. Now it begins to get ugly.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Albanian A TIR retreats to MTJ. Bulgarian A DUB retreats to KOL.

ALBANIA (McCabe): F NAS-Tri, A MtJ S A Val-Sko, [A Val-Sko];

BULGARIA (Anderson): [A Kol-Sof], A Plo S F Cone-Thr, F Cone-Thr, [F Var-Cone], [A Sof-Nis];

GREECE (R. Fisher): F Cye C A Ath-Rho, [A Mac-Thr], F Ion-Apu, F Sal-Aeg, F Cor-SAS, A Ath-Rho;

RUMANIA (K. Wilson): A Cona S F Dub, F Dub H, A Buc S F Dub, [A Bel-Nis];

SERBIA (Gardner): A Mon S A Tir, A Tir S A Sko-Val, [A Sko-Val];

TURKEY (B. Wilson): F Izm-Cone, A Smy S F Izm-Cone, F Cyp-EMS.

Orders in brackets fail; amb = ambiguous order, d = unit destroyed due to lack of valid retreat; imp = impossible; nso = unit not so ordered; nsp = no such place; nsu = no such unit; oth = off the board; otm = unit on the move; (u) = unit unordered.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

ALB: -Tir Val Bos +Tri	(3)	Even
BUL: Plo Sof Var -Cone -Dub +Thr	(4)	Tear 1
GRE: Ath Sal Spa Cre Mal -Thr +Rho	(6)	Even
RUM: Buc Cona Gal Bel +Dub	(5)	Build 1
SER: Nis Sko Mon +Tir	(4)	Build 1
TUR: Izm Smy Cyp +Cone	(4)	Build 1

Due next time are your orders for Spring 1912.

PRESS:

TUR-GRE: Hey, we're still buds, yes? Kill Bulgars!!

TUR-RUM: Your plans are fine. Just stay out of the Black Sea. Kill Bulgars!!!!



Some Speak!

Winter 1911/12

X1

1997D

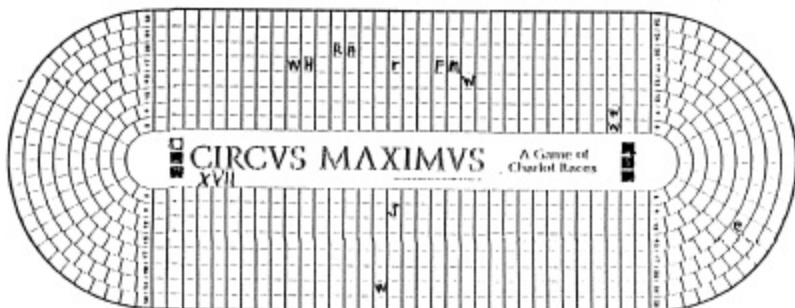
TROOP MOVEMENT:

Russian A War retreats oth.

MIRKWOOD: Not much to say. Well played all around. Congratulations to Dave.

DA: I probably only won because Fryling wasn't in the game.

RF: Not again. This is the second time in a Borta game that Dave's England has spanked the pants off my Russia. What is it with this guy, he got a Fryling complex or what?



WON HUNG LO STOPS!

ODDS	COLOR	DRIVER (CDM/DN)	CART	Whip	Wheels	TEAM	END	Speed	D/E
4-1	Red	Raisdre Al-Ghul (+1/8)	L	y	4/0	551-	-4	7	3/2
6-1		Josephis(+2/8)				foot		4	2/2
12-1	White	Flippus Maximus (+1/8)	M	y	0/0	4443	5	16	3/2
247-1	Yellow	Won Hung Lo (+2/8)	H	y	0/0	2325	5	14	2/1
	Black					2434	32	13	2/2
	Blue					6443	25	17	3/2
	Brown		-		-	6433	30	16	3/2
	Purple		-		-	6435	30	18	3/2

ERRATA: Black and Blue teams have speeds of 13 & 17 respectively.

TURN XVIII:

WON HUNG LO: 0. Stop and clean horses' hooves.

BLACK Team: 13. Ahead 13.

JOSEPHIS: 4 (on foot): Directly in 4.

BROWN Team: 16. Ahead 9, out 1, ahead 6.

BLUE Team: 17. Ahead 17 and off.

RAISDRE AL-GHUL: Permanently lose 1 MP to 6. Ahead 6.

FLIPPUS MAXIMUS: 16: Ahead 16.

PURPLE Team: 18. Ahead 18, and off.

Due next time are orders for Turn XVIII. These should include the usual: speed, whether to whip or not, whom to attack and how if the opportunity arises, to brake, evade, or take it if attacked, and what lane to finish in if possible. Orders for Won Hung Lo will be randomly chosen from those submitted. Remember, house rules call for a 1d6 penalty for starting from rest.

Press:

Flippus yelling: "Huh? What happened? What do you mean they're both out?! Just us three?!"
So now what do I do?"

Marcia Victoria, in reply: Close your mouth and Drive!!

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6-1		Josephis(+2/8)						4	2/2
12-1	White	Flippus Maximus (+1/8)	M	y	0/0	4443	5	16	3/2
247-1	Yellow	Won Hung Lo (+2/8)	H	y	0/0	2325	5	14	2/1
	Black (e)		-		-	2434	32	13	3/2
	Brown (r)		-		-	6433	30	16	3/2



EXTRA: Barcelona is at 90M due to the purchase of "B" and Misery Relief credits; however Paris is at 175M due to the purchase of Proselytism.

THE CAST (in tie-break order)

LONDON (Farrow): \$95, 8K, 90M, 16C, SV-10
 BARCELONA (Frueh): \$80, 4K, 90M, 13C, SV-10
 GENOA (Hanna): \$59, 7K, 125M, 8C
 VENICE (J Bargender): \$73, 5K, 150M, 12C, Gal-2
 PARIS (McCabe): \$86, 2K, 175M, 13C, SV-10

ADV: A,F,I,J,N,R,S,V,W,X
 ADV: A,B,E,F,I-K,N,O,S,R,V
 ADV: A,E,F,I,N,R,V
 ADV: A,E,F,I,N,R,V
 ADV: A,E,F,G,N,S

There is a surplus of Gold and Ivory and a shortage of Spice.

TURN 67: PURCHASE PHASE

London buys 6t. Barcelona buys 7t. Venice buys 12t. Genoa buys 24t. Paris buys 26t. No action on surpluses or shortage.

TURN 73: CARD PLAY PHASE

London plays "Famine" (L gains 1 ML; P,G, & B gain 3 ML, and V gains 2 ML). "Wool" (B&L +\$32, P +\$2), and "Fur" (V +\$28, P +\$7).

Barcelona plays "Timber" (V +\$12, B,G, & L +\$3) and "Stone" (G & P +\$9, V +\$1).

Venice plays "Grain" (V +\$16, B,G,L, & P +\$4) and "Gold/Ivory" as gold (V +\$10), surplus relieved.

Genoa plays "Mongol Armies" (+\$10, "Marco Polo" now doubled, "Crusades" now a misery burden) and "Erasmus".

Paris plays "Grain" (V +\$16, B,G,L, & P +\$4).

DUE NEXT: Turn 7.4 (Purchase), and Turn 7.5 (Expansion).

STATUS

LONDON (Farrow): \$122, 5K, 100M, 16C, SV-10
 BARCELONA (Frueh): \$116, 2K, 150M, 13C, SV-10
 VENICE (J Bargender): \$144, 3K, 200M, 12C, Gal-2
 GENOA (Hanna): \$65, 5K, 200M, 8C
 PARIS (McCabe): \$116, 1K, 300M, 13C, SV-10

ADV: A,F,I,J,N,R,S,V,W,X
 ADV: A,B,E,F,I-K,N,O,S,R,V
 ADV: A,E,F,I,N,R,V
 ADV: A,E,F,I,N,R,V
 ADV: A,E,F,G,N,S

MAP

B: C @ Alg, Ang, Cre, Fez, Gra, Ice, Lis, Sic, Tol, Tun, Val, Waf, Wat; IT @ Ath, Barca, Lib, Ora, Pal.

G: C @ Dj, Flo, GEN, Lyo, Mar, Mil, Nap, Rom; IT @ Bari.

L: C @ Acr, Alep, Alex, Ber, Cal, Che, Con, Cyp, Edi, Erz, LON, Por, Smy, Sue, Tre, Yor; IT @ Arm, Corn, Jer, Lev, Wal.

P: C @ BAR, Basil, Basq, Bor, Bru, Col, Mon, Nur, PAR, Sev, StM, Str, Trt; IT @ StG, Tou.

V: C @ Bel, Bud, Dub, Kie, Pot, Pra, Salo, Sar, Tan, Var, VEN, Vie; IT @ Bre, Corf, Dur, Ess, Gal, Kaf, Salz.

Your cards (Karten) are:

LEGEND: B = BAR, C = colored circle, c = white circle, G = GEN, Gal = galley, K = cards, L = LON, M = misery level, OC = ocean going; P = PAR, SV = seaworthy vessel, T = colored token, t = white token, V = VEN.

Player Holdings (in Capitol Choice order):

VENICE (Bargender) \$114, 5K, 80M, 10C Gal-4

BARCELONA (Hanna) 893, 4K, 70M, 13C OC-1

PARIS (McCabe) 898, 2K, 90M, 11C OC-1

HAMBURG (Copeland) \$131, 5K, 125M, 18C OC-1

LONDON (Bolduc) \$102, 4K, 90M, 12C OC-2

GENOA <Out of Game>

ADV: A,B,E,F,I,J,N,O,R,V,W,X

ADV: A,I,R,S,T,U,V

ADV: A,E,I,J,K,N,O,R,S,T

ADV: A,E,F,H,I,N,O,R,S,T,V,X

ADV: A,E,F,I,N,O,R,S,T,V

Token Allocation for Turn 7

PAR buys 0 tokens, VEN buys 15 tokens, LON buys 20 tokens, BAR buys 23 tokens and HAM buys 33 tokens. Paris passes on removing Spice and Cloth shortages.

Card Play Phase:

PAR - Play "Timber" +\$3 to BAR, LON & VEN, +\$12 to HAM & PAR, play "Cloth/Wine" as Cloth +\$20 to BAR, HAM & PAR, +\$80 to VEN (remove Cloth shortage)

VEN - Play "Gunpowder" +1 to all competition totals and wins ties, play "Johann Gutenberg" 30 off "O" Printed Word - 1st Leader - protected from patronage, and play "Papal Decree" - declare ban on Science purchases.

LON - Play "Spice" +\$36 PAR, +\$81 HAM and +\$144 LON (remove Spice shortage)

BAR - Play no cards

HAM - Play "Silk" +\$8 LON and +\$200 HAM, play "Religious Strife" - Voiding "Papal Decree" PAR gains 1 misery level, LON and VEN gain 2 misery levels and HAM gain 3 misery levels

Mapboard: (C = City or Domination Marker, t = Token)

VEN: C @ Basel, Belgrade, Budapest, Dubrovnik, Florence, Milan, Nuremberg, Rome, Venice,

Vienna; It @ Athens, Bari, Breslau, Cagliari, Corfu, Durazzo, Esseg, St. Gali & Salzburg

BAR: C @ Algiers, Angora, Barcelona, Basque, Constantinople, Crete, Fez, Lisbon, Seville, Toledo,

Tripoli, Tunis & West Africa; It @ Leon, Oran, Palma & Toulouse, 2t @ North America

PAR: C @ Bordeaux, Bruges, Dijon, Montpellier, Paris, Poti, St. MaJo, Serai, Strassburg, Tana & Trebizond;

HAM: C @ Acre, Aleppo, Cologne, Danzig, East Indies, Erzerum, Granada, Hamburg, Kiev, Lubeck, Novgorod, Prague, Riga, Salonika, Sicily, Stockholm, Suez & Valencia; It @ Copenhagen, Stettin & Smolensk

LON: C @ Alexandria, Bergen, Chester, China, Edinburg, Iceland, India, London, Portsmouth,

Varna, Waterford & York; It @ Cornwall, Gallipoli, Jerusalem, Kaffa, Konigsberg, Levant, Libya, Shetlands & Wales

GEN: C @ Genoa, Lyons, Marseilles, Naples & Smyrna; It @ Cairo & Cyprus

Player Holdings (in Capitol Choice order):

VENICE (Bargender) \$182, 2K, 100M, 10C, 15t Gal-4

BARCELONA (Hanna) \$93, 4K, 70M, 13C, 23t OC-1

PARIS (McCabe) \$166, 0K, 100M, 11C, 0t OC-1

HAMBURG (Copeland) \$411, 3K, 200M, 18C, 33t OC-1

LONDON (Bolduc) \$237, 3K, 125M, 12C, 20t OC-2

GENOA <Out of Game>

ADV: A,B,E,F,I,J,N,O,R,V,W,X

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LEGEND: B = BAR, C = colored circle, G = GEN, Gal = galley, K = cards, L = LON, M = misery level, OC = ocean going, P = PAR, SV = seaworthy vessel, t = colored token, V = VEN.

Orders due next are for Purchases and Expansion phases (also include order if you wish to buy a card for turn 8). Conditional orders and/or general intentions are highly encouraged.



WINE IS FINE

SR 4

ERIE AND C&O FLOAT!



ERRATA: Tile in F18 is #7(e). B&O has 2 shares in pool none in to.

Individual status at end Operating Round #3.2

	Balance	
D. Farrow	364	5PRR(prez)
P. Zieske	234	5NYNH&H(prez)
J. Buttitta	300	4B&O(prez), NYNH&H
J. Ringhoffer	72	4C&O(prez)
R. Fisher	190	2B&O; 2NYNH&H, PRR
C. Hanna*	204	C&A; 1 PRR; 2 B&O; NYNH&H

* PRIORITY

CORPORATION STATUS AT END OF OPERATING ROUND

Company	Prez	Value	PAR	Pool	IO	CASH	TRAINS	TOKENS	AVAIL	
B&O	JB	C100a	100	2	0	372	3222	115, J14	1	D&H
NYNH&H	PZ	C100b	90	0	1	300	3222	G19N, F22	0	C&StL
PRR	DF	F67	67	0	3	230	3	H12	3	SV M&H
C&O	JR	nf	82	0	6					

STOCK ROUND #4 TRANSACTIONS

Hanna has the priority and starts the stock transactions with*

Hanna: Sell 2 B&O at 100 each and one PRR at 67 - Buys C&O for 82 [204+200+67 - 82 = 389]

B&O drops to E82 and PRR drops to G67;

Farrow: Sells 3 PRR @ 67 and buys ERIE (pz) @ 90 [364 + 201 - 180 = 385] PRR drops to J50(y)

Zieske: Buys NYNH&H (to) for 90 [234 - 90 = 144] NYNH&H sold out.

Buttitta: Buys B&O from pool [300 - 82 = 218]

Ringhoffer: Buys PRR for 50 from pool [72 - 50 = 22]

Fisher: Buys B&O for 82 from pool [190 - 82 = 108]

Hanna: Buys C&O for 82 [389 - 82 = 307]

Farrow: Buys Erie for 90 [385 - 90 = 295]

Zieske: Buys B&O for 82 from pool [144 - 82 = 62]

Buttitta: Buys B&O for 82 has 6 and B&O sold out [218 - 82 = 136]

Ringhoffer: PASS

Fisher: buys PRR has 1 [108 - 50 = 58]

Hanna: Buys C & O has 3 [307 - 82 = 225]

Farrow: Buys Erie has 4 [295 - 90 = 205]

Zieske: Buys PRR has 1 [62 - 50 = 12]

Buttitta: Buys PRR has 1 [136 - 50 = 86]

Ringhoffer[22]: PASS ; Fisher[58]: PASS ;

Hanna: Buys C & O has 4 [225 - 82 = 143]

Farrow: Buys Erie has 5 [205 - 90 = 115]

Zieske[12]: PASS

Buttitta: Buys PRR has 2 [86 - 67 = 19]

Ringhoffer [22]: PASS; Fisher[58]: PASS ;

Hanna: Buys C&O has 5 takes C&O presidency [143 - 82 = 61]

Farrow: Buys Erie has 6 Erie floats [115 - 90 = 25]

All Pass. Zieske has priority

Individual status at end Stock Round #4

	Balance	
D. Farrow	25	2PRR(prez); 6 Erie (prez)
P. Zieske*	12	6NYNH&H(prez); B&O ; PRR
J. Butitta	19	6B&O(prez); NYNH&H, 2PRR
J. Ringhoffer	22	4C&O; PRR
R. Fisher	58	3B&O; 2NYNH&H, 2PRR
C. Hanna	61	C&A; NYNH&H; 5C&O(prez)

* PRIORITY

CORPORATION STATUS AT END OF STOCK ROUND

Company	Prez	Value	PAR	Pool	IO	CASH	TRAINS	TOKENS	AVAIL
NYNH&H	PZ	B112	-	0	0	300	3222	G19N, F22	0 C&StL
B&O	JB	D90	-	0	0	372	3222	115, J14	1 D&H
Erie	DF	B90	90	0	4	900			
C&O	CH	C82	82	0	1	820			
PRR	DF	J50(y)	67	0	2	230	3	H12	3 SV M&H

TRAINS Available - 33 4444 555 666 DDDDDD USING OPTIONAL 6

TILES AVAILABLE

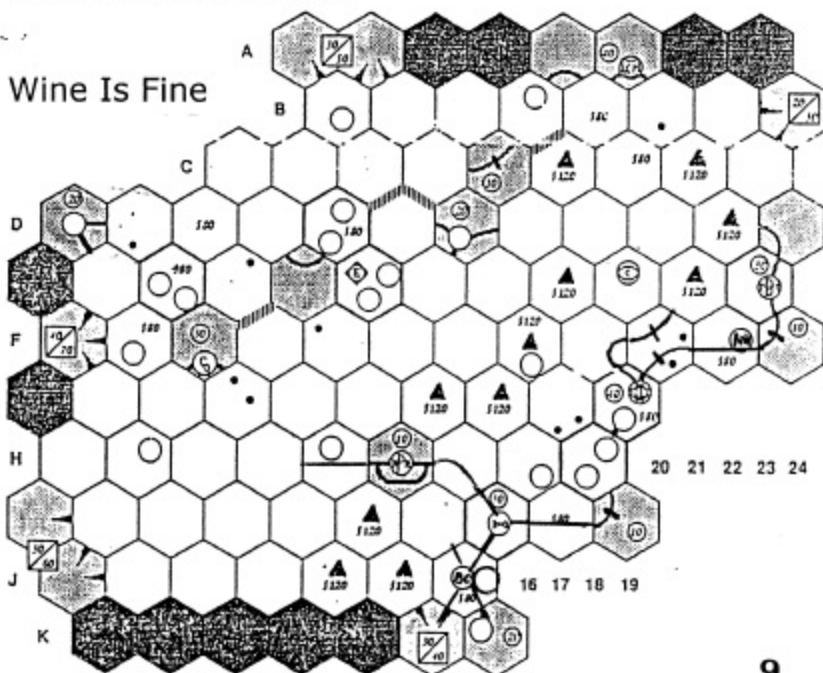
Special Note Tiles #8 & #9 are unlimited

Yellow: #1(0) #7(3) #57(2) all others available

Green: #14(2), #53(1); #54(0) all others available

Request OR #4.1 & #4.2, DEADLINE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO BORIS DEADLINE. Must be sent early enough by snail mail to the GM to ARRIVE by deadline 2 Jan 99 at:
2219 SKP Way, Zolfo Springs, Florida 33890

Wine Is Fine





ERRATA: Chuck pointed out the rule near the bottom of p 21 that states that when a bankruptcy occurs, if a company still owes loans, its stock is valued at \$10 less per loan. The next sentence says that a bankrupt player can win, which tells me that John's stock still counts. LPS would drop to D80 in OR 3.2. I tend to agree with Chuck's opinion that John must sell a share of LPS (dropping the price to E75), then go bankrupt on the redemption call on the third loan, the stock ending at 45. Thus:

FINAL STATUS

Player	CH	WW	DF	MF	DC	JB
Cash	83	20	47	325	67	0
Priv RR	--	40	50	--	--	--
Stock	150	240	240	270	300	90
Total	\$205	\$300	\$337	\$595	\$367	\$90

On the other hand, if he can't sell the stock due to the redemption call, he finishes with \$150.

Mark Frueh is still the winner

DC: -What a surprise! At least I ended up with 2nd place. Congratulations to Mark for a flashy finish. Sale of the private railroad came at just the right time. I am pleased with the performance of the WR, despite a setback on obtaining loans, shows what good management can do.

DF: Bankruptcy: Don't you hate when that happens.

**SILVERTON**

We Begin!

**The Cast**

#1 Dan Farrow
#4 Mike Fisher

#2 Paul Zieske
#5 Jim Holliday

#3 Don Chinnery
#6 Bill Wordelmann

We'll be playing the Basic game to \$50,000. House Rules follow. Due next time are Prospecting and Surveying orders for Turn 1.

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

#9 Silverton Au
#34 Dolores Lumber
The Deck

#20 Leadville Ag
#43 Coalville C
PAX A1-A6

#22 Telluride Ag
#54 Bowie C

HOUSE RULES

We'll be using the same system as Randy Cox's *Cogniscenti*, although I'll be using an abbreviated notation. I'll be publishing a map where player's routes will be indicated by placing their player # in the price box. We'll probably use a grid like Randy, rather than relabeling the map like Mike Quist did. That having been said, here are our special rules:

1. All actions in a phase are simultaneous. Conditional orders are not allowed within a phase.
2. If you prospect and win a claim, you automatically buy it (Exception: If you prospect the Deck, you retain right of denial). This allows me to replenish the available claims without fear of compromise and it discourages challenging the down-and-out to keep them that way.

3. Any trades, deliveries, etc. must be noted on all involved players' orders for that turn, otherwise the trade/delivery is voided.
 4. All monies will be public. \$50,000 wins the game.
 5. The Turn Sequence: We end our pbm turns after 1st Phase III with an exception: any prospected deck cards are then known. At that point, you indicate on your orders 1) whether you stake the claim; 2) which claims to operate; 3) any trades; 4) all deliveries including conditional deliveries based on what you net on operations rolls; 5) and which track to survey and claim to prospect next turn (track construction is automatic once surveyed). OBVIOUSLY, order #5 is all you'll send in for the first turn.
- All players start with \$6,000 and the S/P status given on p8 of the Rules. Due next time is which track to survey (identify by cost, length, destination) and which claim to prospect.

---"Boris XII" (continued from p 2)

Germany to Austria-Heh, heh, just a little joke there. Get it. I was just funnin' him, really.
Germany to Russia-What's this, you think beer will wash down the Turkey stuck in your throat?
Germany to Italy and Turkey-Hey guys, nice to know ya, sorry to see you have to go so soon. God.
I'm sorry, aww, somebody help me.

Italy to France- Call me let's talk.

RUSSIA-ALL: Failure of the postal system led to a lack of Russian press last turn. It is believed that this was due to the expanse of the extended Russian Empire. It takes time for the mail from Smyrna to reach Norway.

*Russia-France: Here, I'll show you how.

VIENNA: Archduke Wormtongue publically chastised the French government today in a press conference regarding our Italian neighbors. "Just when it looked like the French monarchy might have been able to help out the Italians they ran off and went and declared war on another peaceful neighbor!! Well who needs them?! The government of Austria will do all in its power to help the people of Italy to resist oppression and to flourish. We are currently sending in military personnel and hardware to drive out the residual French plunderers and will begin restore order to the ravaged peninsula as soon as possible," he said.

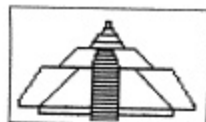
BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

London Times : Lord One-Eyed wishes to express the Queen's Holiday Greetings to all the European Powers and hopes this season will bring peace, goodwill and joy to all peoples.

Iceland Snowaball (Rekjavik): Editorial response to the British Queen's holiday greetings: "Yeah-right?"

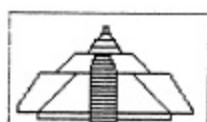
CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted: Clean fill. Please deliver to Venice ASAP.



ADVANCED CIVILIZATION

New Africa, Crete!!
Trading Frenzy!
Turns 18.9b-19a



TURN XIV

18.09b: TRADE PHASE

Illyria trades Grain, Bronze & _____ to Thrace for Papyrus, Salt & _____.
Assyria trades Grain, Ochre, and _____ to Africa for Timber, Salt, & _____.
Assyria trades two Salt & _____ to Thrace for 2 Papyrus & _____.
Assyria trades Timber, Papyrus, _____ & _____ to Thrace for 2 Salt, _____, _____ & _____.
Crete trades Oil, Gold & _____ to Babylon for Iron, Grain & _____.
Babylon trades Timber, Resin & _____ to Thrace for 2 Papyrus & _____.
Iberia trades Salt, Hides, _____, _____, & _____ to Crete for 2 Ochre, _____ & _____.
Crete trades 2 Iron, _____, _____, & _____ to Assyria for 2 Salt, _____ & _____.
Illyria trades 2 Oil & _____ to Crete for Bronze, Hides & _____.
Assyria trades 2 Iron, _____, _____, & _____ to Iberia for 2 Ochre & 7 cards.

18.10: CALAMITY RESOLUTION

EARTHQUAKE: Assyria destroys Miletus, Rhodes is reduced.

TREACHERY: Egypt reduces Sparta.

FAMINE: Egypt reduces Memphis(2), 2T from Ptolemais, 1T from Alexandria & Buhen (6T); has Pottery but no grain so GM kills 2T @ Memphis, 1T @ Gaza & Sinai (10). Orders Babylon & Africa has POTTERY and two Grain (8), and Crete to lose 4.

SUPERSTITION: Crete reduces Delphi and Chalcis.

CIVIL WAR: Iberia needs lose only 2T to Egypt. Choices are: 2T @ Etruria, 1T @ Balaeres, Caralis, Corsica, Ebusus, Pyrenees.

SLAVE REVOLT: Africa reduces Cyrene to 3.

FLOOD: Babylon loses 7 pts on Tigris/Euphrates flood plain.

EPIDEMIC: Assyria loses 16 (reduce Nineveh & Antioch (8), convert all eight 2T to 1T). Assigns 10 to Babylon (reduced to 5 due to MEDICINE), 8 to Iberia (two cities must be reduced), 7 to Egypt (loses 5--4 at Sardes and 1 at U Egypt).

ICONOCLASM: Thrace reduces 4 cities, orders two other player cities reduced.

Due next time are: Turn 18.10 (Calamity Resolution) to Turn 19.9a (Buy Gold).

PRESS:

New Assyria ruler admits to mis-calculation! In his zeal to increase his country's trading power, and while attempting to rid his area of the two interloping cities at Ankara & Gordium, and at some of the misguided among his own population, the new rule has caused an epidemic that has also hit hard at two of his own cities, as well as some of his neighbors..... The thought was good, but the "execution" (sic) may not have worked quite the way he wanted.....

THE BOARD

AFRICA (McCabe): C @ Ciria, Corduba, Palermo, Thapsus, Tripoli; 1S @ Cyrenaica, Campania, Palermo; 3T @ Cyrene; 2T @ Cyrenaica, Jalo, Libya, Numidia, Subrata, Tarentum, Tripolitania, Tunisia, W Mauritania; 1T @ Compania, E Mauritania, Milazzo, New Africa. POTTERY, MYSTICISM, ENLIGHTENMENT, CLOTHMAKING, AGRICULTURE, MUSIC, DRAMA & POETRY, ASTRONOMY, METALWORKING, 2 Grain.

ASSYRIA (Scott): C @ Media, 1S @ Cilicia, 1T @ Antioch, Armenia, Assyria, Bithynia, Cappadocia, Caucasus, Cilicia, Cyprus, Galatia, Ionia, Kanesh, Kuban, L Armenia, Mikop, Miletus, Nalchik, Nineveh, Phrygia, Sinope, Van. MYSTICISM, ASTRONOMY, CLOTHMAKING, DRAMA & POETRY, ENLIGHTENMENT, LITERACY, COINAGE.

BABYLON (Anderson): C @ Aleppo, Arabia, Babylon, Carrahe, Damascus, Jericho, Mari, Parthia, Susa; 4T @ Babylonia; 3T @ Phoenicia, Sumeria, Tyre; 2T @ Mesopotamia, Syria, Ur; 1T @ Sidon.

COINAGE, MYSTICISM, POTTERY, ENGINEERING, DRAMA & POETRY, MINING, ARCHITECTURE, MUSIC, ENLIGHTENMENT, MEDICINE, LITERACY, LAW.

CRETE (Webb): 1S @ Chalcis; 3T @ Knossus; 2T @ Athens, Chalcis, Corinth, Dalmatia, Delphi, Illyricum, Rhodes, Thessaly; 1T @ Appollonia, Argos, Cisaipna, Epirus, Germany, Macedonia, Pannonia, Rhine. METALWORKING, MYSTICISM, POTTERY, CLOTHMAKING.

EGYPT (Ringhoffer): 1T @ Alexandria, Buhen, E Desert, Gaza, Memphis, Ptolemais, Sardes, Sinai, Sparta, U Egypt, W Desert. MYSTICISM, METALWORKING, ASTRONOMY, AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING, POTTERY.

IBERIA (Farrow): C @ Ankara, Gordium, Massilia, Narbo, New Carthage, Sardinia; 2S @ Ebusus; 1S @ Caralis; 2T @ Etruria; 1T @ Baetica, Balaeres, Caralis, Corsica, Ebusus, Hispania, Iberus, Lusitania, Pyrenees, Terraconensis. CLOTHMAKING, POTTERY, MYSTICISM, MUSIC, METALWORKING.

ILLYRIA (Jo Kanneh): 1C @ Neapolis; 1S @ Britannia; 4T @ Germany; 3T @ Aquitania, Pannonia; 2T @ L Germany, Rome, Rubicon, Samnium; 1T @ Belgica, Britannia, Campania, Gaul, Ithaca, Londinium, Rhaetia, U Germany. DRAMA & POETRY, POTTERY, CLOTHMAKING.

PIRATES (Nark): C @ Carthage, Phaestos, Salamis; 3T @ Thebes, 1T @ Buhen.

THRACE (Zieske): C @ Byzantium, Moesia, Thera, Thessalonica, Troy, Tyras; 5T @ Danubia; 3T @ Dacia, Scythia; 2T @ Crimea, Ionia, Thrace; 1T @ Lemnos, Lesbos, Sudeten. DRAMA & POETRY, METALWORKING, MYSTICISM, POTTERY, CLOTHMAKING, MUSIC, LITERACY, ASTRONOMY.

YOUR CARDS ARE:

---"Boris XIII" (continued from p 2)

The missives were sent to the allies with care
In hopes that Tsar Nicholas would be a nice bear;
Gardner and Trent are a peaceful duet making nicely niceley
While their SCs they get. Italy is quiet, he may yet be priceley.

The spring moves went well--beyond belief
Not a unit did bounce or come to grief.
Now there is an army in Galicia and a fleet in Black Sea
Oh, the options are pleasant for the Tsar that I see.
Now Budapest, Ankara or Vienna; then Trieste and Greece
Oh let us dream...Constantinople, and Smyrna we will fleece.

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky---

Oh all this skulduggery let us eschew
For the only SC's that the tsar wants are two.
Let us go for Rumania and Sweden for now.
And keep the Peace of the Season somehow.
It was heard as he left, a call of merry cheer
A Merry Christmas to All and A Happy New Year.



MAGIC REALM

IRONTOES GANG THWACKS ROGUES!

Games Again



THE CAST:

Dave Anderson: Buster the Berserker
 John Butitta: Rosalinda Irontoes the Amazon
 Don Chinnery: Wanderer the Pilgrim
 Pitt Crandlemire: Fern Crystallight the optional Woods Girl (inactive)
 Dan Farrow: Sir Quler the White Knight
 TJ Klausutis: Old Bat the Witch with DC her Familiar (deceased)
 Phil McCabe: Connor the Dwarf (deceased)
 Connor Jr the Dwarf
 Debbie Osborne: Xyla the optional Woods Girl (inactive)

ERRATA: Buster's orders should've been listed as "H(4,3 = y), H, M EV5, M NW4. Reveal Bones W." Rosalinda & gang should've had to loot for the Soldier's gear. This time they will.

EVENING 10

MONSTER ROLL = 5

INN: Rosalinda drops her gold and pulls out her short sword, saying grimly: "Stinking Rogues - grumbling about a good deal. No one does that to an Irontoes!" Rosalinda activates her short sword, shield, breastplate and helmet. The fight erupts.

Lancelot (LHQ) attacks Robespierre (R1), Larry (L1) attacks Rasputin (R2), Rosalinda lures Richard (RHQ), Raymond (R3) & Robin (R4). Lancelot swings M3* while riding dodge M3 while Robespierre smashes T3*/ducks 5 -- Robespierre breathes no more. Larry attacks Rasputin similarly with Rasputin futilely swings H5*/dodges 4 -- Rasputin is greeted by the Destroyer of All Pleasures. Rosalinda, shield in dodge, thrusts M5 at Robin while Robin charges 2 but doesn't fire at Lenny. Leroy (L2) swings H4* at Robin, and Lenny (L4) smashes M4* at Robin -- 'tis Rosalinda that sends Robin Hellward to be an archery target for eternity. Raymond swings L3* and Richard smashes M3*, both missing the agile Amazon.

Amazon lures Raymond and Richard and attacks Richard; Larry swings M3* at Raymond; Leroy thrusts H4* at him; Lenny smashes him M4*; Raymond charges Lenny L3* moving 4 and is cut down by Larry. Rosalinda swings M5 at Richard; Lancelot thrusts M3* at him; Richard thrusts M3* and charges 4 at Lancelot. The lance strikes home first, and Richard is gathered by Death.

Rosalinda gains 21N and 13G. The Rogue's items are abandoned.

DAY 11

MONSTER ROLL = 4

Buster & R5-7@ NW4: H(4,2 = y), H, M NW2. Reveal Bones W.

Sir Quler @ BL3: H(4,2 = y), Move BL2, M L3, M L6, R. Reveal Ruins M, Cairns 5.

Rosalinda Irontoes @ BV4: S(Loot: 5,5 = thrusting sword), S(Loot: 3,2 = shield), S(Loot: treasure), S(Loot: 4,3 = H6*/H7 horse).

Wanderer @ Mt4. S(Loot: 5,3 = n), S(Loot: 6,6 = n), S(Loot: 5,4 = n), S(Loot: 6,6 = n). Reveal Smoke M, Shrine 4.

Connor Jr @ DW4: S(Loc: 3,1 = Passages), S(Loc: 3,2 = Passages). Reveal Stink M, Lost Castle 1, Howl 5, Hoard 6, Patter 5, Lair 3, Flutter 2. T Giant appears at DW4.

Lancers @ BV4: S(Loot: 5,5 = short sword), S(Loot: 6,2 = staff), S(Loot: 6,5 = M5*/H7 horse), S(Loot: 5,3 = shield).

COMBAT: Connor Jr vs T giant.

Due next time, Combat and Spells for Day 11 and orders for Day 12.

BOARD NOTES: The Inn is at Bad Valley 4. The Chapel is at Evil Valley 5. The ghosts are at Dark Valley 5. The House is at Cursed Valley 4. The Guard are at Awful Valley 5. The Lost Castle is
 --Continued on p 14



AGAMEMNON

EPOCH II BEGINS



THE CAST:

Azure: David Anderson Black: Rudy Zodda Green: Dan Farrow
Orange: Phil McCabe Purple: Debbie Osborne Red: Paul Zieske

Options in Play: Preservation of Culture (colored monuments), Fortresses, US Navy (may place fleet in Atl or Pac, not both), Persistence of Culture (extra event cards)

BOARD:

AI: MT(C), EAn
BI: Tur, Tar(BM), Hin, Lin(c,OM), PSD, Zag
GI: Yel(C,Religion), GPC, Che, StK
OI: WDe, WGH, EGh, Cey
PI: Cre(C,fi), Mor, Pin, Lev
RI: Nil(C,RM), Nub, Ara, Sha, Sib, Lib
WI: LTI(C,fi)
Fleets: EMS(P)

Score (SP/VP): O(4/9), A(4/6), P(4/5), G(4/5), R(5/9), BI(5/8)

EPOCH II:

Chris Trent replaces Debbie Osborne as Purple. Orange keeps, Azure keeps, Purple keeps, Green passes to Red, Red passes to Green, Black must keep. Your Empire is _____.

ASSYRIA: (no show)

CHOU DYNASTY (B): Play 1A,C @ Wei, ...

Due next time to Kevin by 6 Jan: Chou Dynasty, Vedic City States, Greek City States and any more we can finish.

---MAGIC REALM (continued from p 14)

at DW1. The Hoard, the T F Dragon, a T dragon and both H F dragons are at DW6. The Lair and Xyla & Fern w/ the Flowers of Rest (GOLD) are at DW3. The Shrine and the T F demon are at Mt4. The Petrol is at the Chapel. A BIG pile of stuff at the Inn.

DEAD PICE: 3 bats, 3 H spiders, 1 giant, T F demon, 4 Soldiers Rogues HQ, 1-4.

STELLAR CONQUEST

e.

JTK: Due next are orders for combat for Turn 41 and for Movement for Turns 42-44. Remember, this is a variable ending game, so Turn 44 has a 50% of being the last turn.

Willie: Have replacement, but will he/she actually replace?

Tommy: Awaiting Turn 20 combat, production and orders for Turns 21-24.

THE CAST

David Anderson (A)

Don Chinnery (C)

Dan Farrow (F)

Kevin Wilson (W)

ERRATA: C has 1 card.**TURNS 10.1-11.1:****A:** 5. W collects ore & sheep. No trades. No action.**C:** 5. W collects ore & wood. No trades. No action.**F:** 10. F collects brick from c5. A & W collect lumber from c3. No trades. Build Road e5/d6 (-1 lumber & brick).**W:** 8. W collects 2 grain. F collects 1 grain. No trade. Buy settlement @ e1/e2/f1 & card (-2 grain, 1 ore, 2 sheep, 1 lumber & 1 brick). Card is _____.**A:** 5. W collects ore & sheep. No trades. No action.**STANDING TRADE OFFERS:**

None.

Player	brick	grain	lumber	ore	sheep	VP	Knights	Cards	
Anderson	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	
Chinnery	2	2	2	1	0	5	0	1	Road
Farrow	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	
Wilson	1	2	0	0	2	3	2	1	

Due next are your orders for Turns 11.2-12.2. Include your trade druthers and what you'll do if a trade is made.

TURNS 11.2-12.2 Rolls:

Chinnery: 8

Farrow: 8

Wilson: 10

Anderson: 3

Chinnery: 6

LEGEND:

? generic 3:1 port

dice number

H/b hill hex / brick special port

D desert hex

F/l forest hex / lumber special port

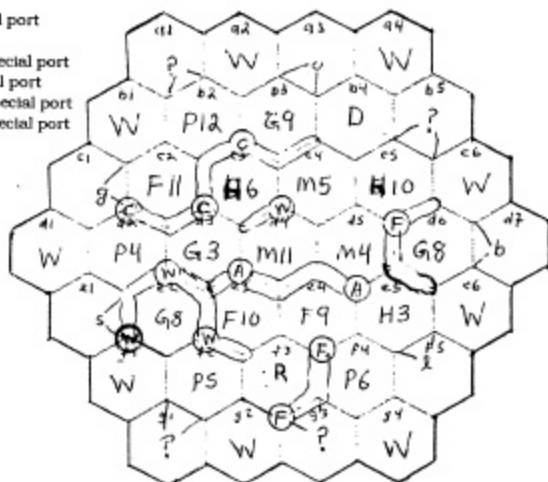
G/g grain hex / grain special port

M/o mountain hex / ore special port

P/s pasture hex / sheep special port

R robber

W water tile



ON DECK

1830: Copeland, Watson, ???

ADV CIV: McCabe, Crandlemire(?), Khaos(?), Anderson; need x more

AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Copeland, Watson, Frueh

AIR BARON: Copeland, Crandlemire(?), Osborne, Buttitta, Ringhoffer, Wordelmann

BRITANNIA: Khaos(?), Hanna, Boyum, Copeland, Zodda

CIRCUS MAXIMUS: Copeland

Tourney Rules: Anderson, Crandlemire(?), R Fisher, need 5 more

CONQUISTADOR: Copeland, Crandlemire(?), York

DIPLOMACY:

Regular: Geran(?), Gorham

Colonial: McCabe, Anderson, Boyum, Sandoval, B Wilson, Zodda need 1 more

DOWN WITH THE KING: Copeland

DUNE: K Wilson, Anderson, Crandlemire(?), R Fisher, Saunders(?); need 2-5 more

GUNSLINGER: Anderson, Crandlemire(?), Farrow, Scott; need 3 more

JUNTA: Copeland

KINGMAKER: Scott

KREMLIN: R Fisher, K Wilson, Buttitta, Crandlemire(?), Anderson, Holliday, Scott, Zodda

MAHARAJA: Crandlemire(?), K Wilson, Khaos(?), Hanna, Anderson

MERCHANT OF VENUS: Buttitta, K Wilson, Wordelmann, Watson; need 2 more

MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA: Buttitta, TJ & L Klausutis(?)

REPUBLIC OF ROME: Centurius Populus, Copeland

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Crandlemire(?), K Wilson(?), A Bargender, Copeland, Scott

TITAN: Crandlemire(?), Khaos(?), Anderson, A & J Bargender; need 1 or 2 more

OTHER POSSIBILITIES: 1829 (N OR S), 1856, 1870, AD 4000 (*), CIRCUS IMPERIUM, GLADIATORS, KAMAKURA, MACHIAVELLI, PLANET MINERS, SOURCE OF THE NILE (*)

* Offered by guest GM, when space is available.

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