

# BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE  
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"  
--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

9 Mar 85

Winter 1900/01

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DEADLINE: Spring, 1901 orders must be postmarked by 15 Apr 85.

## GENERAL

Players with access to "The Source" are asked to provide their Source # for use with "electronic" mail. Players may also want to provide the GM with a "personal authentication" code to dissuade counterfeit communications.

## EDITORIAL

Of the 14 invitations I sent out, I've received six replies from primaries and three from alternates. Five of the primaries accepted and one opted to be an alternate as he's newlywed and expects to relocate soon. Of the alternates, one decided she wanted to "observe" a bit and the other two were enthusiastic to play. They are. I called the last primary, but he opted for alternate status due to a heavy travel schedule.

It's rather interesting to note that five of you chose England as first choice and that nobody chose Turkey. It should also be noted that no one got worse than his fourth choice.

The "Press Rules" are on the flip-side.

## PRESS RULES

- 1) All players are encouraged to provide at least one piece of "Press" per issue. Doing so both contributes to the "flavor" of the game and provides a ready means of imprinting a personal stamp on the proceedings. It can also prove to be a valuable tool in conducting diplomacy or pulling off a master deception.
- 2) The "Press" can be of three types:
  - a) "Official Statements" of governments and their agencies.
  - b) "Clippings" from newspapers and journals of the day.
  - c) "Personals", where anything (within reason) goes.
- 3) Only the player may make "official statements" for his government. In addition, a player is assumed to control all the newspapers and journals in the territories he controls and in the colonies, dominions, etc., of his starting country. EXCEPTION: A player may contribute articles from the "Underground press" originating in occupied home territories. In addition, the players, alternates, and the Game Master may contribute clippings from neutral countries. "Anonymous" sources in an unfriendly country may also be permissible at the GM's discretion.
- 4) To sum up, only White Propaganda is allowed in the Official Statement section, both White and Grey are allowed in the "clippings" section, and White, Grey, and Black are allowed in the Personals section.
- 5) The GM reserves the right to reject or edit articles of questionable taste.

## PRESS HINTS

- 1) Do a little historical research into the era, your country, its leaders, and those of your allies and foes. It will surely provide you with ideas to enliven the Press and educate us all.
- 2) Feel free to creatively alter history if it suits your purpose.
- 3) DEFINITIONS:

Propaganda: Any information, ideas, doctrine, or special appeals in support of national objectives, designed to influence the opinions, emotions, attitudes, or behavior of any specified group in order to benefit the sponsor either directly or indirectly.

White Propaganda: Propaganda disseminated and acknowledged by the sponsor or by an accredited agency thereof.

Grey Propaganda: Propaganda that does not specifically identify any source.

Black Propaganda: Propaganda which purports to emanate from a source other than the true one.



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22 Apr 85

Spring 1901

## WAR FEVER SWEEPS EUROPE!

KLENDATHU--The military forces of Europe's "great powers" have been alerted, mobilized, and have, in some cases, crossed internationally recognized borders. Prospects for Peace are indeed grim until one faction emerges victorious or a long, bloody stalemate is declared. Considering the passions of the belligerents, the latter is unlikely.

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### EMBASSY BEAT

ST PETERSBURG--... confirmed reports that Cossacks on the Southern Russian/Ukrainian border have sighted troop and naval movements heading for the UKR/RUM border.

Continuance of these maneuvers will be considered an act of aggression on the part of the country of Turkey against the peace-loving peoples of the Socialist Soviet Republic of Russia. We hereby and forthwith demand a full retreat and apology for the aggressive actions taken by the Turkish government toward the peoples of Rumanian and Ukrainian countries...

PARIS--The Government de la Republique has announced movement of elements of the Armee' de France into BUR. This serious move was taken as a precautionary measure upon the breakdown of communication between the Kaiser and the Republique. The Fleet steaming to the Americas has been recalled to stop a possible English move into French territory. The English government has not replied to any communications from the French government. The Pope has been notably quiet this Easter season and this may explain lack of communication between the Italian and French governments. In any case, France has placed A MAR on alert also.

ROME--His Majesty, King Victor, calls for peace in the Mediterranean Sea. To limit uses of the sea lanes and promote commerce among all nations, Italy proposes a conference to be attended by all concerned parties to work towards agreement on limits on naval powers in the Med, both on national naval sizes and total units at sea in the Med.

ROME--An urgent letter has been sent to the Government of Turkey to protest certain activities of their representatives in their official capacity as Governors of the North African states. In addition, it was announced today the Imperial Fleet is to put out to sea with elements being dispatched to Tunis to conduct an official inquiry into public charges currently being made against local officials.

VENICE--Spring maneuvers were announced by Army Command this week. The 2nd Army will redeploy to the Capital (ROM) for the Summer while the 1st Army performs exercises on the Adriatic coast before summer mountain training in the north.

BERN--The Government of Switzerland has unanimously reaffirmed its traditional Neutralist policy in European squabbles, pledging to sell arms without bias to any country that pays gold in advance.

WORLD PRESS REVIEW

EDINBURGH EAGLE--A combined British-Norwegian survey team has reported discovering a rich deposit of high grade ferrotitanium in the southwestern state of Buskerud near the city of Geilo. Local sources claim that this precious metal will be stockpiled for use in Britain for military production.

LONDON TIMES--South Wales citizens have banded together to protest the foul state of their beaches, claiming that French warships have dumped raw sewage and contaminated petrol into the English Channel. The Navy has released a memo stating that normally French ships do not operate in the area but will do their utmost to determine the sticky problem in the Channel.

BBC News--Recently the British Foreign Ministry replaced the ambassador to Turkey. It seems Ambassador Gaberlapitch was spending most of his time at Uludag skiing, Bursa shopping, or at Eskisehir visiting the 1st Turkish Air Base instead of tending to business in Ankara. His replacement Sir Jim Parmiter is said to be a hard worker and has experience with the Turkish people. The new Ambassador will be visiting the Turkish leader on renovating the present intercountry banking system.

NEW YORK TIMES: On the U.S.'s possible future involvement in the crisis brewing throughout Europe, Henry Patrick, Republican Senator from Virginia, addressed the Senate as follows: "Gentlemen may cry 'Peace! Peace!', but the war has actually begun! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen would have? Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of our brethren's blood? Forbid it Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me--Give me Europe, or give me death!"

That's telling 'em Henry!

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Fragments of the True Cross. Each fragment comes with its own certificate of authenticity and holder. Makes a great Easter gift! Send \$500 in gold or one European blond female virgin to:

Abdul-Popiel Hassan

Box A

Jerusalem

Limit of 1000 per household. Include a copy of this ad with your order and get a map showing the location of the Holy Grail absolutely free!

Hey Mercury, ever live in Moberly? ---Skip

HI DON, JACK, RON, DAVID, ROBERT, and "MERCURY" ---Skip

Cragspider to C.B.: "Divide and conquer": the key to these bipeds.

FOR SALE: Copies of the French War Plan. Contact M. Hari, Geneva.

PRB to all: I'm no longer a Captain. The AF and I have parted ways.

CLASSIFIED ADS (cont)

Want to buy large quantities of uranium for medical research. Will pick up. --- Kaiser Bob

Hi Rose, Bertha, Sean, Pancake, and Pat! --- Meg

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KUDOS & BOOS

Birthday greetings to Roseanna, one of our alternates. Being a gentlespider, Boris won't reveal her age.

Congratulations to Jack Shacklett on being promoted to major. While he hasn't "pinned them on" yet, it's just a matter of time.

Condolences to Don "Rabbi" Patrick on being "passed-over" to major for the third time.

Raves to Tsar Kevin for his letterhead!

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence this season goes to the author of the Abdul-Popiel ad. Great work!!

A Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb goes to those of you who didn't contribute any press. You know who you are.

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BORIS SPEAKS!

CORRECTION: Skip's address is 208 Forrest Ave, not Forrest Dr. Our apologies. The phone book lied.

No one tendered a Source number.

Please proofread your press! I've taken the liberty of circling in red the words I had to correct in each of your press. Only you see your mistakes this time, but later...

It's pretty obvious from the notes a few of you included with your orders that most of you didn't put much effort into letter-writing this time. Shame! Shame! You can't convince 'em to move your way if you don't talk to 'em. Communication is the key to the game. Without it your task is hopeless.

THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON: There's an old Klingon proverb that says, "Revenge is a dish best served cold." They ought to know.

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TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUS: A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Gal, F Tri H  
ENG: A Lpl-Edi, F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth  
FRA: A Mar S A Par-Bur, A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mid  
GER: A Ber-Kie, (A Mun-Bur), F Kie-Hel Ber  
ITA: A Rom-Apu, A Ven-Rom, F Nap-Ion  
RUS: A Mos-StP, A War H, F Sev-Rum, F StP(sc)-Bot  
TUR: A Con-Bul, A Smy H, F Ank-Con

Move in parenthesis fails.

Deadline for Fall orders is 10 May 85.

BOUNDARY

WATER/WATER BOUNDARY

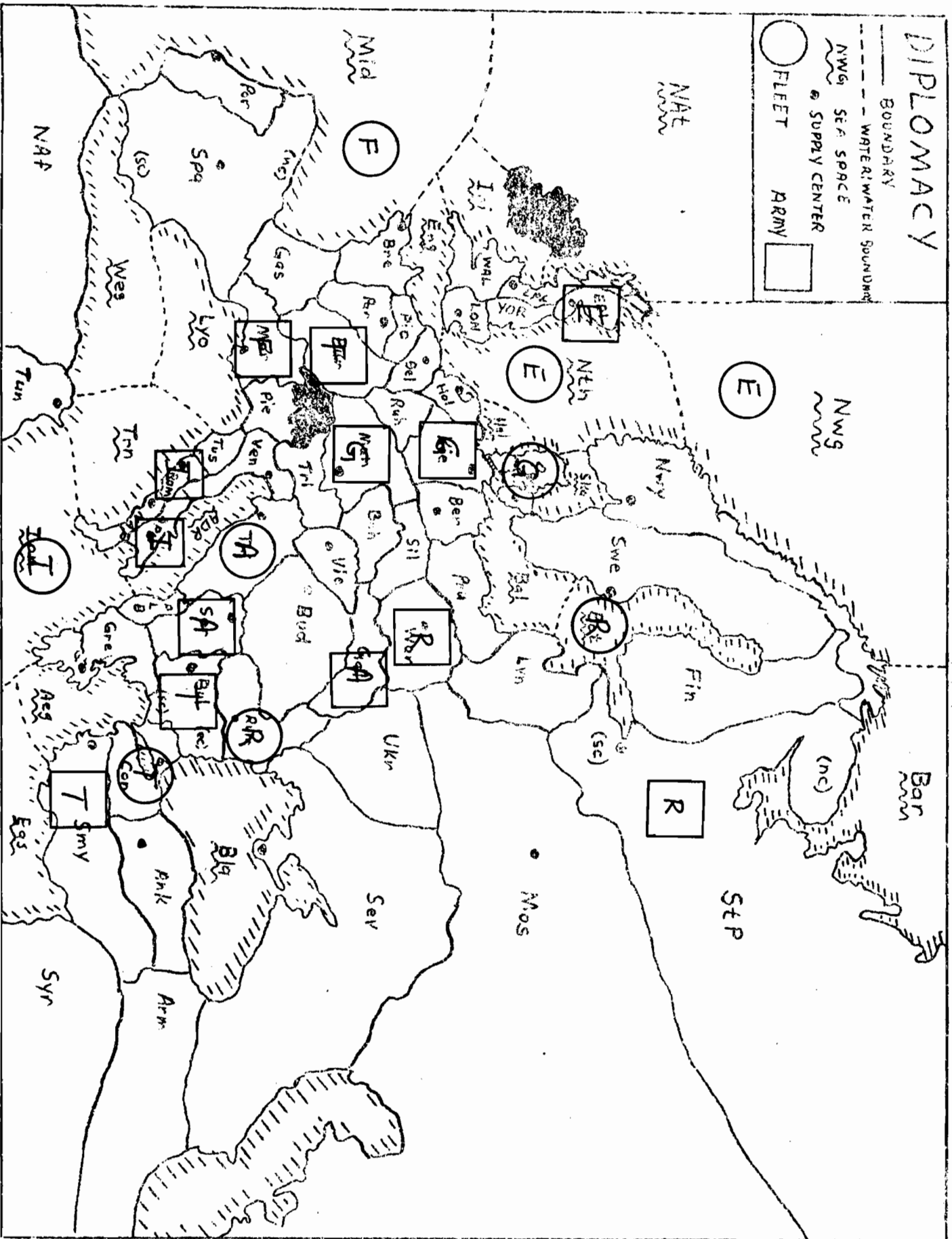
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SPRING 1901



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18 May 85

Fall 1901

## GREAT POWERS JOCKEY FOR POSITION

CLIFFHOME--Although no formal Declaration of War has been issued, the European powers are rushing to occupy strategic minor countries. Thus far the only major clash of forces has been the Austrian expulsion of a Russian fleet from Rumania.

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### EMBASSY BEAT

CONSTANTINOPLE--The Turkish Government has expressed its approval of the Italian expedition to TUN to investigate the activities of local officials there. Reportedly, the Porte regards the Italian action as a vindication of the propriety of Turkish rule in the region and has expressed hope that it indicates Italian willingness to support a restoration of Turkish authority there. "After all," the Sultan's Press Secretary told a group of international journalists, "Tunis has been French territory since 1881."

BERLIN--Kaiser Wilhelm II has pledged the full strength of the armed forces to protect the sovereignty of the German people. The populace of Alsace and Lorraine are Germanic and have rightfully been part of the German Empire since the days of Frederick Barbarossa and the First German Reich. These lands were wrested from the Holy Roman Empire by the aggressor King of France, Louis XIV. By the righteous force of arms, these territories were liberated from the posturing French Emperor, Napoleon II, in 1870. Germany will never again tolerate Gallic intrusion in the affairs of the Germanic peoples.

PARIS--After the recent invasion attempt by the Bungling Boche, the Ministry of Defense announced that a contract has been released to the Maginot company to build a line of forts and other defensive points to prevent further German incursions. The completion date of the defenses may run into the 1920's due to the requirement for environmental impact studies on the migratory patterns of the American Turista.

BUDAPEST--The Government of Austria has announced its intention to form a world commission to investigate press reports of the Turkish establishment of a "1st Turkish Air Base." The commission is to determine what such a base supports, whether or not balloons require such elaborate facilities, whether such activity violates current treaties and long-held tenets of international law, and if there are a "2nd" and "3rd" such base either planned or already established. Key Austrian scientists discounted rumors that the Turk's had invented heavier-than-air craft. "Although there is some work being done in the United States that looks promising," remarked Dr. Wolfgang von Wrongbro of the Imperial Austrian Scientific Society, "our current knowledge of physics indicate such matters simply not within the realm of the possible."

ROME--Acting on advice of the Naval Commander on the scene, troops of the 1st Army have been dispatched to North Africa to prevent civil

disturbances caused by the actions of the Governor for Turkey. All news from TUN is under a government ordered black out until order is returned.

ROME--The Government announced today that talks on naval powers in the Med are progressing, especially with France and a treaty to provide peace in the Mediterranean Sea is in the drafting stages.

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#### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

ATHENS DEMOCRAT--Correspondents report that the Russian fleet intends to land a marine force in BUL in conjunction with a push by the Austrian army to support the Russians. Sources revealed that the Russians will probably yield RUM to the Austrians for their cooperation.

LIVERPOOL LOG--"Serbia Cries 'Help!'" Austria-Hungarian Forces crossed the Serbian Frontier with one thing in mind, CONQUEST! Three columns of troops are now moving to encircle the beautiful capitol of Belgrade. The Slovak people have suffered a great humiliation in this invasion of their home. There is no knowledge of sufficient reason for this undeclared war on the Serbs available to this reporter. Across the country the shock wave of angry feelings are spreading. There appears to be no hope of stopping the onslaught due to the suddenness of the attack and volume of weaponry involved. At noon of the 19th the official Serbian radio station sent out a plea for help to Turkey and Russia. Russian soldiers are in the neighboring country of BUL "protecting their interests". The Turkish army has taken residence in RUM also. Will SER fall? Only Allah knows.

LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL--The US Army reported today that 3000 of its newest machine guns have disappeared in an audacious daylight hijacking. These .50 caliber weapons are reported to be the most lethal weapons produced in the world. Investigations into the robbery reveal that the guards were overcome by "white lightning", a subtle but effective drug discovered by John Bourbon.

MARSEILLES MAGGOT--The French envoy's arrival from Rome is expected momentarily. Hopes are that she will have a non-aggression treaty between the Kingdom of Italy and the Republic of France.

TOMBSTONE EPITAPH--(White Sands Weapons Test Area) It seems US support for the British war effort suffered a major setback last week. The Americans were trying to develop a method of sending warheads over large distance to their targets when, in the words of Charles Goodyear, head of the research team, "We suffered a major malfunction of the primary propulsion system of the first stage vehicle." Inside sources report his rubber band broke.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE US NAVAL INSTITUTE--"European Naval Modernization Furious Activity in European Shipyards." Given impetus from the experience gained in naval battles in the recent war between the United States and Spain, the Great Powers of Europe are reexamining the designs of their ships. The well-known Italian engineer, Colonel Vittorio Cuniberti, has outlined a revolutionary battleship. She



would be of about 17,000 tons displacement, armed with 12 inch guns, protected by armor 12 inches thick in vital places, and capable of speeds up to 24 knots. The most revolutionary idea of this concept is the lack of mixed armament. The British are known to be examining the idea. They already possess the power plant to drive such a ship. Sir Charles Parsons demonstrated his turbine marine engine at the Naval Review in 1897. A reputable source told our staff that keels are already being laid in Portsmouth but we were not allowed to visit the site. Not to be outdone, the shipyards at Brest and Marseille are working two ships daily. Contrary to England and France which must produce ships capable of worldwide operation, the German construction concentrates on ships designed for local use. The recent completion of the Kiel Canal and annexation of Schleswig-Holstein enables German ships to pass between BAL and HEL. The width of the canal further limits the size of German ships. The Sick Man of Europe is also interested in naval modernization. Turkish representatives have approached English shipwrights to place orders for modern battleships. Further, renovation of the SMY shipyards point to increased Ottoman determination to project power across the Mediterranean to reclaim territories in North Africa. Russian naval activity is limited by poor technology and geography. The second class Russian fleet must be divided between BLA, BAL, and the Pacific.

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

The long sobs of the violins of autumn  
Wounds my heart with a monotonous languor.

PRB to DS: You're right.

Red Indian on the Missouri.

From Madame Rose: Actually it was an old Romulan proverb, that's why the Klingons know it so well. Trekkies forever.

FOR SALE: 3000 new machine guns at \$30 dollars each. These high rate of fire, heavy projectile, .50 caliber weapons are just out of the Lexington, KY armory. Contact the Shyster Company, Lisbon, Portugal. Payments are to be in gold. (P.S. Firing pins are available for \$3000 dollars each).

Chief Bug to Cragspider: Excellent! Keep things stirred up while I deal with Sky Marshals Sanderson and Morrison.

Hey Big Red! This bush is a centre of nursery revolutions.--Half Moon

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#### KUDOS & BOOS

the Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence this season goes to the author of the TOMBSTONE EPITAPH clipping.

A Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb goes to Tsar Kevin for not submitting Press.

A big "Hiss-Boo" goes to the four of you who were late with your orders. You know who you are. Perchance I may not be so nice next time.

#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUS: A Gal-Rum, A Ser S A Gal-Rum, F Tri-Alb.  
ENG: A Edi-Nwy, F Nth C A Edi-Nwy, F Nwg S A Edi-Nwy  
FRA: A Bur-Bel, A Mar-Spa, F Mid-Por  
GER: A Kie-Hol, A Mun-Bur, (F Den-Swe)  
ITA: A Apu-Tun, A Rom-Apu, F Ion C A Apu-Tun  
RUS: A StP H, A War H, (F Bot-Swe), (F Rum H)  
TUR: A Bul-Gre, A Smy-Con, F Con-Bul(sc)

Moves in parentheses fail.

Russian F Rum must either disband or retreat to SEV or BLA. If disbanded, Russia may build another unit. Players may make conditional builds based on which option the Tsar takes.

BUILDS: AUS (+2), ENG (+1), FRA (+3), GER (+2), ITA (+1), RUS (\*),  
TUR (+2)

Deadline for Winter orders (builds/tears) is 10 JUN 85.

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#### BORIS CHITTERS

Please notice the deadline and observe it! I've been a bit lenient thus far, but that could change at any moment. Ms Nar wouldn't have been so kind.

Please check out the unit positions on the board when preparing your press. Several items this month have the wrong nationality in BUL.

There was some comment on the fast deadline for this set of orders. I have to apologize for that. It was driven by the TDY schedule of one of the players. It matched a short "window" when he would be home. This one too is somewhat driven by it. Please bear with us. The Spring '02 deadline will give you plenty of time to plot those plots and plan those plans.



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15 Jun 85

Winter 1901/02

## RUSSIA BIG LOSER IN 1901?

CLIFFHOME--With the expulsion of the Russian fleet from RUM and the aborted occupation of SWE, Russia looks to be in **BIG** trouble. Looks can be deceiving. Although Turkey has gained naval ascendancy in the Med, it is she who is in the most danger. Even minimal cooperation between the Italian and Austrian forces could effect the annihilation of both Turkish armies. The Italian build of A ROM remains inexplicable. A firm Russo-Turkish alliance would be in the best interests of both these beset Powers.

Things are quite confused in the West. The German builds indicate war with France or possibly Austria-Italy via TRL. The raising of an army in KIE instead of another fleet points to no aggressive designs on a weak England. England's best bet is to go after STP and hope that another Franco-Prussian War breaks out. France, of course, is sitting in the catbird seat. Her armies will easily expel the German army from BUR, while after F Por-Mid she has the option to swing into the Med, to support F Bre-Eng, or to steam serenely into IRI.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

CANEA, CRETE--Arriving Greeks have complained of harassment and expressed fears of mass violence on the Balkan peninsula with the movement of foreign forces crossing borders at will and with ill-intent for the native populations. Calls for international aid have gone out without response as yet.

GRAND FENWICK--Duke Leto I today announced total retaliation should German soldiers violate the sovereign borders of this Medieval Duchy. "We give Kaiser Wilhelm and his 'Howdy-Doody' Chancellor the same ultimatum my Great-grandfather gave Napoleon: 'The first 5000 of your soldiers to try to breach the Pass of Pinot will look like porcupines.'" The Duke went on to comment, "Go ahead! Smash the French vinyards! It'll only make our Pinot Grand Fenwick more precious. But if your minions harm a single of our grapes, we will unleash such a terrible weapon as Man has never seen before!"

PARIS--(Ministry of Defense) The government of the Republic was greatly deceived by the German invasion. The Parisian Army has gone to the aid of BEL in stopping the Kaiser's intentions there, but have sacrificed the sacred soil of France. The Ministry vows to recover all territory and intends to bring the full weight of land and sea forces to bear on the Hated Hun.

ROME--Follow-up investigations in TUN indicate Turkish bandits posing as government officials caused the problems necessitating Italian intervention. An envoy is being sent to the Turkish government to detail plans to restore civil rule and order to the North African colonies so important to Italian interests.

ROME--In view of the hostilities in Europe and cries from the population with one army overseas, the Government announced the

formation of two new armies, the first to be formed in ROM starting this winter and the fourth army to be organized at a date and location to be named later.

ST PETERSBURG--The Tsar is studying a treaty proposed by Germany and is reacting favorably. The pact will probably be signed before Spring.

VIENNA--Over the Emperor's objection, the Congress of Austria has decided to raise two more armies. As a compromise, however, none are to be billeted in the capital province of VIE, much to the relief of the Vienesese baking industry which had feared greatly that all the cadence marching would cause their souffles to fall.

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#### BORIS GALACTIC PRESS REVIEW

HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY--The ravenous bugblatter beast of Traal is a mind-bogglingly stupid animal. It has almost no capacity for learning from experience and is therefore surprised by virtually everything that happens to it. Here is an example of how stupid it is: it thinks that if you can't see it, it can't see you.

Its behavior would be quite endearing if it wasn't spoilt by this one thing: it is the most violently carnivorous creature in the Galaxy. Avoid, avoid, avoid.

NEUE ZURCHER ZEITUNG--Due to the rash of invasions, the royalty and key personnel of several minor countries have taken up residence in Bern. The "guest" list so far includes Serbia, Belgium, Spain, Bulgaria, and Rumania. The dignitaries of Norway have set up a Government-in-exile in Sweden, while those of Portugal, Denmark, The Netherlands, and Greece have retreated to Madagascar, the Faroe Islands, Dutch Guiana, and Crete respectively. The Swedish royal family is rumored to be desperately trying to rent a chalet with all the amenities somewhere in the vicinity of Geneva with intentions to join the growing social scene here in the Alps.

SHEOL SENTINEL--In a brilliant piece of planetary destabilization, our glorious Chief Bug has supplied a small, pathologically independent Duchy in Western Europe, Planet Terra, Star Sol with a single cryogenically-suspended bugblatter beast. It is anticipated that when a certain neighboring power overruns the Duchy (as it inevitably will), the beast will be released somewhere in the aggressor's capital. Then watch the fun given the beast's curious reproductive method (c.f. *Who Goes There?* by John Campbell).

WALL STREET JOURNAL--Hercules Powder and DuPont Chemicals, both of Wilmington, Delaware, are expected to announce record profits for the last quarter based on lively sales to Europe. The Market, anticipating the news, has sent prices of these two issues soaring. Analysts see several years of expansion and increased earnings for these two firms as European orders for black powder and other explosives surge to support the war effort there. Western explosives manufacturer, R. Hildreth & Associates, hasn't yet cashed in on this bonanza due to logistical reasons. Colorado Springs can't compete with Wilmington's ready access to Atlantic ports.

CLASSIFIEDS

Shelob to C.B.: Sorry, the little half-pints got away from me. Relay apologies to Sharkey.

Coming soon! A Russo-German non-aggression Pact! (Something about Poland, wherever that is/was/will be).

Witch King to Elf: I'm published now; where's your article?

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KUDOS AND BOOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Douglas Adams for the quote from *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, used without permission. The submitter gets an assist.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Tsar Kevin. This time don't lose your copy.

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BORIS SPEAKS!

CORRECTION: The article from the "Proceedings of the US Naval Institute" was incorrectly transcribed here. The phrase "... are working two ships a day" on Line 10 of Page 3 should have read "... are working two shifts a day". Our most abject apologies. Chalk it up to the perils of reading handwritten material. Then again we did mistakenly directly transcribe the misspelling of "Proceedings". Perhaps that makes us even.

OK, a couple of you are becoming consistently late. Thus far, one player has been late thrice, another twice, and three others once. Shame, shame. Here's an idea for you procrastinators: immediately after receiving this and every future issue, send a postcard with a set of orders. It'll only cost 14 cents and it can be countermanded later after you've read your diplomatic dispatches by merely sending another set (before the deadline, natch) when you send your press. Try it. You'll like it (and it'll save on your phone bill).

If you have any pithy contributions for the "Thought of the Season" feature, send them along! At this point I've only got about six years' worth, and some of them pretty weak.

THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON: The only tool of Diplomacy is language.  
--Ambassador Hodin of Gideon.

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ADJUSTMENTS

FALL 1901: RUS F Rum H (r-Sev)

AUS:	BUD, TRI, VIE, +RUM, +SER	Build A Bud, A Tri
ENG:	EDI, LON, LPL, +NWY	Build F Lon
FRA:	BRE, MAR, PAR, +BEL, +POR, +SPA	Build A Mar, A Par, F Bre
GER:	BER, KIE, MUN, +DEN, +HOL	Build A Kie, A Mun
ITA:	NAP, ROM, VEN, +TUN	Build A Rom
RUS:	MOS, SEV, STP, WAR	No Change
TUR:	ANK, CON, SMY, +BUL, +GRE	Build F Ank, F Smy

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BOULEVARD

# NWS SEA SPACE

6 SUPPLY CENTER

FLEET

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14 Jul 85

Spring 1902

## Italy and France Pen Peace Pact

CLIFFHOME--With the signing of the "Mutual Friendship and Cooperation Pact" under the watchful eyes of the Papacy, both nations tipped their hands as to who their initial targets are, England and Austria respectively. England evidently anticipated something of the sort and moved forcefully to deny the Channel to her perennial foe. Removing France as a target leaves only Austria and Turkey for Rome, and the lack of a coordinated attack against those stranded Turkish armies argues for the former. Germany appears undecided. The capture of BEL is anti-French, but the fleet movement and the wanderings of A Kie are anti-Russian. Turkey appears to have written off her Balkan holdings while positioning to annex the Crimea. The strange lack of communications from St Petersburg is disquieting. Perhaps some skullduggery is afoot. Austria rightfully concentrates on expelling the Turks, but must be wary of Italian treachery.

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### EMBASSY BEAT

VATICAN CITY--The Office of the Holy See released the following document today without comment:

PREAMBLE: The Kingdom of Italy and the Republic of France, wishing to establish a precedence of peace and goodwill among all nations do hereby establish this pact of non-aggression and invite all people of goodwill to join in this example.

ARTICLE I: The province of PIE shall henceforth and forever be declared a non-militarized zone. Both countries shall prevent the entry of any armed forces into said province.

ARTICLE II: LYD shall henceforth and forever be declared a non-militarized zone. Both countries shall prevent the entry of any armed forces into said province.

ARTICLE III: The Republic of France shall notify the Kingdom of Italy of any necessary movements of armed forces through WES, navigation hazards requiring such usage.

ARTICLE IV: The Kingdom of Italy shall notify the Republic of France of any necessary movements of armed forces through TRN, navigation hazards requiring such usage.

ARTICLE V: Both countries vow to aid all shipwrecked persons to the utmost of their ability and notify the respective governments immediately of such occurrences.

(signed)

Jacque Jacquelot  
President de la Republique  
du France

(signed)

Victor Emmanuel  
King of Italy

Witnessed this year of Our Lord, 1901

(signed)

Pope Leo XIII

(ED NOTE: Signatures verified by Ms. Nar--who am I to argue?)

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### CLASSIFIEDS

Boris to Pres Jacques & Premier Rose: Happy Bastille Day, mon amis.

Ms Nar to Sean: Get well soon! We love you.

### BODS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season jointly to France and Italy, who submitted the only piece of press.

This season's recipient of the Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Tsar Kevin again, this time for failure to submit a move before leaving on vacation.

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### BORIS SPEAKS!

There has been a request from our westernmost player to extend the deadlines for, as he puts it, "It takes awhile for the burros to deliver mail out west (*sic*) here." I sympathize, but it seems the deadlines are already too long for about half the players' attention spans. Once again I had to actively call the guilty players (collect, natch) to prevent massive NMRs. Fortunately, our Alternate corps has grown enough that I have sufficient dispersed Alternates to allow facile replacement of the sluggards. Therefore...

The Alternates are invited to submit orders for Fall '02 for Russia. Should Russia again NMR (no movement received), one of the alternate sets of orders will be chosen at random and that Alternate will have won an election or staged a coup and will then assume complete control of the Russian forces and position.

Thought for the Season: The purpose of Diplomacy is to prolong a crisis.  
---Lt Cmdr Spok

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### TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Gal, A *Rum-Bul*, A Ser S F Alb-Gre, A Tri-Vie, F Alb-Gre  
ENGLAND: A *Nwy-StP*, F Lon-Eng, F Nth S F Lon-Eng, F Nwg-Bar  
FRANCE: A *Bel S A Mar-Bur* (d or r-Pic), A Mar-Bur, A Par S A Mar-Bur, A Spa-Gas, F *Bre-Eng*, F Por-Mid  
GERMANY: A Bur-Bel, A Kie-Ber, A Hol S A Bur-Bel, A Mun-Ruh, F Den-Bal  
ITALY: A Apu H, A Rom-Ven, A Tun-Nap, F Ion C A Tun-Nap  
RUSSIA: **NMR** A StP H, A War H, F Bot H, F Sev H.  
TURKEY: A *Bul S A Gre*, A *Gre S A Bul* (d), F Ank-Arm, F Con-Bla, F Smy-Aeg

Italicized orders fail. French A Bel must either retreat to PIC or disband. France must state which with his next orders (default: disband). Countries may tender conditional orders based on the French decision. Note that Turkish A Gre was destroyed for lack of a valid retreat.

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DEADLINE for Fall '02 orders is 19 Aug 85.

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# BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE  
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"  
--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

27 Aug 85

Fall 1902

## TSAR DEPOSED, ITALIANS BOMBED

CLIFFHOME -- The World's attention is riveted on St Petersburg, Rome, and London. In the East, Tsar Kevin has been exiled to America, from where he will, no doubt, plan his counter-coup. In Rome, a group calling itself the Free Pasta Front has claimed responsibility for the bomb that wiped out the entire Italian Cabinet. Considerable wagers are being made on who shall emerge ascendant from the general melee for succession. Meanwhile, the government of Prime Minister Franklin faces a no-confidence vote over its postal policy. Inside observers rate his chances of winning the vote as slim. England's resulting paralysis has given the infant Russian government breathing space.

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### EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN: General Schlieffen, the architect of the brilliant German campaign in the Low Countries, has been promoted to the rank of Field-Marshal. Count Alfred von Schlieffen outwitted the French commander, Joseph Joffre, by outflanking the overextended French army. The Schlieffen plan called for the German thrust to get around the French flank by sweeping through the Ardennes, then rolling up the French line, pinning the French army against the Channel. The watchword was "Keep the left wing strong!" And strong it was.

PARIS (Ministry of Defense): The valiant army that was sent to defend BEL has been recalled to help Armies MAR and PAR drive the Hated Hun from France's beloved BUR. Unfortunately, during the envelopment of the German occupying army a second Prussian army fell on the rear guard and trod peaceful BEL. The Belgium-liberators are now in PIC refurbishing arms to free the oppressed people of BEL.

ROME (Manifesto of the Free Pasta Front): Our demand is simple: Each citizen be allotted 0.5 kg of free pasta a week. Thus will the scourge of hunger be eradicated from Italy.

MOSCOW (Office of the Patriarch): The Patriarch today annointed a new Tsar, Pavel III, to replace the decadent and exiled Tsar Kevin.

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### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

REVUE DE LA DEFENSE NATIONALE (Geneva)--It was announced today that Marshall Ferdinand Foch replaced Marshall Joseph Joffe as Commander-in-Chief of the French Army.

SEDAN CHAIR--The following was received anonymously last night:

THE FLOWER OF FLANDERS--(somewhere in BEL) Although the Prussian martinets have forcibly occupied our beloved country, the resistance will strike back. Already hundreds of beer barrels destined for the Germans have been intercepted and burst. One hero of the movement of liberation, Fulley Belle, when surrounded by the Boche, continued to destroy the beer by drinking a whole barrel. Unfortunately, the Boche inhumanly tortured him by keeping the bathroom locked. We salute you Fulley Belle for enduring such treatment for the cause of freedom.

TAGESPIEGEL (Dresden)--"German Troops Liberate BEL". Belgian citizens greeted German troops with cheers and flowers as the invading French were forced to retreat. The same railroad cars, bearing the banners "Excursion to Berlin", which the French hoped to ride to the German capital, were loaded with French dead and wounded as they retreated from Brussels.

DIE ZEIT (Hamburg)--Foreign Chancellor Robert Hudson proclaimed the presence of German troops in BEL as only temporary. He stated they will be removed when there is no longer a threat of French occupation. The Chancellor went on to say, "Our position is wholly justified. The French invaded BEL. The French President called the treaty which guaranteed Belgian neutrality, "a scrap of paper."

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Jack Shacklett for the "Flower of Flanders" article.

This month's recipients of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb are (jointly) Skip Franklin and Ron Fisher. Every party loves a pooper,...

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

Sean lives!

To our friends in occupied Iberia, a message:  
The chair is against the wall.  
John has a long moustache.

Mustafa Kemal has a camel fetish.

Lasker to World: Let's see, where were we? Oh yes, 1 P-Q4 P-Q4, 2 2 P-QB4 P-K3, 3 N-QB3 N-KB3, 4 N-KB3. OK, your move.

To the Italian commander from a friend: Caporetto was a very costly campaign. Or haven't you read *A Farewell to Arms*?

Oh the north wind doth blow, / And we shall have snow,  
Oh what will the robin do then? / Poor thing!

Climb Mount Niitaka!

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

Boris would especially like to congratulate our new Tsar Paul Saunders and ex-alternate Lisa Wilks on their engagement. Paul and Lisa plan to "tie the knot" here in FWB come December.

If you've read the press closely you'll have realized that Kevin has NMR'd out and that Paul Saunders has assumed the Russian portfolio. Further, Skip has NMR'd and Ron has resigned effective Winter '02/03. Thus one or two countries are up for grabs this Spring. As the personnel changes could get hairy for the next few turns, I'm including a (temporarily) up-dated roster.

# TROOP MOVEMENTS

French A BEL retreated to PIC.

AUSTRIA: A Gal S A Rum, A Rum S A Ser-Bul, A Ser-Bul, *A Vie-Tri*,  
*F Gre S A Ser-Bul* (r-Alb or d)  
 ENGLAND: **NMR:** A Nwy H, F Bar H, F Eng H, F Nth H  
 FRANCE: *A Bar-Mun*, *A Gas-Bre*, *A Par-Bur*, *A Pic-Bre*, F Bre-Mid,  
 F Mid-Nat  
 GERMANY: A Bel S A Hol, *A Ber-Mun*, A Hol S A Bel, *A Ruh-Mun*,  
 F Bal-Bot  
 ITALY: A Apu H, A Rom H, *A Ven-Tri*, F Ion S TUR F Aeg-Gre (nso)  
 RUSSIA: A StP H, A War H, F Bot-Swe, F Sev-Arm (d)  
 TURKEY: A Bul-Gre, F Aeg S A Bul-Gre, F Arm-Sev, F Bla S F Arm-Sev

Italicized orders fail, (d) destroyed, (nso) unit Not So Ordered

RETREATS: AUS F Gre may retreat to ALB or disband. In the latter case Austria may build two units. As usual, players may send in conditional builds based on the retreat or the tear.

## ADJUSTMENTS

AUS:	BUD, TRI, VIE, RUM, SER, +BUL	(6)	Build 1 or 2
ENG:	EDI, LON, LPL, NWY	(4)	No change
FRA:	BRE, MAR, PAR, -BEL, SPA, POR	(5)	Tear 1
GER:	BER, KIE, MUN, DEN, HOL, +BEL	(6)	Build 1
ITA:	NAP, ROM, VEN, TUN	(4)	No change
RUS:	MOS, -SEV, STP, WAR, +SWE	(4)	Build 1
TUR:	ANK, CON, SMY, -BUL, GRE, +SEV	(5)	Build 1

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Deadline for Winter Orders is 16 Sep 85.

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## ACTIVE ROSTER

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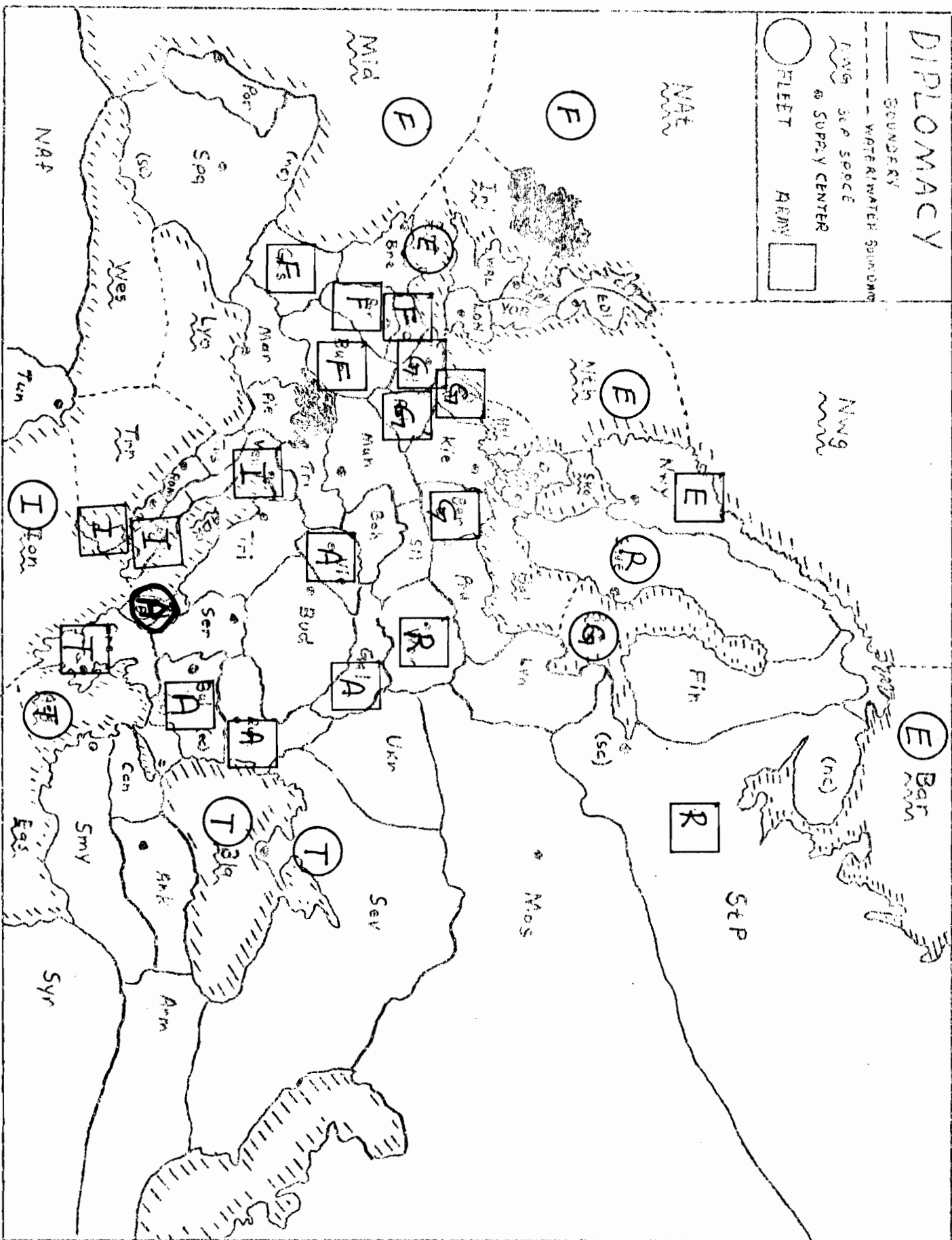
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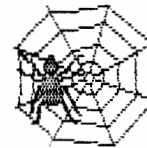
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# BORIS THE SPIDER

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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

26 Sep 85

Winter 1902/03

## EUROPE MOURNS SEAN. TRUCE CALLED

CLIFFHOME--A temporary and shaky truce holds sway over Europe as all the heads of governments journey to Vienna to pay their sincere last respects to Sean de Austria, Defender of the Empire. They will undoubtedly use this opportunity to attempt some reconciliation and stabilize the present crisis. They will fail.

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### EMBASSY BEAT

VIENNA--Flags throughout Austria were ordered flown at half-mast for the next 30 days in mourning for this nation's most-beloved personality, Sean. First indications came when the Vienna Boys Choir concert was suddenly cancelled. Cables from the Government were virtually non-existent until the official announcement was made the next day. A new Austrian warship, scheduled to be launched this month, has been named in his honor. Sean, hero in war and respected in every Austrian household, was the Emperor's most trusted advisor and, most believe, closest friend. Few outside Vienna had the opportunity to meet him, but his exploits have been chronicled by the press worldwide. Sean, dead from cancer. May he rest in peace.

ST PETERSBURG (Minister of War, General Kuropatkin): "The quality and morale of Russian troops has never been better."

ST PETERSBURG (Foreign Minister Lamsdorf): "The renewal of Russia's alliances has improved her military position tremendously."

ST PETERSBURG (Tsar Pavel III): "The great powers must use diplomatic means to settle their differences. War only compounds the problem."

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### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

DETROIT TIMES: It seems the Swedes have finally conquered Moscow.

MOSKOVSKIYA VEDOMOSTI (Moscow)--Okhrana forces finished rounding up the last traitorous officials today, although ex-Tsar Kevin apparently escaped. His destination is unknown, and the police are on the look-out for him. Anyone knowing his whereabouts should report at once to the nearest police station. The trial for those officials caught begins at once, and the sentences will be carried out immediately.

NOVOE VREMIA (St Petersburg)--Amidst great speculation as to who his Tsarina will be, Tsar Pavel has announced his engagement to the lovely Cecilia Regina Anna Marie of SWE, whom he affectionately calls Lisa. The news caused great celebrations in the capital and throughout the country, as the new Tsar is immensely popular.

RUSSKIYA VEDOMOSTI (Moscow)--With the ascension to the throne of Tsar Pavel III, peace and tranquility once again reign in Russia. In his first speech to his subjects, Tsar Pavel promised a policy of reform and liberalization. This announcement was greeted with great enthusiasm from all present.



# CLASSIFIEDS

PRB to DS and PS: Confident, aren't you?

Ms Nar to Sean: Hail, fallen hero! Neither foe nor battle's carnage has felled you, but Time's inexorable march. Sleep well, valiant opponent. As Emerson said, "Time is the surest poison."

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## BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Count von Patrick for his eloquent elegy for Sean.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is awarded to Kanzler Robert Hudson for Press promised but not delivered.

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## BORIS SPEAKS!

In last issue's "Troop Movements" we inadvertently called Austria's F Gre an army.

Boris would like to extend birthday greetings to Meg "Ms Nar" Bolduc, to Kanzler and Frau Hudson, to Alternates Mike Becker and T.J. Klausutis, and to GM Paul Bolduc.

Players are advised that a separate letter is going to the Alternates. Some of them may be contacting you as "shadow" governments of England and Italy. What you tell them is your business, but be aware that they might appear next move as either Italy or England.

THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON: "The victories of Diplomacy are won by a series of microscopic advantages; a judicious suggestion here, an opportune civility there, a wise concession at one moment and a farsighted persistence at another; of sleepless tact, immovable calmness and patience that no folly, no provocation, no blunder can shake." -- Robert Arthur Talbot Gascoyne-Cecil, Lord Salisbury

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## TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austrian F GRE has retreated to ALB.

AUSTRIA: Build F Tri  
ENGLAND: No change  
FRANCE: Disband A Gas  
GERMANY: Build F Kie  
ITALY: No change  
RUSSIA: Build A Mos  
TURKEY: Build A Con

SUPPLY CENTERS: AUS (Bud, Tri, Vie, Rum, Ser, BUL), ENG (Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy), FRA (Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por), GER (Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, BEL), ITA (Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun), RUS (Mos, StP, War, SWE), TUR (Ank, Con, Smy, Gre, SEV)

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DEADLINE for Spring '83 orders is 28 Oct 85.  
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# BORIS THE SPIDER



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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

4 Nov 85

Spring 1903

**NEW GOVERNMENTS FORM: PLOT THICKENS**  
MINAS MORGUL--Lord Devon and Conte "Pistolo Pete" Meyer have formed governments in Britain and Italy respectively. The new British government wasted no time in rallying its forces to expel the French raiders by the Fall. The French disbanding of A GAS is thus revealed as the glaring blunder that it was, for had A Gas convoyed to LPL, the Brits would've been helpless to repulse them. The only joy to be found in Paris tonight is due to Italy's Eastern preoccupation. The typically inept Italian military only managed to snarl itself up in a massive traffic jam as the Navy's action prevented the Army from seizing TRI. Austria still appears to be in a state of shock following the passing of Sean, its military genius. Serious problems beset Vienna with the Italian threat in the West and a rampaging Turkish army in SER. The Turks themselves seem to be in fine shape--no threats to home centers and good chances to capture a pair of Austrian centers. The Russian move to PRU indicates a secret pact with France may be in effect; if so an Anglo-German Pact would be quick in coming, and SWE would be its first fruit.

## EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN (Office of the Emperor): Kaiser Wilhelm II pledged the strength of the German armed forces to protect the sovereign soil of England from foreign aggression. The Kaiser evoked family ties in a recent address to the Reichs Chancellory. "It is the sacred duty of all Germanic people to come to the aid of their common defense. The House of Hohenzollern will stand or fall with the House of Hannover. The same spirit that united England with King Frederick of Prussia and later, Lord Wesley, the Duke of Wellington with General Blucher is alive today. The English people have defeated all attempts to invade their island since 1066. The strutting pop-in-jay French President should reconsider the lessons of Trafalgar."

LONDON: The infant Cheap Postage Party, promising the return of the ha'penny stamp, was overwhelmingly swept into control of Parliament. The new Prime Minister, L.J. Klausutis, Lord Devon, in his first address to the nation declared, "If the \*!#! French do not remove their fleets from NAT I will ally with Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime if they will assist me in the extermination of the French Nation!"

PARIS: The French Ministry of Defense announced today that a French fleet has been ordered to LPL. Fleet marines were to be landed and the country seized in retaliation for the British aid to the Germans in BEL. The French hope that this act will force the English government to sue for an Anglo-Franco Truce.

VIENNA: Archduke Franz Ferdinand, designated heir to the Throne of Austria-Hungary, and the Emperor's grandnephew, Karl, are missing. The Archduke, next-in-line to the Throne, and Karl, third-in-line, were inspecting Austrian relief efforts in GRE before the brutish Turkish attack which forced the retreat of Austrian naval forces. Concern for the whereabouts of the Austrian heirs have been heightened by reports



that the Emperor's health has been failing. The Emperor is reportedly vacationing at Laxemburg Castle.

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#### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE REVIEW (Geneva)--Speculation that the new government of Italy seeks to recapture the lost splendor of the Roman Empire reaches new heights. The body of a man dressed in the uniform of an Italian major washed ashore on the Mediterranean island of Majorita. The body could not be identified because of exposure to the elements but inside an attache case were the military papers of a Major Vittorio Garibaldi. Included in the attache case were military plans entitled "Operation Rubicon" that outlined plans for the invasion of POR, SPA, and Southern France. Our staff has analyzed the situation and conclude that bold leadership could transform Italy into a Great Power. The preoccupation of French forces in the Atlantic and Franco-German border and the deadlock of Austrian and Turkish forces leave the Italians free to exploit the vulnerable and undefended supply centers along the western Mediterranean.

NEUE ZURCHER ZEITUNG--Swiss cryptologists have deciphered a French message ordering a French fleet into LPL. Analysts believe this act will cause the British government to fall. The French obviously want the British to sue for a truce to allow the French to attack German troops massed on the French border from ENG to the Swiss border. It is possible that even a French-British alliance could attack Germany with English naval power and French armies. Many doubt that a Russian drive on Germany can be expected as the Germans have isolated the Russian fleet in SWE.

WASHINGTON POST--"Source Suggests Sultanic Sorcery" A high ranking official in the War Department, speaking on the condition he remain anonymous, told this reporter that the rumored transmutation of a Turkish fleet into an army and vice-versa had indeed occurred. "We don't now how he did it, but we're damn well going to try to find out. It violates all the known laws of Physics and the Game. Our best theory is some sort of Magic Spell, possibly the intervention of an ifrit. Right now we've got the Archbishop of New York working up some exorcisms to pass on to our chaplains in the field."

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

Look out for the Good Guys!

World to Lasker: Resign

Hey Rose, how's your TMS? --JAF

Rose says hello.

TMS?? Tetramethylsilane? Tangential mean square? Thomas Michael Seaver? Total melee strength? Totally messy sauerkraut?

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this month to the author of the *Washington Post* clipping.



This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Tsar Paul Saunders for Press promised but not delivered.

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

Boris must abjectly apologize to all the players, past and present. It seems when transcribing the Winter '01/02 map, your all-knowing GM switched the positions of TUR F Bul(sc) with TUR A Con. The resulting unreported error led to the new F Con later supporting the destruction of RUS F Sev. In the future, should a player or alternate discern such an error, please immediately inform the GM. Should the error be real, the GM will post a notice to that effect to the players and a new deadline established, provided that a whole turn has not passed. In the present lamentable situation, three turns have passed and the error has been ratified, as it were, by the lack of protests. It won't happen again. Incidentally, it implies you folks out there are relying heavily on my maps. I would like to get some feedback on their utility and esthetic appeal.

Boris requests phone numbers from both Italy and Russia for publication here. It may also help to prevent an NMR.

**THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON:** Now know you that the death of these two mighty knights (Hector and Achilles) did in no wise put an end to the battle of Troy, though the sport of it was somewhat diminished. The Greeks did ever study how to enter the walls and put the mighty castle to the torch, and it was through the counsels of the wizard Socrates that they came upon a plot so low, so vile, so foul that it has served as a model for statesmanship ever since. --Davydd ap Seare

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# TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: *A Bul S A Rum (r-???)*, *A Gal-Ukr*, *A Rum S A Bul*,  
*A Ven-Tri (nsu)*, *F Alb-Ion*, *F Tri-Adr*  
ENGLAND: *A Nwy-Yor*, *F Bar-Nwy*, *F Eng-Wal*, *F Nth C A Nwy-Yor*  
FRANCE: *A Bar-Mun*, *A Par-Bar*, *A Pic-Bre*, *F Mid-Bre*, *F NAT-Lpl*  
GERMANY: *A Bel S A Ruh*, *A Ber-Mun*, *A Hol-Kie*, *A Ruh S A Bel*,  
*F Bot-Bal*, *F Kie-Den*  
ITALY: *A Apu-Ven*, *A Nap-Apu*, *A Ven-Tri*, *F Ion-Adr*  
RUSSIA: *A Mos S A StP*, *A StP H*, *A War-Pru*, *F Swe-Den*.  
TURKEY: *A Con-Bul*, *A Gre-Ser*, *F Aeg S A Con-Bul*, *F Bla S A Con-Bul*,  
*F Sev-Rum*.

**NOTE:** Italicized orders fail; (nsu) = No Such Unit. Aus A BUL must either retreat to GRE or disband. If no retreat order is given, GM will disband the unit. Conditional orders may be written based on this decision.

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DEADLINE for Fall '03 orders is 9 Dec 85.  
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# BORIS THE SPIDER



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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

15 Dec 85

Fall 1903

## BORIS EXTENDS SEASON'S GREETINGS

MINAS MORGUL--The jig may be up for Austria as the spectre of partition by Italy and Turkey looms. If so, the birth of a Turkish Naval Monster is imminent. Italy then will have to pay the piper for both this and the last government's anti-Austrian attitudes. Field Marshall von Pancake's choice of SEV instead of WAR or MOS, the latter cutting the heart out of the Ice Queen, for the peripatetic A UKR is truly lamentable; hopefully his choice of units to lose won't be as gaiming. In the West, England has again regained control of her island fortress and but needs to build F LON to expel the French host. The "Sitzkrieg" between France and Germany is becoming more and more suspicious. Could it truly be a "Phonev War" as some have claimed? The young Tsar will have to disregard the exhortation in *Deut* 20:7 if he expects to keep his throne. As vuletide rapidly approaches, there is little peace and less good will toward men to be found. In other words, except for the sudden rise in Turkish power, all is going according to plan. The only risk--and it is becoming more and more likely--is that Turkey continues to wax and establishes hegemony over Europe, thwarting our goal of a disunited and embroiled humanity.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

CONSTANTINOPLE--Turkish trade officials have called for a sharp increase in pig breeding and pig livestock imports have jumped to meet the sudden demand for live pigs in the country. Foreign officials are at a loss to explain these developments, considering that eating pork is forbidden in this devoutly Moslem nation. In a possibly related development, local police officials have noticed a spate of animal mutilation reports in the surrounding countryside. Numerous female pigs with their ears surgically removed have been found wandering in the hills. Police believe that the pigs are being used in a pagan ritual by non-believing Turks.

FEZ, MORROCCO--The Caliph of Morrocco has revealed that the Turkish government has approached his government with proposals for naval bases and supplying a large number of troops. As Turkey and Italy now seem aligned this comes as no surprise. However, when the Caliph inquired about the Italian needs the Turkish representative implied that Italy would have no fleets or armies when the Turks had gotten to MES. Analysts conclude that with three fleets and three armies, the Turks must employ half of their armed forces in the Med against Italy at some future date.

PARIS--The government has announced that attempts to reach a truce with the English government have failed. The fleet marines in LPL have been ordered to resist the army and fleet now approaching them while destroying all manufacturing in Liverpool. The marines have reported that the British are using a new type of biological warfare to drive them out however. It seems the place is infested with Gualley.

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ROME (Royal Minister of Defense)--Since we (the Spaghetti/Pizza Coalition) have assumed control of the government, we are going to establish a new foreign policy. In order to avoid any embargoes of pasta, fettuccine, or lasagna we hope that they will be accepted with grace and dignity. We would openly accept any alliance to the North with the Austro-Hungarians, but to do this there must be a total withdrawal of all Austrian forces from ALB to ADR. This would facilitate our reclaiming our native territories.

Congratulations to the English imperial forces in expelling the French rodents. Our Party proposes an alliance with the English in order that we may, through self control, be able to better control all military activity in the European continent. We will leave our doors open to any offer as well from the French, Germans or Turks.

ST PETERSBURG (Foreign Minister Lamsdorf)--Please accept the Tsar's sincerest apologies for his lack of diplomatic correspondence. His wedding has taken up the lion's share of his time.

ST PETERSBURG (Interior Minister Botvinnik)--Loyal Russians, Rejoice!! Your Tsar has taken a bride. Rise up and throw out the invaders. Your Tsar needs you.

VIENNA--The Emperor's vacation at Laxemburg Castle was cut short as riots in the capital city increased. Calls for the resignation of Field Marshall H. von Pancake, who assumed command after the unexpected death of Austria's great military leader, Marshall Sean, has been unable to counter the Turkish threat to the Balkans, failed to reorganize the Austrian navy, and yet seems to show little concern for the current state of affairs. Black market activity has increased, especially for coffee which was banned earlier this summer, but sales of croissants are on the rise as the Austrian people seem to enjoy chewing on the half-moon shaped pastry.

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#### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NATIONAL INQUIRER (Hollywood)--"Imperial Wedding Boffo". Saturday's wedding of the young Tsar Autocrat of All the Russias was attended by a veritable "Who's Who" of world leaders, statesmen, Russian nobility, and Beautiful People. The new Tsarina was radiant in her snow-white gown while Tsar Paul wore an austere Military uniform, resplendent with medals. The ceremony, held in the capital city of St Petersburg, was officiated by the Patriarch of Moscow himself, and attended by simply *everybody* who is anybody. Thousands lined up along the processional route in the biting cold in hopes of even the briefest glimpse of the Imperial couple, for there is an old superstition here in Russia that it is good luck to see the Tsar on his wedding day. For a Peasant, it was always bad luck to see the bachelor Tsar Kevin.

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Silk purses! Cheap!! A breakthrough in technology allows us to offer these fine silk purses at unheard of low prices! No limit! Send your orders to:

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Box A  
Constantinople

PM to F+MB! How goes it?

Adb al-Hamid to PRB: Re your maps; they sure beat Ouija boards.

Lord Devon is a shit. -- A High Source

S. Claus to all: Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

Does Turkey want to sink ships? SS *Scharnhorst* only takes 3 hits + my *Yamato* is loaded.

Funny, my *Naval War* and *War at Sea* both have it as a "5". --Boris

Shack to Vern: Do you remember where you left the correct map?

PRB, write soon.

Ditto. --Mom

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this month to David Scharnhorst.

This month's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Lord Devon, for, you guessed it, press promised but not delivered.

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

*Rail Baron* devotees will be interested to note that we've noted three errors in our the ever-popular "Rail Baron Helper" program. In Line #182 the first two "18"s should be "28"s, and in Line #305, the "9.5" should be "19.5". These oversights have spurred the birth over the T-Day weekend of "Rail Baron Helper" Versions 2 and 3. As you know RBH took 57 sectors; Version 2 takes only 46 while Version 3, although split into two files, takes only 26. The new versions also have a "Oops" feature that allows "taking back" of destinations when the wrong player is entered.

**Temporary address change:** (Effective 16-29 Dec 85) President Jack Shacklett, c/o Box 353A, Rte 1, Ekron, KY 40117.

**PERMANENT ADDRESS CHANGE:** Tsar Paul Saunders, 278 Cedarwood Apts, Lebanon, TN 37087; phone (615)-449-3224.

PHONE NUMBERS FOR ITALY: Home (406)-243-1012, work (406)-243-6535.

BORIS extends his congratulations to Tsar Paul and Tsarina Lisa on their nuptials yesterday. 'Twas a bittersweet moment, as he didn't gain a Player, he lost an Alternate.

Thought for the Season: The best Diplomat I know is a fully operational phaser bank. --Cmdr Montgomery Scott

# TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austrian A BUL retreated to GRE.

AUSTRIA: *A Gre-Ser (d), A Rum S A Ukr-Sev (r-???)*, A Vie-Tri,  
A Ukr-Sev, F Alb S F Tri-Adr, F Tri-Adr

ENGLAND: A Yor S F Wal-Lpl, F Nth-Nwy, F Nwy-Swe, F Wal-Lpl

FRANCE:: *A Bur-Ruh; A Par-Bur, A Pic-Bel, F Mid-Eng, F Lpl H*  
(r-???)

GERMANY: *A Bel S A Hol, A Ber-Mun, A Hol S A Bel, A Ruh-Mun,*  
F Bal S ENG F Nwy-Swe, F Kie-Den

ITALY: A Apu-Ven, A Nap-Alb, A Ven-Tri, F Ion C A Nap-Alb

RUSSIA: *A Mos-Sev, A Pru-Ber, A StP-Nwy, F Swe S A StP-Nwy (r-???)*

TURKEY: A Bul S F Aeg-Gre, A Ser S F Aeg-Gre, F Aeg-Gre, F Bla S F  
Sev-Rum, F Sev-Rum

**NOTE:** Orders in italics failed. Austrian A RUM must disband or retreat to either BUD or GAL; Austrian A RUM is destroyed for lack of a valid retreat. French F LPL must disband or retreat to CLY, IRI, or NAT. Russian F SWE must disband or retreat to BOT, FIN, or SKA. Players may make conditional builds/tears based on *Fall* retreats or disbandments.

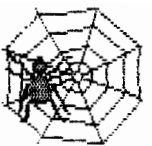
## ADJUSTMENTS

AUS:	Bud, Tri, Vie, -Rum, -Ser, -Bul	(3)	Tear 2 *
ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, +Swe	(5)	Build 1
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa, Por	(5)	No change **
GER:	Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel	(6)	No change
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	(4)	No change
RUS:	Mos, StP, War, -Swe	(3)	Tear 1 *
TUR:	Ank, Con, Sny, Gre, Sev, +Bul, +Ser, +Rum	(8)	Build 3

\* If A RUM or F SWE disband in the Fall, Austria and/or Russia respectively need tear one less.

\*\* May build one if F LPL disbands in Fall.

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DEADLINE for Winter '03/04 orders is 6 Jan 86.  
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# BORIS THE SPIDER

"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE  
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"  
--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

10 Jan 86

Winter 1903/04

## EMPEROR DEAD: FOUL PLAY LIKELY

MIRKWOOD--The deaths or disappearances in so short a span of months of so many of Austrian leaders is surely no coincidence. Two have certainly either been killed (or worse, captured and tortured for State secrets). While the Emperor was sickly, he was not fated to die until 1916; someone murdered him. Field Marshall Sean was enjoying a robust old age when he suddenly died mere months before Austria/Hungary's greatest military debacle since the Huns in 1281. Chief suspicion must fall on the Porte, whose imperial pride is still smarting after being repulsed at the gates of Vienna in 1683. Second is Rome where the Machiavellian machinations of Ministero Meyer are the stuff of legend. Indeed his A TRL is at this point the sole violator of Austrian soil. Nor is President Shacklett above some international chichanerv. Finally, there is the possibility of internal intrigue. But why destroy a nation in the process of seizing it? Our agents are hard at work trying to unravel this mystery.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

ROME-- Beware, the Spaghetti/Pizza Coalition will not tolerate the commencement of any military action against our empire.

VIENNA--Emperor Franz-Joseph is dead. The Emperor died in his sleep at Laxemburg Castle where he was born in 1830. The Emperor was 74. The Emperor's death may mean the end of 622 years of Hapsburg rule. Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the Emperor's nephew and designated heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, is missing and presumed killed during the Turkish assault on GRE. The Emperor's grandnephew, Karl, next-in-line, was with the Archduke and his whereabouts are also unknown. Karl had no issue.

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## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

WASHINGTON POST--Dear Editor: The Italian army occupying TRL is seen among military analysts here as perhaps the fulcrum upon which the final European solution will be levered. It can easily cause the downfall of both Germanic nations, and, despite (or perhaps to spite) Papal urgings, be the catalyst that sparks the resurgence of Islam, the ancient foe of the West. That Islam is again on the march cannot be denied; the Ottomans have the strongest military in Europe, and indeed already outnumber their two nearest Western powers. The Tsar has been reduced to virtual vassaldom. The Western three are embroiled amongst themselves. There can be no doubt that the US should now vigorously begin to build a navy such as no other power could match nor hope to match. The defense of our sacred shores and, indeed, the survival of the Nation as a democratic, religiously tolerant entity is at root at stake. --Alfred Thayer Mahan

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## CLASSIFIEDS

PS to PRB: Pretty simple, eh?

PRB to PS: Didn't you forget something? Simple indeed! (Harumph!!)

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Ali Aja to Yellow Leader: QWERTY BGTREF POUUXS NG65BM PZAKIS EGHAF

RT to PRB: I also enjoy *Boris the Spider*, but I confess that I haven't been able to follow the game.

PRB to RT: Buy the game; read the rules. Then you'll know.

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bulldog Award for Press Excellence goes this month to Count von Patrick.

This month's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Lord Devon for Press threatened, but not delivered.

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

**PERMANENT ADDRESS CHANGE:** David Scharnhorst, 7338 Maple Ave, Overland Park, KS 66204, effective 1 Jan 86. Phone number not yet available.

**TELEPHONE # CHANGE:** Italy (406)-549-8543 --Home.

As you can see, the press this time is pretty sparse. Of course part of this is because several of your number didn't need to send in orders, but even so, sparse, sparse, sparse. How about giving my typing fingers a workout and everyone contribute a couple of pieces this mailing? You wouldn't want a Ms Nar Super-sudsy to land on **you** as sole non-contributor, would you?

Boris & Ms Nar will be out of town the night of the deadline. This means you last minute folk won't get an answer if you call. Please mail your orders on time. In dire national emergency, we can be reached at (916)-922-0769. Be warned that Lord Devon (or his unscrupulous sibling) will probably be picking up our mail. Early mailers are warned to mail to arrive here before 8 Feb or to wait until the deadline.

Thought for the Season: The true warrior often understands his enemy better than he understands his friends. A dangerous pitfall if you let understanding lead to sympathy as it will naturally do when left unguided.  
--Bashar Miles Teg

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#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austria retreats A Rum-Bud; France disbands F Lpl; Russia retreats F Swe-Bot.

AUSTRIA: Disband A Ukr, F Alb

ENGLAND: Build F Lon

FRANCE: Build F Mar

GERMANY: No change

ITALY: No change

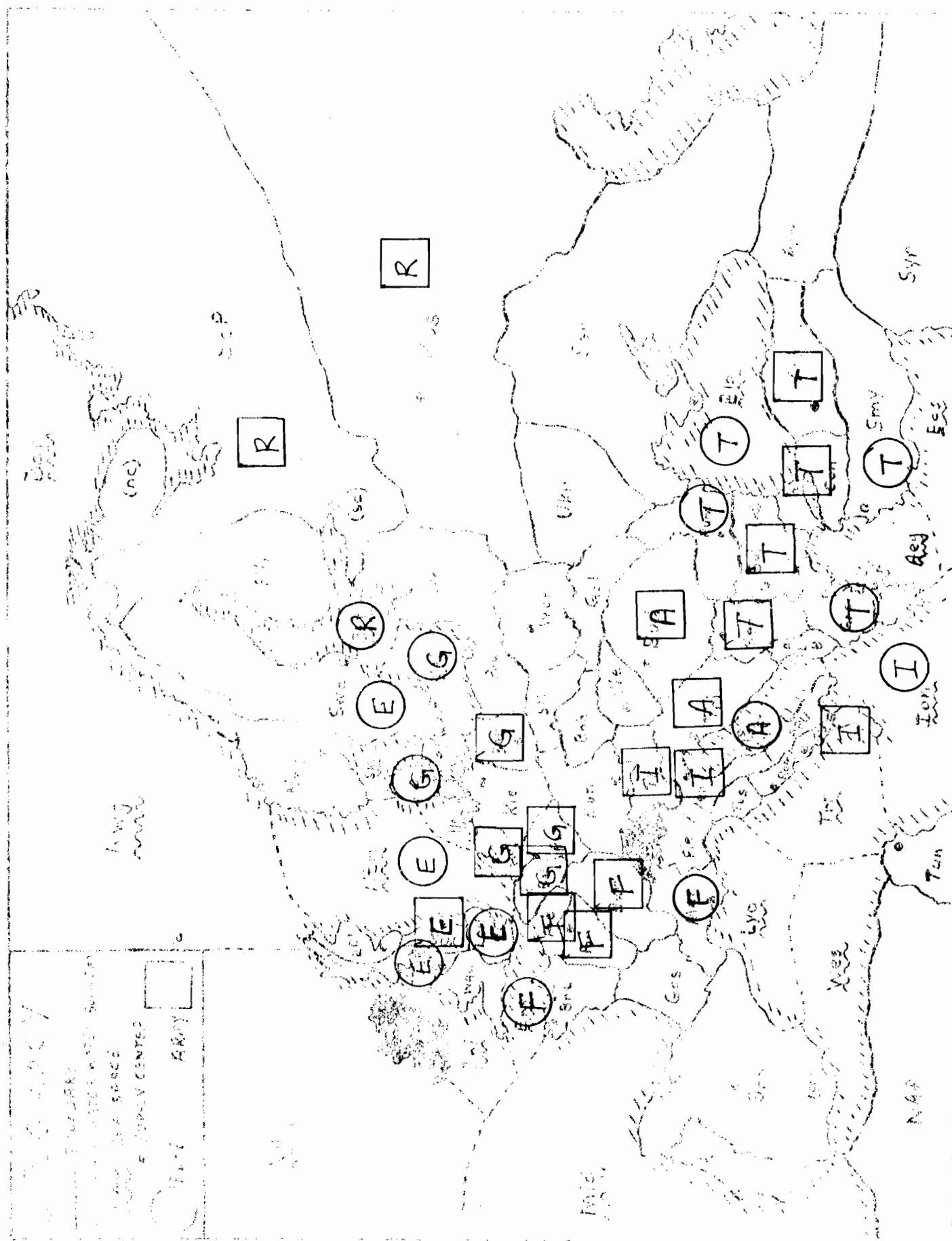
RUSSIA: Disband A Pru

TURKEY: Build A Ank, A Con, F Smy

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DEADLINE for Spring 1984 orders is 17 Feb 86.

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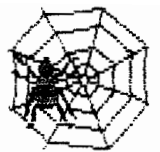




WINTER 1903/04



# BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE  
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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

5 Mar 86

Spring 1904

## ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RESIGNS!

CLIFFHOME--Primo Ministero Pietro Meyer has resigned--at gunpoint. Re (King) Wormtongue Fryling accepted his resignation with regret--His Majesty was holding the pistol. Again a cloud of uncertainty has settled over Italian foreign policy. Meanwhile it seems that the Tsar may be the Porte's initial target. The curious silence from Austria doesn't bode well for stabilizing the tense international situation. The Austrian NMR is most disturbing, considering the gradual elimination of all her effective leaders. (Almost makes you wonder if it's not *Dune* we're documenting.) Could the sinister power that is decimating the Habsburgs have infiltrated their postal system? What better way to grind the affairs of a modern nation to a halt? (Or to drive a GM to brink of a nervous breakdown?) Meanwhile, in the Northwest, England seems hellbent on wreaking revenge on the French. What then is the significance of the German occupation of SWE? Surely no friend of France while occupying BUR, the Kaiser cannot readily turn over SWE to a desperate Tsar in need of a unit to stop the Turkish onslaught. What wine-sodden fit of pique induced M. Shacklett to support the moving A PIC rather than the static, and subsequently retreating, A BUR. Its choice of retreat will surely influence the English Fleets ENG & IRI. Lord Devon himself has a pretty problem. Given a retreat to SKA, will the Kaiser defend DEN (and thus deny any chance of a Tsarist build) or will he eschew DEN in favor of a Russian/German split of NWY & SWE?

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## EMBASSY BEAT

ATHENS--Turkish officials have announced the discovery of what are believed to be the bodies of the heirs to the Austrian throne, Franz Ferdinand and Karl. Turkish troops discovered the bodies in shallow graves at the site of an overrun Austrian headquarters approximately 80 km northwest of Athens. Although the identification of the bodies is based on circumstantial evidence, it is nonetheless compelling. Turkish artillery spotters reportedly saw an Austrain royal standard flying over the headquarters earlier in the day, and the bodies wore uniforms adorned with royal insignia. Finally, these men were buried, albeit hastily, while the bodies of a field marshal and several generals lay unburied nearby. Turkish military authorities reported that both men appeared to have been killed by artillery fire and that the wounds on the bodies indicated that both had died instantaneously. The bodies have been transported to the Porte in Constantinople where they have been placed immediately within the High Gate and given an honor guard made up from members of the Sultan's own Palace Guard. The Turkish Government is attempting, through the Swiss Government, to confirm the identities of the bodies and return them to Vienna. When asked by a foreign journalist why the Turkish Government was treating the bodies of its virtually defeated enemies with such respect, a Turkish spokesman replied, "It has been written, 'The courage of your enemy honors you.' As these men honored us while they lived, we honor them now that they are dead."



CONSTANTINOPLE--The Porte has denied any involvement in the suspicious deaths of Emperor Franz Josef and Field Marshal Sean. "We don't go in for cloak and dagger stuff anymore," said a spokesman for the Porte. "The Assassins got out of the business centuries ago. Now they make their living as purveyors of exotic herbs and tobaccos to the crowned heads of Europe. Frankly, I suspect Franz Joseph and Sean were murdered by the same person responsible for sending Franz Ferdinand and Karl into the jaws of death in GRE."

LONDON--The Queen backed by Parliament today placed a direct order to the naval commanders to take over ENG. This action is a retaliation to the recent French invasion of Mother England. This is an act of defense, not war.

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#### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

CLIFFHOME COMPANION: Curious, Queen Vicki has been dead for about three years, but the British government still persists in shrouding her ghost with Imperial power. When shall the fools learn?

DIE WELT--(Vatican City) Pope Pius XI called upon the Crowned Heads of Christendom to unite in a holy war and defend Europe from the Turkish menace. The Islamic hordes have swept the Balkans and approach the gates of VIE, the high water mark of the Ottoman Empire, last reached in the late 17th century. The Pope made his plea for a crusade in a speech delivered to a Sunday crowd in Vatican Square. Additionally the Pope threatened to excommunicate those European rulers who ignore his call to fight against the infidels.

JANE'S ALL THE WORLD'S FIGHTING SHIPS--Recent demands for increased hulls has outstripped English shipyards' ability to produce them. As a result, two ships that were laid down on contract to the Turkish government have been nationalized by the Admiralty. The former Turkish ships, still under construction, the *Reshadieh* and *Sultan Osman I* have been respectively renamed *Erin* and *Agincourt*.

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

Oh Mastless Wonder: I, Captain Kid am distressed at your surrender to Admiral Duck. Do not feel too bad; this is the first time his "Iron Men" have held his "Wooden Ship" together. Down with the Duck!

Eat Lead Kraut!

For Sale: Russian Crown Jewels  
Wanted: Turkish Steam Baths

**THIS IS NO PICNIC!** Wanted, young men, keen of mind and strong of heart to aid the Greek revolution against Turkish occupation. Lord Byron is turning over in his grave! Shall we allow the Mongol spawn to ravish the birthplace of democracy and the cradle of Western Civilization? Call now 1-800-256-9800. Operators are standing by.

N-KB3

Hijack!

DP. If you ever want to see the Archduke Franz Ferdinand alive again then prepare the release of one Vladimir Ilich Ulianov. Further instructions and place of exchange to follow in these classifieds. P.S. No cops.

It's the English Channel not the French Cannal.

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Dr Scharnhorst for his article datelined Constantinople.

This season's recipients of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb are Pres and Mme Shacklett for no Press tendered.

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

**TELEPHONE # CHANGE:** Turkey (913)-722-2528

**Boris** must apologize for the tardiness of this journal. First of all, Ms Nar and I were stranded in Californica an extra day by Republic Air. Upon our return, we received a frantic phone call from Italy II, saying he hadn't received his last copy of *Boris* yet. We granted a 24 hour extension. Upon opening the mail, we discovered a packet from Austria dated 4 Aug but postmarked 18 Feb (thrice). He said he thought he'd sent the moves with a package of disks two weeks ago. I didn't think so, but wasn't sure as I was hopped up on booze and drugs in an attempt to clear my right ear before it burst on landing (I caught a bodacious cold in CA due to the continual rain). Anyway, Lord Devon had provided a move and yet another promise of press, but it was midterm week for him. All told, better judgement (and game balance) prevailed to effect the delay. I phoned Italy Thursday, but swamped with work, the pressing needs of international intrigue had slipped his mind. Meanwhile, Austria had gone TDY. Friday night, Lord Devon promised press later that evening, and Italy phoned and resigned in favor of Jim Fryling, leaving provisional orders. Sunday I *finally* got hold of Jim (he was out with Marcie celebrating (as they should) their first wedding anniversary); he agreed to take over Italy. Unfortunately, he didn't get back to me with his orders until Monday night (seems his in-laws invaded). Now I was busy for a couple of nights. This brings us to Wednesday. Still no word from Austria. So,...

**ALTERNATES:** You are invited to submit provisional orders for Austria for the Fall turn. Should Austria NMR again, one of the tendered provisional orders will be selected at random, except that Messrs Becker, Rezzarday, and Franklin will be chosen only as a last resort due to their geographic proximity to present players.

Thought for the Season: It ain't over until it's over.

--Lawrence "Yogi" Berra

Boris has recently acquired a copy of *Jutland* and is thus now in the position to properly monitor (or prosecute) a postal game of same. Anyone interested, inquire within. I already have a local victim, er, candidate willing to participate.

## TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: **NMR** A Bud H, A Tri H, F Adr H  
 ENGLAND: A Yor H, F Lon-Eng, F Lpl-Iri, F Nth S F Lon-Eng, F Swe-Nwy (r-???)  
 FRANCE: A Bur S GER A Ruh-Mun(r-???), A Par S A Pic(otm), A Pic-Bel, F Eng-Lon(r-???), F Mar-Lyo  
 GERMANY: A Bel-Bur, A Ber-Mun, A Hol-Bel, A Ruh S A Bel-Bur, F Bal S Den-Swe, F Den-Swe  
 ITALY: A Nap H, A Trl-Ven, A Ven-Rom, F Ion-Gre  
 RUSSIA: A Mos-Sev, A StP-Nwy, F Bot-Swe  
 TURKEY: A Ank-Arm, A Bul S A Ser, A Con-Rum, A Ser S A Con-Rum, F Bla C A Con-Rum, F Gre S F Smy-Aeg, F Rum-Sev, F Smy-Aeg.

English F SWE must either retreat to SKA or to FIN or disband. French A BUR must either retreat to MAR or to GAS or disband; French F ENG must either retreat to BRE or to NAT or disband. As usual, the players *must* specify their option with their next set of orders; failure to do so will mean the unit was disbanded. Conditional moves based on the above options will be accepted from the other players.

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 DEADLINE for Fall 1984 orders is 31 Mar 86.  
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## ACTIVE ROSTER

AUSTRIA: Donald L. Patrick 9100 Circle Dr Austin, Tx 78736 (512)-288-3256 Source: ST9365	ENGLAND: T.J. Klausutis 201 Devon Ct Wright, Fl 32548 (904)-862-6075
FRANCE: Jack Shacklett 3238B "A" St Kirtland AFB, NM 87116 (505)-266-9399	GERMANY: Robert W. Hudson 117 Pierce Pl O'Fallon, Il 62269 (618)-624-5774
ITALY: Jim Fryling 3401 N Columbus Dr #12B Tucson, Az 85712 (602)-881-8928	RUSSIA: Paul Saunders 27B Cedarwood Apts Lebanon, Tn 37087 (615)-449-3224
TURKEY: David Scharnhorst 7338 Maple Ave Overland Park, Ks 66204 (913)-722-2528	GM: Paul R. Bolduc 203 Devon Ct FWB, Fl 32548 (904)-863-9081



# BORIS THE SPIDER



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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

5 Apr 86

Fall 1904

## ALL QUIET -- WINTER CANCELLED

MURKWOOD--For the first time since hostilities started, there are neither builds nor tears. This won't last long as the Anglo-German alliance is sure to score on France next year. Meanwhile, in the East Austria and Italy are finally showing a measure of cooperation in their to-the-death struggle with the Turkish juggernaut. The Porte seems to have spent most of this year consolidating its holdings and preparing for an offensive next year, probably against a beleaguered Russia, already the Anglo-German secondary target. France and Russia may as well ally against their common enemies, but aren't in much of a position to do much about either.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--Kaiser Wilhelm II addressed the Reichstag yesterday on the situation in the Western marches. Repeated attempts to settle the question of the frontiers with the French have not produced results. Continued German restraint was met with only more French belligerence. However the Kaiser did mention one instance when the French did offer to be of assistance. "Recent intercepts of French military dispatches prove the French were prepared to escort our troops out of RUH into MUN. It is thoughtful that the French thought enough of our troops that they wished to see our boys back in time for Oktoberfest. However, it appears our troops were more inclined to participate in the grape harvest in BUR."

PARIS--The Minister of Defense confirmed rumors today that the Germans have invaded BUR. Fortunately the grape harvest has been removed to GAS already. The Ministry believes the move by the Germans was forced by the beginning construction of defenses by Andre Maginot, Inc. The Randy reports indicated the Germans would not be able to launch a two front war for two more years. However, the complicity of the British must have encouraged the Huns. Now sacred French soil has been desecrated and no compromise will ever be reached until the Boche is thoroughly trounced.

ROME--King Wormtongue continued to purge the government of Meyer's cronies today, eliminating a number of former diplomats, and appointing Queen Marcy as his acting Foreign Minister. The King also allowed those living in Rome to tour the ex-Prime Minister's apartment to see the vast personal wealth that Signore Meyer had accumulated. In one storage vault over 3000 pairs of shoes were found, and in another heavily fortified room (marked **TS-Authorized Personnel Only**) over 400 comic books. Obviously one room was the ex-Primo Ministero's the other his mistress's--by last report one 'Gina Lotsatittica.

Meanwhile, Signore Meyer still apparantly has not found a place to live. Thus far only Nicaragua has agreed to allow him to set up residence there (reportedly for a price of fifty million lira), but no others will have him. He is now living in Tripoli.



#### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

LA STAMPA (Turin)--The Pope today once again issued a call for peace among all civilized peoples. "There is no reason," he said, "that Italy, Germany, France, Russia, Austria, or Britain should be at war. Only barbarians and morons would perpetuate such needless hostilities. Defend yourselves yes, but subjugate--NO!"

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

Rocks 2, Capt Kid 0.

Dear Mr Abdul-Popiel Hassan, Box A, Jerusalem.

I have been unable to find a European blonde female for another fragment of the True Cross. However, I can now buy several more fragments. The map you sent for the Holy Grail with the first fragment I purchased did not help me locate the Grail. However, I did find the treasure of the *Quedah Merchant* supposedly captured by Captain Kidd. The actual should be investigated further in light of this new information. In any case, I have enough gold now but no longer seek any more fragments of the True Cross. I believe the search for a blonde European virgin to be more rewarding.

(signed) Francois

D.P. Arrange for a sealed train carrying Vladimir Ilich Ulianov to depart TRL and cross the border into Poland if you ever want to see Franz Ferdinand alive again. To show we are serious, you will recent a package containing the left ear of the Archduke. No funny stuff.

PRB to all: Press! I need Press!

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

Francois receives this season's Mme Bolduc Award for Press Excellence.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is James (Worm-tongue) Fryling for his chutzpah in nominating his own article for a Press excellence award.

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

It seems Boris forgot to mention the possibility of FRE F Eng(r-WAL). my apologies, however both of the two Powers most intimately concerned caught the oversight and reacted to it.

It seems that since there are no builds except for replacements for voluntary tears, we will forego the traditional Winter season and progress directly into Spring. Saves stamps and time.

Those of you that are *BUNDESWEHR* veterans may be interested to note that its missing editor has resurfaced in the "Opponents Wanted" section of the latest *GENERAL*. Those desiring to renew old acquaintances, or just to send a letterbomb can contact: Nobuya Higashiyama, 4825 Kingshill Dr #312, Columbus, Oh 43229. Obscene phone call should go to (614)-888-7979.

Thought for the Season: Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate. --John F. Kennedy

## TROOP MOVEMENTS

France has retreated F ENG to MID, A BUR retreated to MAR. England retreated F SWE to SKA.

AUSTRIA: *A Bud-Ser, A Tri S A Bud-Ser, F Adr C ITA A Ven-Alb*  
 ENGLAND: *A Yor H, F Eng S F Iri-Mid, F Iri-Mid, F Nth S F Ska-Nwy, F Ska-Nwy*  
 FRANCE: *A Mar-Gas, A Par-Gas, A Pic-Bre, F Lyo-Spa(sc), F Mid-Bre(r-???)*  
 GERMANY: *A Bur-Gas, A Hol-Bel, A Mun S A Ruh-Bur, A Ruh-Bur, F Bal S F Swe-Bot, F Swe-Bot*  
 ITALY: *A Nap H, A Rom-Ven, A Ven-Alb, F Ion S A Ven-Alb*  
 RUSSIA: *A Mos-Ukr, A StP-Nwy, F Bot-Swe(r-???)*  
 TURKEY: *A Arm-Sev, A Bul S A Ser, A Con-Smy, A Ser S F Gre-Alb, F Aeg-Gre, F Bla-Con, F Gre-Alb, F Rum S A Arm-Sev*

Orders in italics fail. French F MID must either retreat to NAF, NAT, or POR, or disband; if disbanded it may be rebuilt as either an army or a fleet in BRE. Russian F BOT must either retreat to FIN or LVN, or disband; if it disbands, Russia may build A WAR or A MOS.

## ADJUSTMENTS

AUS: Bud, Tri, Vie	(3)	No change
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Swe	(5)	No change
FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por	(5)	No change *
GER: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel	(6)	No change
ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	(4)	No change
RUS: Mos, StP, War	(3)	No change *
TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev	(8)	No change

\* If displaced unit opts to disband rather than retreat, player may Build 1.

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 DEADLINE for Spring 1985 orders is 5 May 86.  
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**IMPORTANT:** Note that there will be no Winter mailing this year. Your next mailing will be for normal Spring movement. Obviously, players may submit conditional orders based on the retreat options of Fleets MID and BOT.





# BORIS THE SPIDER

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11 May 86

Spring 1905

## TURKEY BREAKS OUT!!

MINAS MORGUL--The Turkish 3rd Fleet has entered ION in force and now threatens the Italian heartland and France's decadent underbelly. The loss of SER is a small price to pay for the threats and the disorder it will cause in the West. Italian moves to protect both TUN and NAP could well leave both occupied and the latter unavailable for a fleet build while the Turkish fleet advances into TRN, threatening ROM itself. It is fortunate for Christendom that the Sultan cannot force a follow-on fleet into ION this season. In the Balkans, the Austro-Italian Alliance can hold SER this year, so the Porte will be looking at MOS to prevent destroying a unit. Meanwhile in the North, the Anglo-German alliance seems to be unraveling a bit as Germany opted not to support the Brits into STP and crossed up F ENG. The Tsar's days may be numbered as STP must fall to a concerted attack while A SIL is merely a nuisance without ITA A TRL in place. "Lucky Jacques" guessed right in Iberia but won't be able to stop the four on two developing around PAR and BRE.

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### EMBASSY BEAT

PARIS--The defense ministry announced that BUR may not be retaken until the English fleets are driven from the Atlantic and the Channel. The Fleet of the Republic has escaped the English drive into the Atlantic by flanking the British Isles where they can again strike at LPL. This time, the marines have a new insecticide that should extinguish all beetles for 50 years. However A PAR has become central to supporting the other armies. The Huns have resorted to using a new American invention, the aeroplane, to land units in the Massif Central. These units have threatened communication lines between north and south France. Rumors are that the main targets for the Hun armies are the Bourdeaux wineries.

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### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NEUE ZURCHER ZEITUNG--Due to the Balkans crisis and the virtual state of war with Turkey, a total news blackout has been imposed by Vienna. How this will affect the granting of universal male suffrage in the Empire scheduled for later this year is still unknown, but prospects are grim. Even the time of Crown-Prince Charles' coronations as Emperor of Austria; Apostolic King of Hungary; King of Bohemia, Dalmatia, Croatia, Slavonia, Galicia, Lodomeria, and Illyria; etc is a tightly kept secret.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN--"Assassination Plot Revealed" Last week the PM's office received a letter threatening his life. The author of the note strongly objected to his de facto alliance with Germany. In a surprise development Lord Devon today announced that Mr Sherlock Holmes had been quietly retained to track down the note's author and had done so in an astoundingly short time. A suspect is now in custody. Speculation of French involvement has neither been proved nor ruled out. Lord Devon would have no comment until the investigation is complete.



#### CLASSIFIEDS

**WANTED:** Players for postal *Dune*, *Civilization*, and *Titan*. Only the strongest of heart need apply. Contact Jason Russ, Stone House Rd, Somers, NY 10589.

Point to Ponder: One week squared is a week, but seven days squared is a month and a half.

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to M Shacklett for his Embassy Beat article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Kanzler Hudson for Press promised but not delivered.

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

Four of you were technically NMR this time. Come on guys! Let's get your collective acts together! Perhaps the time between deadlines is too long to hold your interest. If so, this time you only have three weeks from the date of this mailing.

Boris extends his condolences/congratulations to Don Patrick for again being passed over for major. At least you can keep your business.

Thought for the Season: Diplomacy is to do and say  
The nastiest thing in the nicest way.  
--Isaac Goldberg

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#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

France has retreated F Mid-Nat; Russia has disbanded F Bot and built A War.

AUSTRIA: A Bud S ITA A Alb-Ser, A Tri S ITA A Alb-Ser, F Adr-Alb.

ENGLAND: A Yor-Lpl, F Eng S GER A Bel-Pic(nso), F Nth H, F  
*Mid-Spa(nc), Nwy-StP(nc).*

FRANCE: A Mar S F Spa(sc), A Par S A Pic-Bre, A Pic-Bre, F NAT-Lpl,  
*F Spa(sc) S A Mar.*

GERMANY: A Bel S A Bur-Pic, A Bur-Pic, A Mun S A Ruh-Bur, A Ruh-Bur, F  
Bal H (no), F Bot H (no).

ITALY: A Alb-Ser, A Nap-Apu, A Ven S AUS A Tri, F Ion S AUS F  
*Adr-Alb(r-???)*.

RUSSIA: A StP H, A Ukr-Rum, A War-Sil.

TURKEY: A Bul S A Sev-Rum, A Ser-Alb(r-???), A Sev-Rum, A Smy-Arm,  
F Aeg S F Gre-Ion, F Con-Smy, F Gre-Ion, F Rum-Bla.

Orders in italics fail; (nso) = Unit not so ordered; (no) = no orders received for this unit. Italian F ION must either retreat to ADR, EAS, NAP, TRN, or TUN or may disband. Turkish A SER must either retreat to GRE or disband. Players may make conditional orders based on these retreats/disbands.

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DEADLINE for Fall '85 orders is 2 Jun 86.  
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# BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE  
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"

--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

7 Jan 86

Fall 1905

## BRITS PARRY HUN STAB, COUNTERSTAB

CLIFFHONGS--There is great joy in the streets of Paris today as news spreads of the British invasion of DEN and the death knell it sounds for the Anglo-German alliance against the Republic. Even so, the new alliance is a fine affair as it could be for the English F ENG would've supported WRE A BREW PIC, destroying GER A PIC, instead of taking the cheap and predictably futile shot at BEL. Be that as it may, the citizenry is praising as with one tongue the diplomatic skill and cunning of M Jacquelot in bringing about this coup. In reality it was the Laran powers of Mme Jacquelot that won the day. Only the German Kaiser seems immune to her powers. Our speculation is that that silly steel helmet he incessantly wears shields his brain from her powers.

In the East, Russia, Austria, and Italy have closed ranks against the Turkish threat, and with Tsarist troops in SIL and a French fleet steaming eastward into the Med, there is effectively a five-power alliance against the Berlin-Constantinople Axis whose suspected existence is corroborated by information appearing in this issue. Even if it didn't exist before, the Kaiser and the Sultan may be forced to create it now.

Winter will surely see the creation of an Italian F ROM and probably a British A LON. The Axis will have a tough time choosing its losses, but F TRN or F EAS for Turkey and A PIC or F BQT for Germany make the best defensive sense. Only time will tell if they will do the prudent thing and go on the defensive to wait until the tide of public opinion turns against Lord Devon and King Wormtongue or if they will continue to attack in hopes of making a decisive breakthrough.

## EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--The Foreign Minister issued this statement on the state of affairs on the Western Front:

"We have no quarrel with the French people. Germany's quarrel is with the degenerate French government, the violators of Belgium Neutrality. We will not permanently occupy French territory, nor do we seek any reparations because of the war. We urge the French people to rise up against their illegitimate leadership and establish a peace loving government. German troops will be removed when German security is guaranteed.

PARIS--Based on information discovered by Britian, the famous Inspector Clouseau has joined the illustrious Sherlock Holmes in the rumors of an assassination plot. New evidence by the efforts of these brave men have conclusively revealed that the Germans have engineered the assassination plot and formented the initial conditions that drove England and France to war. The British are now in possession of documents that prove that the infamous Abdul-Ropiel Hassan (that trades in Holy artifacts and white slavery) is actually a Turkish agent that laundered the German funds for creating the ill feelings between the Anglo-French friends. Even as this release is being



published, a summit between Prime-Minister Lord Devon and Le President Jacques has been concluded. The outcome can only be a final blow to the Kaiser's minions.

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**VIENNA**--Imperial bakers have introduced a new taste treat for the sweet-tooths of Austria. Shaped like spaghetti in honor of the military aid provided by the new Italian government, the new donut-type treat is sweeping the Empire as word of a reversal in military disasters has reached the public. Trade between Venice and Trieste is brisk, and the previously unstoppable Turkish onslaught has been halted. That in 1905, no foreign troops would stand on Austrian soil is deemed a miracle, indeed. Reports indicate church attendance is up, and the Imperial government has officially invited the Pope to visit Vienna.

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#### **BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW**

**NEUE ZÜRCHER ZEITUNG** (Dzielné Doubtfulski, Silesia)--The Russian army has been hailed as liberators of this great country. For years now, the Kaiser's Army has hauled young men off to slave labor inside the German Empire. There are also rumors that young maidens have been sent secretly to Constantinople for unknown purposes. Although nearly stripped of all resources by the Germans, Silesians are mustering a freedom brigade to fight to BER. The main staple of this brigade seems to be potatoes and a strong fermented drink from those potatoes.

**SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG** (Munich)--Field Marshall von Ribbentropf revealed the secret behind recent German successes in the field. KRUPP Industries in concert with the German government has been working on a classified program known as the Mannheim Project. The product of the Mannheim Project was first used by the German army in the field last year to spearhead the drive into BUR and break the deadlock on the Western Front. The machine gun and field artillery has eliminated the usefulness of cavalry from the modern battlefield. The purpose of the Mannheim Project was to develop an alternative means to produce the shock of a cavalry charge. *Panzerkampfwagens* were created to withstand machine gun and shrapnel effects and breach enemy lines. The elite Blucher heavy cavalry regiment was the first unit to use the armored battle wagons in combat. The troopers mockingly called their iron steeds "water tanks" before the first use in the field. However all demeaning remarks have ceased after the "tanks" smashed through enemy fortifications at Verdun. The *Panzerkampfwagens* are expected to figure prominently in the capture of the French capital of Paris, a feat of arms that eluded the German Army during the last war in 1870.

**TAGESSPIEGEL** (Berlin)--A home made bomb was exploded harmlessly by military ordinance disposal personnel yesterday outside the Lufthansa ticket office. Yesterday was the first day of operation for Zeppelin airship service between Berlin and Vienna. The Pink Panthers, a heretofore unknown group of gay gynecologists, claimed responsibility for the terrorist incident.

**TRIBUNE DE GENEVE**--The Red Army Brigade, a radical fringe element of the International Seafarers and Teamsters Union, today claimed responsibility for yesterday's Lufthansa bombing. To underscore their

authenticity, they revealed the location of a second similar bomb in a hydrogen gas plant on the condition that if their tip proved true, then widest possible dissemination of their motto be made. It was and here is their message: "Evil, evil! Man was never meant to fly!" Both bombs were made of Ekrasite, a rarely observed formulation of explosives thought to only be produced by the Austrian military.

DIE ZEIT (Hamburg)--Madame Marie Curie and her husband Piere made a startling announcement that levels of radiation in the atmosphere have recently increased. The Curies are currently living in exile in Munich and are carrying on their research in physics and chemistry. They codiscovered the element radium in 1898 and are the winners of the 1903 Nobel prize for physics. The cause of the increased radiation is not explainable. However Madame Curie stated that their findings have been corroborated by their colleagues in Stockholm and Vienna. The radiation appears to originate from western Russia, just north of Kiev. Russian officials could not be reached for comment due to the tumultuous state of affairs in Russia.

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

Feeling set upon by all sides? Odds are against you? Call the EQUALIZER. 867-5309.

*Adventure Galley to Quedah Merchant:* Surrender or be boarded!

Potato wine? Yuk!! They must be desperate indeed. The least they could do is distill it.

"Trust no one, not even yourself."

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Kanzler Hudson for the *Die Zeit* article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Kanzler Hudson "for making fun of a continent-spanning disaster."

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

Congratulations to all of you! For the first time in recent memory all moves were on time and none were delivered by phone! I must be starting to do something right.

You might have noticed what looks like a rash of typos in the Press this time. Those aren't typos, they are direct transcriptions of the Press tendered. Blame the respective authors for the varied lapses of proper English.

Those of you with an eye for minutiae will have noticed by now that the French player spells his name "Jacquelot" within these pages. It seems in the process of transliterating French into Spiderese then back into English our spelling got mangled, much as what happened to Mao Tse-Tung (now Mao Zse-Dong) and presently with Muammar the Madman

(c.f. *US News & World Report*, June 9, 1986, p 5). Anyway for game purposes "Jacquelot" is the spelling Boris will use henceforth; for postal purposes "Shacklett" (the Kentucky back-woods corruption of the former) will be used since the US Postal Service is not known for its sense of humor.

I had considered skipping the Winter again and going right into the Spring turn but I did a simple calculation that changed my mind. Do you realize there are 1296 different combinations of tears, builds, and refusal to builds possible in this position? But since only four units are involved, and most of you do business by phone anyhow, I'm only giving a two week diplomacy period. Speeds up the game a bit.

Thought for the Season: a Diplomat's life is made up of three ingredients: Protocol, Geritol, and alcohol. ---Adlai E. Stevenson

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#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

Turkish A SER retreats to GRE; Italian F ION retreats to TRN.

AUSTRIA: A Bud S RUS A Ukr-Rum, A Tri S ITA A Ser, *F Alb-Gre*

ENGLAND: A Yor-Den, *F Eng-Bel*, F Mid-Iri, F Nth C A Yor-Den, *F Nwy-Swe*

FRANCE: *A Bre-Pic*, *A Mar-Bur*, *A Par S A Bre-Pic*, F NAt-Mid, F Spa(sc)-Lyo

GERMANY: *A Bel-Bur*, *A Bur-Par*, *A Mun-Ber*, *A Pic S A Bur-Par*, *F Bal-Ber*, *F Bot-Swe*

ITALY: A Apu-Nap, *A Ser S RUS A Ukr-Rum*, A Ven H, F Trn-Tun

RUSSIA: *A Sil-Mun*, *A StP-Nwy*, *A Ukr-Rum*

TURKEY: A Arm-Sev, *A Bul-Ser*, *A Gre S A Bul-Ser*, *A Rum S A Bul-Ser*, *F Aeg S A Gre*, *F Bla S A Rum*, *F Ion-Trn*, *F Smy-Eas*

Orders in *italics* fail.

#### ADJUSTMENTS

AUS:	Bud, Tri, Vie	(3)	No change
ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Swe, +Den	(6)	Build 1
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por	(5)	No change
GER:	Ber, Kie, Mun, -Den, Hol, Bel	(5)	Tear 1
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, +Ser	(5)	Build 1
RUS:	Mos, StP, War	(3)	No change
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, -Ser, Sev	(7)	Tear 1

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DEADLINE for Winter 1905/06 orders is 23 Jun 86.  
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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

28 Jun 86

Winter 1905/06

## EUROPE AWAITS SPRING ACTION

MURKWOOD--There were no big surprises this Winter save that the Brits built a fleet rather than an army in LON. This implies that the expected invasion of Germany will be at best postponed as Lord Devon appears to be more interested in the littoral Centers rather than the German heartland. Perhaps a deal has been cut with the Tsar. Meanwhile in the East, Turkey preserved its raider fleet in TRN to maintain pressure on the Austro-Italian rear. But the most significant datum of the season was the destruction of A PIC by a poison gas attack. We must stop this sort of warfare; these humans are clever enough that if this line of warfare is developed they will sooner or later (and it'll probably be sooner if the war drags on) develop the organophosphorus acetylcholine esterase inhibitors so deadly to Spiderkind. Our agents are now frantically working for a total ban on chemical weapons through various "Peace" fronts.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--Kaiser Wilhelm II condemned the government of President Jacquelot for crimes against humanity. The French used the inhumane weapon of poison gas against the German army in PIC. The use of poison gas demonstrates reckless disregard for human life since the gas is indiscriminate, killing or crippling both soldiers and civilians. The Kaiser urged the other powers to condemn France and support the cause to blot out this source of perfidy.

ROME--The Ministry of Defense announced today the activation of a new fleet to patrol Italian territorial waters. The new fleet, to be based at Orbetello (70 miles north of Rome) will undergo its initiation this spring against the Turkish invaders in TRN.

ROME--The Ministry of Foreign Affairs pledged full support to our Austrian allies in wiping out our common enemies and restoring Austrian sovereignty over the Balkans. Foreign aid in the form of military hardware, food, medical supplies, and chemical weapons are being prepared for shipment.

WASHINGTON--President Roosevelt strongly condemned the French for their wanton use of poison gas, calling the incident "the most heinous crime since Herod slew the Holy Innocents."

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## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

TAGESPIEGEL (Berlin)--The French used chlorine gas on the battlefield near Cambrai. Soon after four o'clock in the afternoon, the French guns shortened their range to begin a violent bombardment. The German commander, General von Kluck could see two clouds of yellowish green. "The clouds drifted slowly eastwards, close to the ground and spread laterally until it formed one long, low, rolling bank of choking horrible fog. Stumbling and gasping in an agony of terror-stricken flight before it, scattered groups of Prussian infantrymen with reeking yellow clothing and ashen faces, staggered across the fields."



#### CLASSIFIEDS

We, the Semiconscious Liberation Army claim credit for the recent Lufthansa bombing. We performed this heroic act to protest the invasion of privacy posed by overflights by these immoral machines. Power to the People! Long live Free Agriculture! Green grow *Cannabis*!

We agree to your demands. 9000 Pasta McNuggets will be paid upon notification of drop off point. Please don't hurt our Ronnie. --K.W.

The five stages of a diet:

- 1) Pepperoni pizza
- 2) Tomato sauce pizza
- 3) BLT sandwich
- 4) Cardboard & dirt sandwich
- 5) A vacuum sandwich.

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to "K.M." for the "Pasta McNuggets" classified.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Lord Devon (again) for Press promised but not delivered (again).

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

This season sees the return of the ever-popular position map. Enjoy!

**House Rules Change:** Para 2, last sentence is changed to "The Gamemaster (GM) will allow at least five days after the deadline for the moves to arrive."

Thought for the Season: A Diplomat is a person who can tell you to go to Hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.  
--Caskie Stinnet

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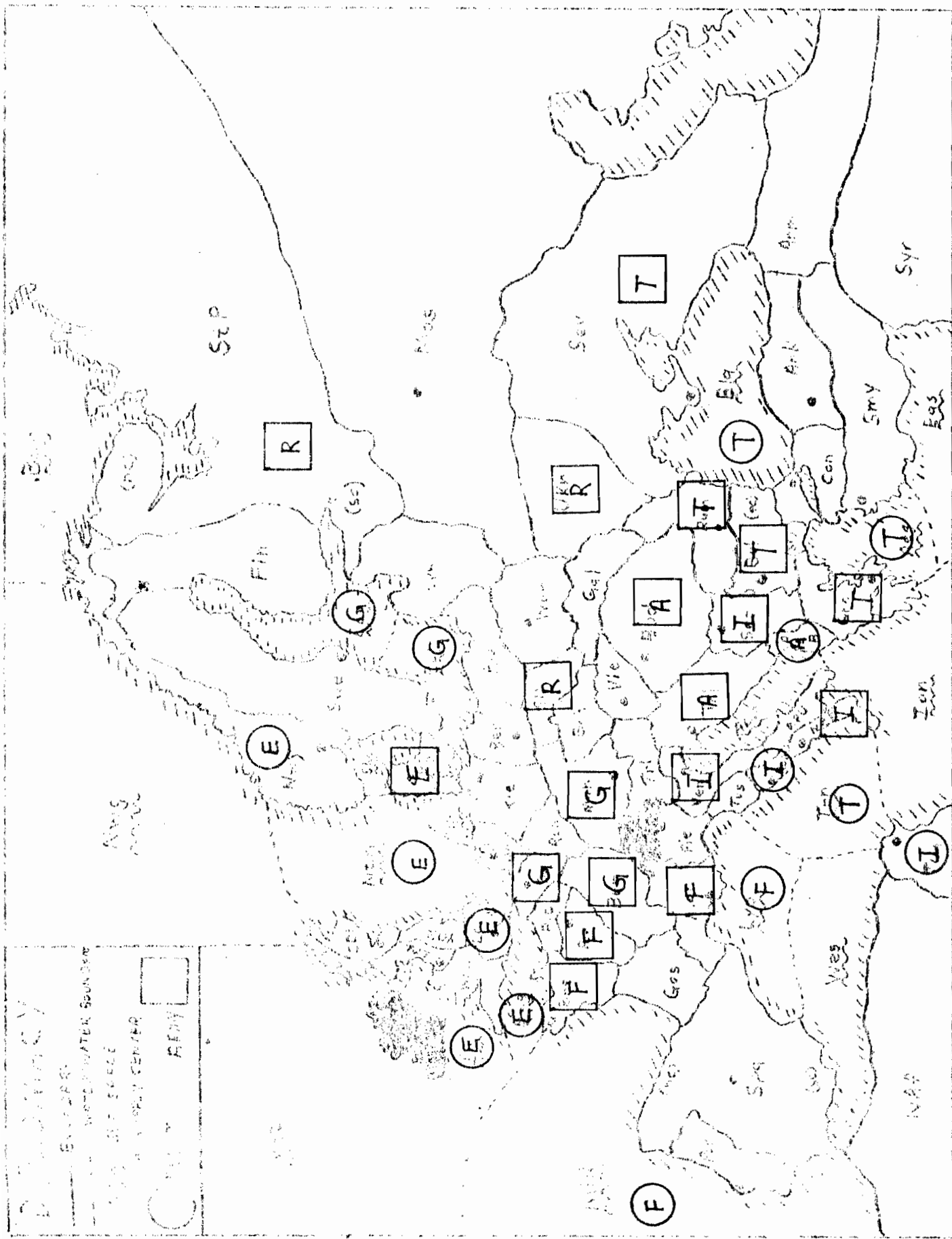
#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

ENGLAND builds F LON, GERMANY tears A PIC, ITALY builds F ROM, and TURKEY tears F EAS.

SUPPLY CENTERS: AUS (Bud, Tri, Vie), ENG (Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Swe, Den), FRA (Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por), GER (Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Bel), ITA (Nap, Rom, Ven, Tur, Ser), RUS (Mos, StP, War), TUR (Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev)

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DEADLINE for Spring '86 orders is 21 Jul 86.  
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WINTER 1905/06



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27 Jul 86

Spring 1906

## STUPID BEAM BEGINS TO TAKE EFFECT

MINAS MORGUL--Confusion and/or duplicity reigns supreme this season on the Continent. England seems to be acting in concert with France, yet she bungles a simple support. Germany forgets where one of her armies is stationed and now faces a three on two in MUN. France leaves MID open to British exploitation. Russia takes BOH instead of grabbing MUN for free. Turkey withdraws eastward and denies Russia killer leverage in GAL (and vice-versa) while Italy and Austria can't even coordinate a joint attack on GRE. But the icing on the cake was the German double convoy of an unordered British army. Our experimental Ignorance Ray seems to be working just fine, but we need a couple more seasons of testing to ascertain if it was actually the ray or some periodic moodiness of the nations.

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### EMBASSY BEAT

ROME--It is with great joy that His Majesty King Wormtongue announces to the people of Italy that Queen Marcy is with child. Soon an heir will be born to the Royal House of Frylinguini.

ST PETERSBURG--Tsar Pavel III, under counsel from his closest advisors, openly condemned the use of poison gas by the French Army. The Tsar, speaking publicly for the first time in months, said that Russian field hospital personnel trained to treat gas victims would be available to the Kaiser if desired.

ST PETERSBURG--The Minister of War, Gen Kuropatkin, has announced a radical shift in the way the limited Russian armies would be used. The STAVKA, seeing an opportunity to play a decisive role in the the heavy fighting in the Balkans, has ordered the two available armies south. On the the northern front, the single Russian Army defending STF left its prepared positions, advancing to engage the English. Leaks report this move may be in conjunction with the High Seas Fleets of Germany.

VIENNA--Editorials in local newspapers have been lambasting the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Count von Patrick, for engaging in excesses of office in times of crisis. Cause of the uproar revolved around the installation of cable equipment in the Minister's carriage. Reportedly, the Minister felt the need to maintain the ability to send and receive urgent communiques in these times of crises. However, this convenience, say the editors, "cannot be justified given the hazard to Viennese traffic with telegraph cables trailing behind the Imperial Carriage. It is an unsightly hazard to both people and horses." No official reply has been issued by the ministry.

WASHINGTON--Recent allegations that it was Germany, not France, that began the escalation to chemical warfare are discarded here out of hand. While it is granted that the Germans have the better chemical industry, and are quite capable of manufacturing such agents of indiscriminate mass destruction, it must be admitted that they would





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have much more efficient agents available than mere chlorine gas. Indeed, with their zeppelins, they had no need of using artillery shells for delivery, but could have merely flown over and dropped the deadly bombs. No, the French allegations are nothing more than a pack of propagandistic lies, for if the Germans had used a slight variation of their advanced formula **Raid** insecticide, nary an animal within five miles downwind (and a zeppelin would know from whence the wind came) would be alive today.

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## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

KLENDATHU KLARION--It works!

LE MONDE (Paris)--The combined Franco-Anglo military forces are striving to rid the continent of the Kaiser's minions. Although the heated battles have been stalemates in Flander's fields, the mighty British Navy seems to be heading for a tete-e-tete with the German battlewagons. Surely the right and just forces will prevail over the Horrible HUNS.

NEW YORK TIMES--Evidence from the fighting in Flanders indicates that the Germans initiated the chemical/biological warfare against the French Army. The French have no protective equipment (which has speedily been obtained at this date) and could not have launched the barbarous attack. Sources from the Low Countries indicate that the German High Command ordered the attack and refused to consider that the wind would disobey them and change direction. Unfortunately, the German army suffered numerous casualties as the new conscripts had not been trained to use their protective equipment. Dr Peg-Leg, a noted chemical hobbyist, was quoted as saying, "They spend too much time studying how to make light beer and not enough on the basics of destruction, death, plague, and other fine points of life."

NOVAE VREMIA (St Petersburg)--Bowling to international pressure, the Tsar has verified the existence of a secret highly advanced weapons facility in UKR, near the village of Chernobyl. Reportedly, the facility was to produce an explosive of heretofore unknown and extremely powerful quality to be used to reverse the current unfavorable military situation facing Russia. Residents who were interviewed while fleeing the area, reported hearing a tremendous explosion, seeing a light as bright as the Sun, and seeing a strange mushroom-shaped cloud. The Tsar had no comment when asked about the disaster.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

PS. You forgot to include payment for your two tickets!

The movie "Pirates" has become a smash success. Roman Polanski intends to make a sequel within the near future. Walter Mattheu was too tame according to Polanski and he intends to place an unknown into the lead role. Only bloodthirsty, hard drinking, wenching mad-men with scruffy full beards and mustachios need apply. (Peg leg persons will be considered also).



???This is 1906! What the #%&+\* is a movie? Who is Roman (lock up your prenubile daughters) Polanski? Where do I apply???

Oh where oh where are my luftschiffen now?

**Q.** How many Montanans does it take to eat a jackrabbit?

**A.** Three. One to eat it and two to watch each direction of the highway.

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Count von Patrick for his Embassy Beat contribution.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is the submitter of the Montanan joke. Gross!

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

**Thought for the Season:** Once the Xerox copier was invented, private Diplomacy died. There's no such thing as secrecy. It's just a question of whether it's leaked or revealed openly. --Andrew Young

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#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: *A Bud S RUS A Ukr-Rum*(nso), *A Tri S ITA A Ser, F Alb-Gre*

ENGLAND: *A Den-Kie, F Eng S FRE A Bre-Bel*(nso), *F Iri-NAt, F Lon-Nth, F Nth-Nwy, F Nwy-Swe*

FRANCE: *A Bre-Pic, A Mar-Bur, A Par S A Mar-Bur, F Mid-Gas, F Lyo-Wes*

GERMANY: *A Bel H (u), A Bur S A Pic(r-???)*, *A Mun-Ber, A Pic S A Bur*(nsu), *F Bal C ENG A Den-StP*(nso), *F Bot C ENG A Den-StP*(nso)

ITALY: *A Nap H, A Ser S RUS A Ukr-Rum*(nso), *A Ven-Tus, F Rom-Trn, F Tun S F Rom-Trn*

RUSSIA: *A StP-Nwy, A Sil-Boh, A Ukr-Gal*

TURKEY: *A Bul S A Sev-Rum, A Gre S ITA A Ser, A Rum-Gal, A Sev-Rum*, *F Aeg S A Gre, F Bla S A Sev-Rum, F Trn-Ion*

Orders in *italics* fail; **nsu** = "no such unit"; **u** not ordered.

German A BUR may either disband or may retreat to MUN or RUH. Players may make conditional orders based on this option.

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DEADLINE for Fall 1906 orders is 18 Aug 86.  
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# BORIS THE SPIDER

ORDERED THE RELEASE OF JACQUES TO JEROME DRAWINGS. CONTACTED.

To quote the President, "Nothing now comes between our good friends the French and the English as they battle a foe that has shown himself capable of all lies and deceptions. But, such is Diplomacy."

## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

ARMED FORCES JOURNAL (Washington)--Recent dispatches from our correspondent in besieged Wilhelmshaven reports of recent German developments in naval warfare that could threaten English supremacy of the high seas. The "unterseeboot" (under seas boat) adds a new element to the struggle for control of the sea lanes. However, this development would be meaningless without the parallel effort that developed a ballistic torpedo that would water Admiral Farragut's eyes.

LA STAMPA (Turin)--Palace guards thwarted an attempt today to steal the Crown jewels. Rumor has it the jewels were to be sold in the Americas. Apparently American women are crazedly seeking diamonds due to a rumored upcoming shortage next year.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER--French President eats own FOOT.

NEW YORK TIMES--Secretary of State Elias Root condemned French aggression and inhuman use of poisonous gas in Europe. "The American People are saddened by the nefarious acts committed by the French Government. Franco-American relations are at a nadir not experienced since Napoleon III placed Maximilian on the Mexican throne."

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER--Our reporter was granted an exclusive interview with the Foreign Minister of Germany.

*Examiner*--Sir, what is the current situation between England and Germany?

Hudson--England invaded DEN, a German protectorate under treaty, and subsequently invaded the German states of Schleswig-Holstein and Hesse. This is a temporary situation.

*Examiner*--Why do you suppose England is assisting France to attack Germany when only a few years ago it was German support of England that enabled her to force the French marines out of LPL?

Hudson--I really don't know. Our scientists have recently discovered a beam being radiated from the heavens. The epicenter of this ray seems to be London. However, it is mere supposition at this point if there is any connection. Otherwise, it may be sheer lunacy.

*Examiner*--French President Jacquolot recently remarked that you will end up hanged by the neck until dead or consumed by plague. How do you respond?

Hudson--Well that depends entirely upon what I embrace, the French President's morals or his mistress.

TAGESPIEGEL (Berlin)--Kaiser Wilhelm II has not been seen in public since learning of the English invasion of DEN. Upon notification of the invasion, he was overheard to say, "The lamps are going out all over Europe. I fear they will not be relit in my lifetime." Foreign Minister von der Hudson has taken a more active role in domestic affairs since the crisis started. An authoritative source has it that



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27 Aug 86

Fall 1906

## STUPID BEAM STRIKES WASHINGTON

CLIFFHOME--The second test of our "Stupid Beam" was a success. The target was Washington where a French imposter has passed himself off on the international Press Corps as the Presidential Press Secretary, a post the Americans won't create until the 1920's under Calvin Coolidge. The chap never bothered to say exactly which President he was serving under--in this case M Jacquelot--and the Beam effectively increased the reporters' credulity by seven orders of magnitude. Analysis of the first test shows that the residual effects are the strongest in the German-speaking nations. It remains to be discovered how the ersatz Press Secretary escaped the Beam's effects.

On the Warfront, the two most dreaded alliances seem to have crystallized, the Anglo-French and the Russo-Turkish. This combined development may actually aid our plans as a massive stalemate is practically assured unless one of the four sells out his partner. Both Austria and Germany face quick extinction, leaving a lone Italy with a French fleet poised on RDM's doorstep. The West needs to secure STP quickly to forestall the possibility of a Russian fleet being built on its north coast. The East already has enough fleets extant to threaten a breakthrough at Gibraltar; now is the time to prepare for a land war.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--Foreign Minister Robert von der Hudson addressed the Reichschancellory today and denounced the English invasion. "The treachery of the English King ranks high among the infamous in history. The shared heritage of our two peoples has been sundered. The Germans have been the traditional allies of England. Marlborough and Wellington must be turning in their graves." The Foreign Minister went on to say, "We will fight them on the beaches, we will fight them in the streets, we will fight them in the hills, we will fight them from our homes and our hearthsides. We will never, never surrender!"

PARIS--The French Government continues to support the drive by the Anglo-French alliance into the Lowland and Scandanavian countries so brutally used by the Boche. Although the Germans continue to deny they used the chemical weapons first, a recent attack by zeppelins of the German Air Force using chemical weapons landed far behind the lines on a hospital caring for English and French wounded. Unfortunately, the attack also reached a nearby orphanage. Loss of life was extremely heavy as the civilians had no protective equipment.

President Jacquelot deplored the German actions and called for all civilized countries to impose sanctions on the barbarian Huns.

WASHINGTON--The President's press secretary issued an apology to the French Government for the statements made about the French use of chemical weapons. Much of the information previously released was obtained from a news agency now found to be part of the German Intelligence Service. The President is truly sorry for the misunderstanding and has banned all arms sales to Germany and has



the Kaiser was crushed by the treachery of his cousin, King Edward of England, and has been in seclusion ever since.

WASHINGTON POST--2day wuz such a nise da until abuoat 9 oclok wen this funny felin hit me. Boy! I shur felt dumm. I cudn't even rember how 2 spel my nam!! wuz it Stinebrenr or sTienbrnr or Steinbrnr? Gosh, i dunno. Mabe Ill go hoam to Nu Yorc & fyer Billlie agan.

--Jorj Stynbrener

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

Roll over Beethoven.

Fegleg! Visited *USS Constellation* and it seems ready to sail for pirates. Please contact me for details. --One-Eyed

One-Eyed: Ready to meet you Yanks on Lake Erie. Begin 8 Sep.--Fegleg

Tango Juliet. You backed the wrong horse.  
Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead.

Willy Hohenzollern: Being held captive in Windsor Castle by Devon's minions. Send help. --Eddie Hanover

He was dirty and lousy and full of fleas,  
But he had his women by twos and threes.  
God Bless the Bastard King of Engeland! --Rudyard Kipling

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

There will be neither Press Excellence nor Super-Sudsy Bomb awarded this season as She who confers these (dis)honors is not available to do so at press time. Boris fully expects to publish this season's awards next season, etc., until we can catch up.

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

Boris would like to extend belated birthday greetings to Count von Patrick (7 Aug) and King Wormtongue Frylinguini (12 Aug). Timely birthday greetings go to Kanzler Bob Hudson (9 Sep).

Austria has NMR'ed this turn. All alternates are invited to submit provisional tear orders for the Winter. Should he NMR again, you may assume his unenviable portfolio. Note that England has already submitted his retreats.

Wayne Morrison, now a SMSGT, is back in the States. His new address is 2076B Marauder Dr, Langley AFB, VA 23665.

The Tsar of All the Russias has moved (again). His new address is on the updated Active Roster enclosed.

Thought for the Season: Diplomacy is the art of saying "Nice doggie" until you can find a big rock. ---Wynn Catlin

## TROOP MOVEMENTS

German A BUR retreated to RUH.

AUSTRIA: NMR A Bud H, A Tri H, F Alb H

ENGLAND: A Kie S F Nth-Den(r-Mun), F Eng S FRE A Pic-Bel, F

Lon-Nth, F Nat-Nwg, F Nth-Den, F Swe-Nwy(r-Ska)

FRANCE: A Bur S A Pic-Bel, A Par S A Bur, A Pic-Bel, F Gas-Bre, F  
Wes-Trn

GERMANY: A Bel-Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Ruh S A Ber-Kie, F Bal S F Bot-Swe, F  
Bot-Swe

ITALY: A Nap-Apu, A Ser S AUS F Alb(d), F Trn-Nap, F Tun S FRE F  
Wes-Trn

RUSSIA: A Boh-Vie, F S6P-Nwy, A Ukr-Gal

TURKEY: A Bul S A Gre-Ser, A Gre-Ser, A Rum S A Gre-Ser, A Sev S A  
Rum, F Aeg S F Ion-Gre, F Bla S A Rum, F Ion-Gre

## SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS:	Bud, Tri, -Vie	2	Tear 1
ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, -Swe, Den, +Mun	6	No Change
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por, +Bel	6	Build 1
GER:	Ber, Kie, -Mun, Hol, -Bel, +Swe	4	Tear 1
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, -Ser	4	No Change
RUS:	Mos, StP, War, Vie	4	Build 1
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev, -Ser	8	Build 1

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## ACTIVE ROSTER

AUSTRIA:	Donald L. Patrick 9100 Circle Dr Austin, Tx 78736 (512)-288-3256 Source: ST9365	ENGLAND:	T.J. Klausutis 201 Devon Ct Wright, FL 32548 (904)-862-6075
FRANCE:	Jack Shacklett 32388 "A" St Kirtland AFB, NM 87116 (505)-266-9399	GERMANY:	Robert W. Hudson 117 Pierce Pl O'Fallon, IL 62269 (618)-624-5774
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# BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE  
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"

--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

28 Sep 86

Winter 1986/87

## DOOM HOVERS OVER CENTRAL POWERS

MURKWOOD--The situation is bleak in Central Europe. Austria must fall to the combined hammer blows of the Russo-Turkish forces. Italy can only hope to delay the conquest a season and then at grave risk to her own threatened West Flank. The Turkish build of F SMY doesn't auger well for sea based defense. Only Germany of the three has a surfeit of tactical tricks available to obfuscate the aggressors. A protracted stalemate between the Eastern and Western blocs looms as a strong possibility.

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## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NEW YORK TIMES--The editorial staff of the *Times* would like to apologize to Dr Margaret Leg. An earlier issue referred to her as "Peg-Leg" and misquoted her as saying "They spend too much time studying how to make light beer, and not enough on the basics of destruction, death, plague, and other fine points of life." What the good Dr really said was, "They spend too much time studying how to make light, beer, and knots. Enough on the basics! Of conscription, debt, plague, and the other 'finer' things of life, I leave for comment to the more trivial minds here." The *Times* deeply regrets this mistake and apologizes to the shapely Dr Leg.

PESTI HIRLAP (Budapest)--Vienna: Smoke covers this once pastoral city as fires sparked by effigies of the Czar burn out-of control. Roads out of Vienna are clogged by civilians seeking refuge to the south and west making military assistance a virtual impossibility. Mass desertions of Austrian sailors, who wished to return home and see to the safety of their families living in the capital province, have crippled the Imperial Navy. Top Viennese officials reportedly left the capital before the dawn of the invasion. The only clue to their whereabouts may lie in the direction of receding telegraph cables trailing behind imperial escape carriages.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

Stop retyping! Buy a modem from *Peerless Software* and send your data files over the wire! Circle inquiry #42

Considering the typos in your last release, I'm better off retyping.  
--Boris

Austria will mobilize all males from 60 to 14 and turn each village into a fortress. The armouries will turn out increased arms production. We thank our Italian Allies for their aid and support.  
---Arch Duke Morrison

Chief Bug to Queen of Sheol: Alert! Long range sensors indicate that Sky Marshall Morrison's forces are finally making their move. Stand by to repulse the metal-plated bipeds!





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## BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence last season goes to Boris for the lead article.

Last season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Kanzler Hudson for the *San Francisco Examiner* interview. Tacky, tacky.

This season's awards will be published in the next issue.

The first Boris Eagle Eye award goes to Pres Jacqueslot and King Wormtongue for reasons described in the next paragraph.

## BORIS SPEAKS!

**ERRATA:** France and Italy have rightly pointed out that I typo'd Russia's A StP into F StP. The unit remains an army. The error probably came about because the control character for italics is "F"; I probably finger-fumbled and hit the <ESC> key (which capitalizes) instead of the adjacent <CTRL> key. Our many abject apologies.

She-of-Great-Might-and-Power has also pointed out two typos in the last issue She would have caught if She were but here. On Page 2 in the Washington article in "Embassy Beat" the word "resticted" should have been, of course, "restricted". In the *SF Examiner* interview, in the reply to the second question "discoverd" should have been "discovered". Both I and "Pasta" Pete Meyer missed them.

Austria wishes that both his CIS and GENIE addresses be available to y'all. They are "72355,1717" and "DONPATRICK" respectively.

Birthday greetings go out this issue to Ms Nar (25 Sep), Lord Devon (26 Sep), GM Paul Bolduc (27 Sep), and Frau Hudson and alternate Mike Becker (28 Sep).

Thought for the Season: Well, he's a Diplomat. It's his job to see both sides.  
---Dr. Heuer

## TROOP MOVEMENTS

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AUSTRIA:  Disband F Alb
FRANCE:   Build A Mar
GERMANY:  Disband A Hol
RUSSIA:   Build A War
TURKEY:   Build F Smy
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---SIR WALTER SCOTT---

27 Oct 86

Spring 1907

## HUNGARY CRUSHED!!!

MURKWOOD--For the second time in a year the seat of Hapsburg power has had to flee before the onslaught of the Russian steamroller. Only a miracle can save the Dual Monarchy now. Meanwhile a sole French fleet is defiantly steaming eastward to challenge the Turkish thalassocratic chokehold in the East. The situation on the Western front resembles musical chairs more than anything else. Meanwhile Italy sits astride the fence, trying to decide which side to back. Our hopes for a permanent stalemate brighten.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

LONDON--A British press blackout is in effect due to secret military maneuvers (indefinitely or until midterms are over).

PARIS--The Ministry of Defense has announced that the new army trained in MAR will be marching through PIE to aid the Italian-Austrian alliances. The Marseilles fleet is already positioned to meet the Turkish threat to the Med. These forces are part of the French answer to Italian calls for assistance in accordance with the formal treaty between the two governments. King Wormtongue and M Jacquelot fear that the assistance may already be too late to save the remnants of the Austro-Hungarian royal house.

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## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

DIJON MUSTARD--Scientists of the Ecole du Polytechnique are still puzzled by several barrels of water recovered by the English liberating armies in MUN. The scientists can find no unusual properties of the water although it was found in a highly secured area with heavy defenses. Although the barrels were thought to contain chemicals for the production of lethal gasses the Germans are so fond of, a Royal Academy Scientist, Lord Guessem, has stated the only unusual thing about the water is that it seems heavier than normal water. Lord Guessem believes it will be half a century before the mystery is solved.

NEW YORK TIMES--The Dept of the Navy has reported that a new Russian undersea vessel ran into mechanical difficulties off the coast of the Bahamas. The Russian captain declined the offer of help, saying that "There is nothing wrong with my ship." Twenty minutes later, the vessel sank. At least three casualties were reported.

NOVOE VREMIA (St Petersburg)--The Ministry of War has announced the formation of a new army in Poland, to be used to secure Russia's border with the German Empire.

RUSSKIYA VEDOMOSTI (Moscow)--Amid great cheers and flower throwing women, the Russian "Army of Austrian Liberation" entered VIE. The commander of that great army reportedly said "The liberation of BUD and the rest of the Austrian state is very near."



CLASSIFIEDS

To Comrade Boldukovich from Oberst von Shach: Lucky shot!

Dear Editor: As a loyal British subject I object to the slur on the English King. The reference to the King of England having his women "by twos and threes" is preposterous. I have it on good authority it's by elevens and twelves. After all, they're cheaper by the dozen.

BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence went last season to Count von Patrick; it goes this season to M Jacquelot. Both gentlemen were cited for their Press Review articles.

Last season's recipients of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb are all who sent no press (tsk, tsk); this season it's Dr Scharnhorst for lack of press (again).

BORIS SPEAKS!

**ERRATA:** 1) It seems Italian A TUS and its move to VEN was inadvertently omitted from the Fall compilation of orders by your harried editor. Abject apologies again. Just goes to show what will happen when your best proof-reader is out of town.

2) Dr Scharnhorst's phone number as listed in the last player roster is incorrect. The number should be 913-722-2528.

Alternate Tony Rezzarday has finished boot camp and is now learning the ins and outs of gas turbine engines. Any of you who might want to wish a new swabbie well, or just brighten a lonely sailor's day can write him at: FN Anthony Rezzarday, BEQ 334 Co 162 Plt #4, NTC Great Lakes, IL 60088.

Alternate Wayne Morrison would like to announce the birth of his daughter Amanda Lynn, born 21 Oct 86. His number, by the way, is 804-865-8534.

Thought for the Season: We tend to become like the worst in those we oppose.  
--Bene Gesserit Coda

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Bud S A Tri(d), A Tri S A Bud

ENGLAND: A Mun S FRE A Bur-Ruh, F Eng-Nth, F Nwg-Nwy, F Nth-Hel

FRANCE: A Bel S A Bur-Ruh, A Bur-Ruh, A Mar-Pie, A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mid, F Trn-Ion

GERMANY: A Kie-Den, A Ruh-Kie, F Bal S A Kie-Den, F Swe S A Kie-Den

ITALY: A Apu-Rom, A Ven S AUS A Tri, F Nap S FRE F Trn-Ion, F Tun S FRE F Trn-Ion

RUSSIA: A Gal-Bud, A Vie S A Gal-Bud, A StP-Fin, A War-Sil

TURKEY: A Bul S A Ser, A Rum S RUS A Gal-Bud, A Ser S RUS A Gal-Bud, A Sev A Rum, F Aeg-Gre, F Bla-Con, F Gre-Alb, F Smy-Eas

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# BORIS THE SPIDER



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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

1 Dec 86

Fall 1907

## GERMANY DISMEMBERED !

MINAS MORGUL--Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem* is the tune of the day throughout war-torn Europe. The sole Austrian army is doomed to starvation due to lack of supply, while Germany's three home centers have been divided up between England, France, and Russia. Indeed Russia is the chief culprit in both downfalls as she doubled the size of her army at her Arayan neighbors' expense. It remains to be seen whether the West can withstand the coming Russian land steamroller combined with the Turkish naval tsunami. It also remains to be seen whether the Eastern Bloc can maintain its cohesion in the face of its stunning victory over hapless Austria.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

BERLIN--The War Ministry announced the destruction of the English fleet occupying DEN. The combined weight of the German Imperial Army and the High Seas Fleet sank the English vessels and crushed the Royal Marines on the beaches.

CONSTANTINOPLE--The Porte has announced the establishment of a prize, the Order of the Odalisque, to be awarded annually to the organization or individual felt to have performed in the most perfunctory fashion over the previous year. The co-winners this year are Ms Nar, for steadfastly delivering her famed Super-Sudsy bombs to the infamous and undeserving alike, and GM Bolduc, for failing to publish his vaunted situation map (again). The prize takes the form of a houri to be delivered to the Sultan in the name of the winner(s).

PARIS--German forces have been badly mauled in an attempt to sneak several underwater boats through ENG. The British NTH fleet sunk the small armada with new Motor Torpedo Boats equipped with a new explosive that explodes by means of a depth gauge. Unfortunately, one of the Boche boats landed on the telegraph cable between France and Britain which has caused delays in communication. Hopefully the repairs will be in place before coordinated moves must be commenced.

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## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

DUBLIN EXAMINER--Rioting has spread throughout much of Ireland as the people have taken to the streets to protest the continued role of Great Britain in the European war. Accusations of racism have been heard in the House of Commons since casualties among Irish units seem disproportionately high. Number 10 Downing Street seems content to waste Irish troops in brash, ill-conceived attacks while conserving English units for safe, rear-echelon tasks.

NEW YORK TIMES--(An on the scene report by our war correspondent in Italy, Ernest Hemingway)--Dateline--Fall 1907. Caporetto. Recent reports of the French entering the war in Italy has caused both sides in this struggle to pause and reflect on the meaning of the latest moves. The French answer to Italian pleas for assistance comes in the



form of an army marching through PIE. However, the Turkish threat is comprized mainly of naval forces. One would think French naval forces would be more appropriate aid. So, the question remains, "How will France ultimately aid Italy?"

NOVAE VREMIA (St Petersburg)--The Balkan armies, being personally led by the Tsar, have aided the Turk in the elimination of the Austro-Hungarian nation. The new territories will be assimilated into Greater Russia as soon as the bureaucrats get into place.

RUSSKIYA VEDOMOSTI (Moscow)--Russian armies have arrived on the Western front to help defend Germany against the decadent democracies.

WASHINGTON POST--"British given a bloody nose in East Africa." The European conflict has spread to a war of global proportions. Even now fighting has spread to European colonies. Most recently, Lieutenant Colonel Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck, Commander of German East Africa's garrison force, has conducted a brilliant guerilla war effort against the British forces in Africa. Though virtually surrounded and cut off from overseas supply by British blockade, Lettow-Vorbeck insists on military action in order to pin down as many troops as possible and thereby cause England to provide reinforcements otherwise destined for Europe.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Selig sind die da Leid tragen,  
denn sie sollen getröstet werden.

*Diplomacy* is a chess game of countries. Mate in 3, Germany!

The English King obviously knows something about cheap women.

Cannibal S. to Peerless S.: SUSPECT CHIP BAD STOP PULLED STOP LOCAL  
RADIO SHACK CAN'T REPLACE STOP SEND REPLACEMENT OR TANDY EQUIVALENT  
PART NUMBER STOP

Lord Devon is scum. --Colonel General Bolduski

Overheard during latest Russian conquest--"This Bud's for you."

Q: Who cornered the vodka market in BER this season?

A: The little, old winemaker, me!

Arggh Jim lad! Got to keep the bloody helmsman out of the rum again!

What force or gile could not subdue  
Through many a warlike ages  
Is wrought now by a coward few  
For hireling traitor's wages.  
The English steel we could disdain  
Secure in battle stations  
But English gold has been our bane  
Such a Parcel of Rogues in a Nation.  
--auld Highland lament

#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Dr Scharnhorst for his Embassy beat article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is the hapless Count von Patrick for Press promised, but not sent.

The second Boris Eagle Eye Award goes to M Jacquelot and Kanzler Hudson for spotting the following booboo.

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

**ERRATA:** The gremlins were at it again last issue. Since Lord Devon forgot to order his F DEN I had forgotten it even existed (perhaps he did too). Anyway it should've been entered as "*F Den H(u,d)*", that is, unordered, destroyed for lack of a retreat.

As for the situation maps, since so many of your moves don't arrive, one way or the other, until the weekend following the deadline, I find I have the choice of mailing on Monday and forgoing the map or delaying a day, xeroxing the map (for I haven't trained my Apple to draw it yet--But the new IIgs could), and having to find another page worth of text to backprint thereon. Needless to say the general paucity of spirited interplay within these pages argues against the latter choice. While the gentleman who provoked this diatribe has never been among the tardy, he has in the past shown a remarkable shyness towards expressing his (game)world view in these hallowed pages. Ms Nar only tolerates the disruption engendered by this journal because she enjoys, much like the Olympian goddesses of myth, being above it all and feasting on the wit and repartee in the Press. Those who deny her this pleasure risk the very continuance of this journal. Take heed, oh guilty ones! Repent!

Boris is thinking of beginning a second game in the near future. Priority for portfolios therein would be given to present alternates, those eliminated, and those who assumed NMR'ed positions. Boris would like your opinion on whether to include its proceedings in these hallowed pages or to spin-off a separate journal (*Son of Boris?*) for it. Your comments would be appreciated.

For those of you who can't wait for *The Son of Boris*, *The Adventurer* is offering openings for a little *Diplomacy* action. Also, for that matter, *Titan*, *Civilization*, *Gunslinger*, *Rail Baron*, and others. Subscription price is \$10 for 12 monthly issues. Contact Jason Russ, Stonehouse Rd, Somers, NY 10589.

Thanks go to Dr Scharnhorst for supplying this journal with 15 potential "Thoughts for the Season" just as I was down to my last six or seven. The following is a fine example from the batch.

Thought for the Season: Trust everybody, but always cut the cards.  
--Finley Peter Dunne

# TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUSTRIA: A Tri-Vie(r-???)  
 ENGLAND: A Mun-Kie, F Hel S A Mun-Kie, F Nth-Hol, F Nwy S RUS A  
 Fin-Swe(nso), F Ska-Den  
 FRANCE: A BEL S ENG F Nth-Hol, A Bur-Mun, A Pie-Trl, A Ruh S ENG A  
 Mun-Kie, F Ion-Aeg (r-???), F Mid-Wes  
 GERMANY: A Den S A Kie, A Kie S A Den(d), F Bal S A Kie, F Swe S  
 RUS A Fin-Nwy(nso)  
 ITALY: A Rom-Tus, A Ven S FRE A Pie-Trl, F Nap S FRE F Ion(otm),  
 F Tun S FRE F Ion(otm)  
 RUSSIA: A Bud S TUR A Ser-Tri, A Fin-StP, A Sil-Ber, A Vie S TUR A  
 Ser-Tri  
 TURKEY: A Bul-Ser, A Rum S A Bul-Ser, A Ser-Tri, A Sev S A Rum, F  
 Alb-Ion, F Con-Aeg, F Eas S F Alb-Ion, F Gre S F Alb-Ion

**d:** destroyed; **nso:** not so ordered; **otm:** on the move;

**r-???:** unit must either disband or retreat to either

AUS A TRI: ALB

FRE F ION: ADR, APU, or TRN

## SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS: -Bud, -Tri	0	Tear	1
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, -Den, -Mun, +Hol, +Kie	6	Build	1
FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por, Bel, +Mun	7	Build	1
GER: -Ber, -Kie, -Hol, Swe, +Den	2	Tear	1
ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	4	No change	
RUS: Mos, StP, War, Vie, +Ber, +Bud	6	Build	2
TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev, Ser, +Tri	9	Build	1

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# BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE  
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"  
--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

21 Dec 86

Winter 1907/08

## AUSTRIA ELIMINATED!!

CLIFFHOME--As the Winter snows fall, the surviving Great Powers face some serious questions. Should the Franco-British alliance enlist the devastated German Empire as a minor ally to sidetrack the Russian steamroller? Should the Kaiser join the West to regain his capital or should he play the spoiler for The East? Should Italy remain with the West, defect to the East (not a high percentage choice in our estimation), or play one side off against the other? The Italian government's "temporary" relocation argues for the latter. Meanwhile the East, flush with victory over the hapless, Sean-less Dual Monarchy has to reorder its priorities. The Russian "Steamroller" still needs to protect STP in order to keep open the possibility of a build of F STP(nc), striking fear, terror, and lost dentures in Britain. Meanwhile, the combined Italo-French naval forces seem adequate to fore-an unsupported Turkish naval blitz. We are indeed approaching a cusp.

## EMBASSY BEAT

NORTH POLE--Merry Christmas to all! And to all a good night!  
---S. Claus

## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

NEW YORK POST--The up and coming Cosa Nostra Boss, Alberto Capone, was found to have links with the former Italian government under Il Presidente Pasta. President Pasta was reported to have made a deal with the mob boss in order to make profitable gains and insight to the New York stocks and commodities market located here on Wall Street and to obtain a fix on the upcoming Italian protege. A secret committee formed by President Roosevelt has reported to him that the exiled old Presidente has made unexplicable financial gains on the market. They also asserted that the Chicago Mobster had used his political muscle in order to ascertain the information about the market in order to obtain lies with the new government headed under present ruler Frylinguini. It was also mentioned in the report that King Frylinguini was also to benefit in the transaction that would put him in the financial driver's seat that would eventually lead to a total Turkish domination of the European continent. By selling out the Italian commitment to assisting Austria and France against any Ottoman Empire attacks, the Turks are presently in a position of intimidating proportions.

The committee concluded with remarks that condemned the past and present Italian governments and assured the President that all aid is necessary to prevent total Turkish domination of Europe. They also stated that they felt charges should be filed against young mob-boss, Capone. Up until press time, the President has not taken any action other to call several high staff meetings and to include the FBI in those meetings. It seems likely that legal actions will be taken against all parties involved. Also brought to notice is the questionable area of the upcoming Italian youngster.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Cannibal S to Peerless S: Replacement chip \$5.45 including tax.  
Please take off next order.

Boris to Pasta Pete: King K declined. Sam Lambert asked my input.  
What hath God wrought?

FOR SALE: Cheap! Telegraph cable. Quantity discounts. Contact  
Russo-Turkish Enterprises.

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BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to  
Russo-Turkish Enterprises.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Budsy bomb is the author of  
the *New York Post* article, for submitting the most incoherent  
article yet to appear within these pages.

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BORIS SPEAKS!

**PERMANENT ADDRESS CHANGE:** Pres & Madame Shacklett, somewhere in  
Albuquerque.

**TEMPORARY ADDRESS CHANGE:** Capt James "Wormtongue" Fryling, C/o Dept  
of Chemistry, USAFA, CO 80840

Thought for the Season: Honesty may be the best policy, but it won't  
often get you Supply Centers. --Boris

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TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austrian A TRI retreats to ALB; French F ION retreats to ADR.

AUSTRIA: -A Tri OUT  
ENGLAND: +F Edi  
FRANCE: +F Mar  
GERMANY: -F Swe  
RUSSIA: +A Mos, A War  
TURKEY: +F Smy

\*\*\*\*\*  
DEADLINE for Spring '88 orders is 26 Jan 87.  
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# BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE  
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"  
--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

1 Feb 87

Spring 1908

## 2ND REICH STRIKES BACK

MURKWOOD--The Kaiser's stunning convoy of A DEN has jammed the gears of the dread Russian Steamroller. Although rumors of the promised return of SEV to the Tsar appear to be well founded, the Tsar finds three of his home centers threatened by the invading army. It may well be in the West's best interest to support it into STF to insure both the raider's existence and continuing threats. On the other hand, MOS and WAR are naked. In the South, the Turkish fleets mass for the inevitable push westward. Close Franco-Italian cooperation is needed here, but with the upcoming Italian elections and King Worm-tongue's party trailing badly in the polls, who can speak for Italy?

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## EMBASSY BEAT

ALBUQUERQUE--The French have announced the establishment of a Consulate at 11527 Morocco NE in Albuquerque with a zip code of 87111 and a main telephone number of 505-292-5458. Americans wishing to contact the French should forward all communications to this consulate.

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PARIS--The Ministry of Defense released today intelligence reports of the impending invasion by the Islamic and Mongol hordes. The Cossacks have laid waste to much of central Europe and the Balkans but the reports indicate that a division of the spoils has led to strife between the unholy allies. The reports implicate certain arms deals between German manufacturers and the Russian armies. In return for the arms the Russians are to support the German army and fleet while using the arms for a push to regain SEV. The French people can only hope that the reports are wrong as a strong Russia would sweep back through the conquered German territories and into the French homeland.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

The Bolduc manor is a very *Chill-y* manor.

PRB to PDM: Job opening at HERD for physicist. You need apply soonest if interested.

Pegleg to One-Eyed: Fleet move: "R".

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## BOOS AND KUDOS

No Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence will be given this season.

This season's recipients of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb are Italy and Germany for tardiness.

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## BORIS SPEAKS!

**PERMANENT ADDRESS CHANGES:** Three of them! France, Italy, and Russia. See Roster.

Congratulations to Bob Hudson for making the latest majors list. Condolences on his recent foot injury while playing a young man's game.



Condolences to Don Patrick for not making the majors list again. Congratulations on keeping his store one more year.

Italy has expressed a desire to resign. Any alternate interested in assuming the Italian position should send me a set of orders prior to the next deadline.

Thought for the Season: DIPLOMACY is the art of fishing tranquilly in troubled waters.  
---J Christopher Herold

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#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

ENGLAND: A Kie S FRE A Mun-Ber, F Edi-Nwg, F Hel-Den, F Hol S A Kie, F Nwy H, F Ska S F Hel-Den  
FRANCE: A Bel-Bur, A Mun-Ber, A Ruh S ENG A Kie, A Trl S F Adr-Tri, F Adr-Tri, F Mar-Lyo, F Wes-Trn  
GERMANY: A Den-Lvn, F Bal C A Den-Lvn  
ITALY: A Tus-Ven, A Ven-Tri, F Nap-Ion, F Tun S F Nap-Ion.  
RUSSIA: A Ber H(r-???), A Bud-Vie, A Mos-Sev, A StP-Nwy, A Vie-Boh, A War-Sil  
TURKEY: A Ser S A Tri, A Sev-Arm, A Trl S RUS A Vie-Tri(nso), F Con-Bul(sc), F Eas-Ion, F Gre-Alb, F Ion-Trn(r-???), F Smy-Aeg.

Orders in *italics* fail; **nso** unit not so ordered; Russian A BER must either disband or retreat to PRU. Turkish F ION must either disband or retreat to either APU or GRE.

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DEADLINE for Fall 1908 orders is 24 Feb 87.  
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# BORIS THE SPIDER



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1 Mar 87

Fall 1908

## ANOTHER NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

MINAS MORGUL--With four Russo-Turkish units sighting in on VEN and with NAP also under pressure, these are critical times for the new Morrisoni government. The first task at hand is to integrate the scattered Italian forces with their French rescuers(?). The second, and perhaps more important task, is to salvage some sort of coherent foreign policy from the shambles left by the previous three administrations. While the destruction of the French 3rd Fleet by the Turks didn't help the Italian bargaining position much, neither the East or the West can afford to let the other conquer her. Signore Morrisoni still has diplomatic maneuvering room to play the two sides off against each other.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

CONSTANTINOPLE--The Porte has announced that the winner of the Order of the Odalisque for 1908 is King Wormtongue of Italy. The King was felt to deserve the prize "for totally reversing the two previous Italian governments' policy of cooperation with the Ottoman Empire, preventing any negotiated settlement in the Balkan War, and then wanting to abdicate as soon as his new ally had been destroyed by his new enemy." The Sultan is said to be most appreciative of the prize, who goes by the name of Fatima.

PARIS--The Ministry of Defense reports the news that soon all French armies will be on foreign soil, thus completing the pledge to repay atrocities to French citizens. Currently, the French and Italian fleets are in a titanic struggle to preserve Christendom from the Turkish hordes. Although the Turkish have recieved a major setback in the hammering of the Ionian fleet at the hands of the Italian fleet. The struggle seems to be a long one with massive fleets in the eastern Med and AEG.

REYKJAVIK--One of the best kept secrets of the war has surfaced today. The English have been hard pressed to furnish enough lumber for the war machine. Prioities have been for ship scaffolding and forms to produce the huge home fleet. Other priorities are paper for education, autos, and weapons. With the recent acquisition of the Scandanavian countries the shortage has been reduced. The resultant influx of North wood through Swiss bank arrangements has allowed the *London Times* to be printed again, thus accounting for the long British press blackout.

ST PETERSBURG--(Office of the Foreign Minister) "The current state of confusion in the Italian Government is just another indication of the low state of the Italian peoples."

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## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

DAILY VODKA (Vladivostok)--The Tsar again calls for all able bodied Russian males to report to the closest processing center, to help repel the invasion of Russia by her former German ally.



KLENDATHU KLARTON--Terran engineers fried! Mop up continues. Tape at 2300.

LONDON TIMES--(Valletta, Malta) "A Devon's Cup Update" The Devon's Cup is considered by all to be the world championship in 12-cannon yacht racing. The Challengers' Series continues with races between the French/Italian boat and the Turkish boat for the right to meet the winner of the German-Russian race to see who will face the the defender's boat for the coveted Cup. The French/Italian boat, *The Flying Frog*, holds a two-to-one lead over the Turkish boat *Sultan I* in the best of seven series. In the fourth race run today, a protest by *The Flying Frog*'s skipper Louis the Lewd was made when the *Sultan* fired on Louis in the ten minute truce starting area, thus forcing *The Flying Frog* to make a hasty turn into the Ionian Sea. Race officials have ruled that the race will be rerun next week and have flogged the *Sultan*'s crew heavily for their most unsportsman-like conduct. The *Sultan*'s skipper, Olman, refused to make any comment on his actions.

LONDON TIMES--(Danzig, Germany) "A Devon's Cup Update" The German boat *Han I* holds a three to none lead over the missing Russian boat. Some believe the races should have been postponed until the Russian vessel showed up, while the crew of the *Han I* claims that the Russians were so slow out of port that they never made the race area. Speculation on the Russian boat's whereabouts is that German terrorists in Lithuania have held up the boat and finally burned it. The fourth, and what looks like final, race is to be held next week with or without Russian competition. The *Han*'s crew is already making preparation for the finals between *The Flying Frog* or *Sultan I*.

LONDON TIMES--(Rosyth, Yorkshire) "A Devon's Cup Update" In the Defenders' Trial Races, the heavily favored *Elizabeth I* swept *Mary I* by sinking her on the first leg of the fourth race. The *Elizabeth I* will go on to meet the winners of the Challengers' Series later this year. The skipper, Lord Gleason, has been made a national hero for his brilliant seamanship and is expected to defend the Cup and keep it home in the Queen Mother's Royal Yacht Club. In America, the *Revelation I*, skippered by big bad "Peg Leg" Bolduc, claims the right to sail against *Elizabeth I* in a new final for the Defenders' Series. Bolduc claims that the Devon's Cup is really the America's Cup and as such he should be allowed to race. His record is superb, for he is the only skipper with no losses, his latest win an incredible sweep of the *Shacklett II*. Lord Devon is to have final word on this latest controversy. On a less serious note, some American political scientists believe the cause of the World War is the fierce competition for the coveted Cup. Lord Devon was quoted as saying, "The Cup Series was designed for countries to concentrate their effort on racing, not war. I find it hard to believe that countries would go so far as war to win the Cup."

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

Peg-leg from One-eyed: That Cap'n Bolitho be one real rake of a man he be. Arrgh.

Pegleg to Bolitho: That scow of yours called *London* be a Class 1 hull so she can't turn twice in a Game Turn.

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to Dr Scharnhorst for his Embassy Beat article.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is the author of the Reykjavik Embassy Article for "incoherency".

The Boris Eagle Eye award goes this season to Turkey who spotted our lack of italics for two failed French orders.

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

Thought for the Season: He who attacks must vanquish; he who defends must merely survive.

Congratulations go out to the Frylings who celebrate their second wedding anniversary tomorrow.

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#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

Russian A Ber retreated to Pru; Turkish F Ion retreated to APU.

ENGLAND: A Kie S FRE A Ber, F Den S F Ska-Swe, F Hol-Nth, *F Nwg-Bal (imp)*, *F Nwy S RUS A StP*, F Ska-Swe

FRANCE: A Ber S A Bur-Mun, A Bur-Mun, A Ruh S A Bur-Mun, *A Trl S A Bur-Mun(r-???)*, *F Adr S ITA A Ven-Apu(nso, d)*, F Lyo S F Wes-Trn, F Wes-Trn

GERMANY: **NMR** A Lvn H(u), F Bal H(u)

ITALY: A Tus-Rom, *A Ven S FRE F Adr-Tri(nso)*, F Ion-Nap, *F Tun S FRE F Trn-Ion(nsu)*

RUSSIA: *A Boh-Mun*, *A Pru-Lvn*, A Sev H, A Sil S A Boh-Mun, *A StP-Nwy*, *A Vie-Trl*

TURKEY: A Arm-Smy, A Rum-Gal, A Ser S A Tri, A Tri S RUS A Vie-Trl, F Aeg S F Eas-Ion, F Alb-Adr, F Apu S F Alb-Adr, F Bul(sc)-Gre, F Eas-Ion

Orders in italics fail; **nsu** no such unit; **nso** not so ordered; **u** unordered; **imp** impossible; **d** destroyed for lack of a valid retreat; French A Trl may either disband or retreat to PIE.

#### SUPPLY CENTERS

ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Hol, Kie, +Den, +Swe	(8) Build 2
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, For, Bel, Mun, +Ber	(8) Build 2 *
GER:	-Swe, -Den	(0) Tear 2
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	(4) No change
RUS:	Mos, StP, War, Vie, -Ber, Bud, +Sev	(6) No change
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, -Sev, Ser, Tri	(8) Tear 1

\* If FRE A Trl disbands rather than retreats, then France may build 3.

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DEADLINE for Winter 08/09 orders is 23 Mar 87.  
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## DIPCON XX - MADCON V

**JUNE 5th THRU JUNE 7th**

This is for immediate release, the official newsletter of the Dipcon Administrative Committee for Dipcon XX, the 1987 version of the National Diplomacy Tournament.

This years' committee is the following: Mark Frueh (4320 Wallace St., St. Louis, MO 63116 (314) 832-1791); Marc and Debi Peters (1814 Cameron Drive #3, Madison, WI 53711 (608) 273-0983); Ken Peel (8708 First Ave #T-2, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 495-2799. All Dipcon-related material should be sent first to Mark Frueh, who publishes this letter.

Dipcon XX will be held at the University of Wisconsin - Madison Memorial Student Union in Madison, Wisconsin. The date of the weekend has been moved up two weeks due to the unavailability of facilities on June 19th weekend. I hope this hasn't disrupted your travel plans.

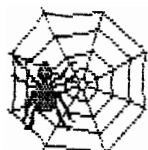
If you plan to fly to the con - arriving from Chicago O'Hare airport take the Alco Bus service direct to the UW-Madison Student Union. The shuttle cost is approx. \$12-15 one way. A schedule will be published next issue. It is possible to fly direct to Madison airport. If you plan to drive - parking at the campus is difficult. We are trying to obtain a parking permit for the con. We expect a cost of \$8 for a permit.

Lodging for the con will be convenient and inexpensive. Unfortunately only very limited space will be available for Sunday night stay-overs. Approximate prices: These are given to you for an estimate of Con costs: Room rate - \$16.50 to 20.00/night/double occupancy; \$5-10 for Dipcon-Madcon fees; and \$1 or \$2 surcharge for Dipcon committee expenses. Meals and beverages will not be included, you will be responsible for that yourself. The student union has eating areas and there are many nearby restaurants.

The tournament itself will consist of four or five diplomacy rounds; tentatively; games will start at 5pm Friday, 9am and 5pm Saturday, and 9am Sunday. The Dipcon Society Meeting will convene Saturday afternoon between rounds. Further information will be published in early March concerning registration forms and more indepth tournament information. If you would publish this letter in your zines or circulate a copy of the letter to other Dipsters please do so. I have few Diplomacy pubbers addresses and I am trying to make up for this with your help. All assistance and comments will be deeply appreciated.

Thank you ... till later good bye.





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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

29 Mar 87

Winter 1908/09

## GERMANY ELIMINATED!

CLIFFHOME--1908 Saw the completion of the destruction of the two Germanic Empires. Now two huge alliances face off against each other with hapless Italy in the middle. Our Plan is going well.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

PARIS--No French press possible as the Ministry of Disinformation is drowning in an overflow of the laundry located above their basement. Seems they are immersed in suds and a secretary shredded the instructions on how to turn the suds off.

ROME--It is with deepest regret that the Italian government must send the Turkish Ambassador back to the Sultan alive. However the tar and feathers will wash off with several Turkish baths we are sure.

With the disruption of the Italian government and invasion of our country by Turkey we were not able to contain the wrath of our element of emotional people.

If Turkey withdraws its smelly fleet we will send off an apology but with her fleets and armies camped at our doorstep we must look to sever all relations. We ask the Western nations for their economic and moral support.

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## BOOS AND KUDOS

There will be no Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence this season.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Kanzler Hudson for rolling over and dying.

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## BORIS SPEAKS!

Congratulations to Jim (Wormtongue) and Marcy Fryling on the birth of a daughter, Amy Katherine, born 23 Mar 87 and weighing in at 8 lbs, 9.5 oz. Both mother and daughter are fine; dad, however, is a wreck.

Map freaks will, no doubt, be overjoyed by the return of our situation map (see flipside). As an added bonus, the game transcript to date has also been included in this mailing.

Thought for the Season: The joy of contemplating another's misfortunes is the purest of joy. --Wagner

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## TROOP MOVEMENTS

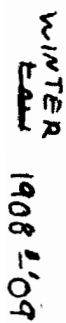
French A Tr1 retreated to PIE.

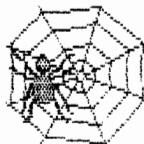
England builds A Edi and A Lon. France builds A Par and F Mar. Germany NMRs; GM disbands A Lvn and F Bal, eliminating *der Vaterland*. Turkey disbands A Smy.

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DEADLINE for Spring '09 orders is 20 Apr 87.  
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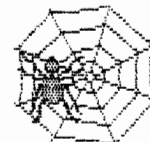


BOUNDARY  
WATER/WATER BOUNDARY  
SEA SPACE  
SUPPLY CENTER  
FLEET  
ARMY





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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

26 Apr 87

Spring 1989

## ITALY DECLARES WAR!

MURKWOOD--Italy becomes the first country in the 8 1/2 years of conflict to declare outright war. War there was, but the participants up to now politely avoided using that term for fear of "crossing the Rubicon". The line has now been crossed, and it seems to have unnerved the Tsar enough not to support his Ottoman ally into VEN. Or perhaps it is the growing British threat to his capital that has distracted the Tsar's attention. Meanwhile the French consolidate their trenchline across Europe. The next Turkish assault on VEN shouldn't fail. Likewise, while STF will fall to Lord Devon, a rogue Russian army in FIN will be troublesome to crush.

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### EMBASSY BEAT

ROME--The people of Italy welcome the French support that has been offered against the Turkish invader and we reaffirm our nonaggression pact with the French government.

The Turkish invader has not yet answered our correspondence seeking their removal from our soil so open warfare is declared for their aggressive conduct.

It is obvious by the lack of any contact that the Russian is working for the Turk and can not be counted on for support so they are also included in a declaration of war.

If we are in error in this assumption then we ask again for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from our soil and a neutrality pact will be discussed. Present events however show that this cannot be expected and Italy must defend itself with French support.

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### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

DENVER POST--Today Federal marshals have arrested a Turkish national for mail fraud. The Turk was sending supposed pieces of the True Cross through the U.S. Mail for \$15 to gullible customers. A Congressman obtained a sample from the Turk and had it analyzed for authenticity. The analysis revealed the sample as a piece of Douglas Fir tree. The Turk is now awaiting trial in the Denver court. His harem of blonde European females vow that he will be released.

INQUIRE DU NATIONALE (Paris)--President Jacquelot is enroute to meet with good King Morrisoni to officially reaffirm the Italian-Franco alliance as set forth by the previous governments of Italy. The actual meeting has been kept very secret due to fears that the Turks will assassinate King Morrisoni in the same manner as King Wormtongue. However, the presence of three fleets west of Italy have led to speculation that Corsica may be the meeting place.

NEW YORK TIMES--Spring thaw floods St Petersburg. Details on page 74.

YACHTING (Newport)--At the WS&IM 500, numerous collisions by both racing teams have left the entire area in confusion and the race must be temporarily delayed to clear the wreckage. Both British and French teams are looking for new drivers.



## CLASSIFIED

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Parity, money is subject to and dependent upon, the very economy on which it is made. Any monetary interference in it is a threat to the very life of the nation. Should the country with Germany, France, Italy, and Turkey to Hungary and Czechs

ARNOLD, Alexander, is a learned French scholar, who is able to speak fluently in English, Italian, Spanish, French, Gaelic, German, Italian, Latin, Polish, Russian, Swedish, Gaelic, and Irish, as well as in Gaelic, Spanish, English, Chinese, Greek, Esperanto, Estonian, Finnish, Greek, Hungarian, Mongolian, and others. He is a native of French, German,

## TOOLS AND LOGS

The Madame Boland Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the *Chicago Tribune*.

Three monetary receipts of a 14th New Spain Sunday Club in Sao Paulo for items promised but not received.

**GETTING STARTED:**

The right for the Deafman: "Frank and explicit" - that is the right, then to take when you wish to connect your own mind and confuse the minds of others. - Disraeli

Included with this issue is further info on DEPCON XCHANGCON V. Consider this a heads up to be a lot of fun.

## NOV NOVEMBER 13

ENSLIGHT: A EU1-Nay, A Kie-S FRE, A Ber, A Loo, D, F Doo-Pal, F Nili-S R  
 Idi-Bay, F Nag, I G Hii-Nay, F Nay-Bay, I Swa-Idi

FRANÇOIS. A Ben - A Han, B Han - C Ben, A Fan - Boy, B Flew - Fly, A Rat - R  
Rat, F Love - Wee, E Hat - Lay, F Thor - Top

1. *Phyllanthus* - *G. Romb. S. P. Gen. Sp.*, *G. Mon. Sp.*, *F. Musp. S. P. Gen. Sp.*, *F. Tott. S. P.*  
 2. *Phyllanthus* - *G. Romb. S. P. Gen. Sp.*, *G. Mon. Sp.*, *F. Musp. S. P. Gen. Sp.*, *F. Tott. S. P.*

RUSSIA: 4 Bol-G-Till, 6 Fed-B-Till, 1 G-1-Till, 4 Sev-Till, 4 Sil-Wat, 2 SLP-Hwy, 4 T-1-S-Bolt

THURKEY: A Gal-RII, A Bcr-III, A D-I C-F Apr-Ven, F Ash, B F Apr-Ven, F Aeq, B F Jan, F Apr-Ven, F Grw-S, F Jan, F Jan II.

GUARANTY FOR FALL 1989 ORDERS IS 18-18 MAX 6%.

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# BORIS THE SPIDER

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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

22 May 57

Fall 1909

## FRANCE DECLARES WAR! TURKEY PROPOSES PEACE! WINTER CANCELLED!

MINAS MORBUL--France has officially entered the fray by declaring war on Turkey, their former ally against Hapsburg expansionism. Apparently M Jacquolot is beginning to fear for MAR. Meanwhile, Lord Devon's troops have finally captured the Russian capital; speculation has it that the dislodged army will retreat to FIN rather than disband ignominiously. Best guess is that A WAR will die. Meanwhile the Brits surreptitiously become the dominant European Power. The Sultan, perhaps sensing he will gain little against a united West, has proposed that the Five Powers meet in Washington to hammer out "Peace in our time". The whole planet is agog at the prospect.

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### EMBASSY BEAT

CONSTANTINOPLE--The recipient of the Order of the Odalisque for 1909 is the Italian Government, for declaring war on half of Europe.

PARIS (Ministry of Defense)--It is with great regret that the Republic of France declares war on the Turkish government. The French will honor their commitments to the Franco-Italian Treaty with armed force. Should the Turkish government withdraw all forces from areas adjacent to the Italian homeland the two nations will be able to pursue peace. The French government earnestly desires peace but will not desert their allies.

ST PETERSBURG (Reuters)--Sources close to the Tsar have confirmed that there was indeed a flood at the Winter Palace, and that many priceless heirlooms were damaged or destroyed. When asked by reporters if this was true, the Tsar, with a pained look on his noble visage, replied, "*Nikolay kommentarii.*"

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### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

LE FIGARO (Paris): The annual May Marathon from the Arc de Triomphe to the Eiffel Tower was won by a member of the French infantry who has recently returned for rest and recuperation. Asked how he had trained for the race he replied, "Sacre Bleu, I did not train. I heard the motorcycle of the escorting *Gendarme* backfire and I thought I was back at the front dodging Russian bullets."

MOSKOVSKIYA VEDOMOSTI: The Tsar publicly apologized to the Turkish Ambassador for the lack of communication between the two great allies. The problem has reportedly been traced to a telegraph line that had been sabotaged by an anarchist in the pay of the Italian government. This line will be repaired immediately using cable salvaged from the fall of Vienna.

NOVOE VREMYA (St Petersburg): As the English begin to close in on our fair city, brave citizens have turned out in large numbers to help prepare the defences. The local commander said, "Without the help of all our citizens, this city would've fallen long ago."



## CLASSIFIEDS

Constantinople to Rome: Lighten up, fella!

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## BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes jointly this season to France for the *Le Figaro* article and to the author of the CON-ROU classified.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is Lord Devon for the usual.

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## BORIS SPEAKS!

As you probably know from the lead article, Turkey has proposed a "5-way draw". To review the House Rules, this is perfectly within his rights. Each active player may vote "Yes", "No", or "Abstain". Only if the "Yes" votes outnumbered the "No" votes would a draw be declared and Peace prevail. NMRS or a lack of a vote will be considered as "Abstain".

In the event of a Draw, Boris is undecided whether a second game will be offered under this editorship. The pool of alternates is decidedly shallow and the prospect of chasing Lardy moves for another three or four years is rather appalling. Then too, his own postal game may just have been orphaned, and the temptation to relinquish his Turkish portfolio and adopt the game may prove too much. Time will tell.

**WARNING:** Italy will be TDY from 16-23 Jun; thus he (and he alone) will be granted an extended deadline of 1800 hrs CDT 27 Jun. Do not discuss your orders or vote with him between 23 Jun and 27 Jun if you fear compromising your position!

**NOTICE:** As there is only one retreat/tear and one build, Fall retreats, Winter builds, and the normal Spring orders shall all be combined in the next mailing. Players may offer conditional orders based upon the possible retreats/tears/builds.

Thought for the Season: A kind heart is of little value in chess.

—La Rochefoucauld

Or in *Diplomacy*.

—Boris

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## TROOP MOVEMENTS

ENGLAND: A Kie-Ber, A Lon-StP, A Nwy S A Lon-StP, F Bal S FRE A  
Ber-Pru, F Bar & F Nth & F Nwg C A Lon-StP, F Sot S A Lon-StP  
FRANCE: A Ber-Pru, A Bar-Man, A Man-Trl, A Pie S ITA A Ven, A Ruh  
S A Bar-Man, F Lyo S F Wes-Trn, F Trn-Ion, F Wes-Trn  
ITALY: A Rom-Apu, A Ven H, F Nap S SRE F Trn-Ion, F Tun S FRE F  
Trn-Ion  
RUSSIA: A Boh S A Trl, A Mos-StP, A Pru S TUR A Sil, A  
StP-Nwy(r-??), A Trl S TUR A Trl-Ven, A War S TUR A Sil  
TURKEY: A Alb-Nap, A Sil S RUS A Pru, A Trl-Ven, F Acr S F Apu, F  
Aeg S F Ion, F Apo S S Alb-Nap, F Gre S F Ion, F Ion C A  
Alb-Nap

Orders in italics fail. Russian army STP must either disband (and thus fulfill the Winter tear requirement) or retreat to either FIN or LVN.

#### SUPPLY CENTERS

ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Hol, Kie, Den, Swe, +StP	(9)	Build 1
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, For, Bel, Mun	(8)	No change
ITA:	Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	(4)	No change
RUS:	Mos, -StP, War, Vie, Bud, Sev	(5)	Tear 1 *
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Iri	(8)	No change

\* If dislodged Russian army disbands rather than retreats, then "No change".

\*\*\*\*\*  
DEADLINE for Winter/Spring '89/10 orders is 22 Jun 87.  
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# BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE  
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"  
--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

25 Jul 87

Spring 1910

## PEACE PLAN FAILS!

CLIFFHOME--A united West outvoted the East and scuttled the nascent Turkish Peace Plan. Presumably the West intends to knock out the Russians and dictate terms to the Sultan. However, even as the Conference concluded Turkish troops launched another assault on NAP and VEN. Regardless of the vote, all the fronts save the Russian appear to be deadlocked--and that one may soon be locked up also. Unless one side or other suffers a defector, the vote will be meaningless and the stalemate will be a *fait accompli*. Our plan will have succeeded.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

PARIS--The Ministry of Defense announced the launching of a new ship, the *Duc de Bologna* (named after a famous ship that won many battles until commanded by the scurvy PegLeg pirate). The *Bologna* will incorporate a deck for landing aeroplanes and a catapult for launching. It is believed this revolutionary concept will soon drive the Turkish demons from the Mediterranean Sea.

PARIS--The government rejects any stalemate or armistice until Turkish troops have withdrawn from Italian soil and adjacent territories.

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## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

LA STAMPA (Turin): "Turkish 'Gunboat Diplomacy' Beaten Back" Although greatly outnumbered the integrated arms of the Italian army and navy beat back the invasion Turkish bid to take VEN by a coastal marine landing. The canals of Venice have some Turkish trash to clean out. One resident stated "the beauty is marred but the sea will flush out the Turkish waste."

The Italian government again called on the Turkish government through the open forum of the world press to leave the shores of Italy peacefully and negotiate honorably. The wall of silence is ominous and only drives Italy into the French camp of influence.

Italy may fall but will not commit suicide. Beware all invaders!

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## CLASSIFIEDS

**WANTED:** Navigators for ships of the line. Low pay and dangerous, but plenty of rum or Maderia. Positions available either with the British or the French.

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## BOOS AND KUDOS

No Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence will be given this season due to paucity of the Press

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is incoherent Italy.

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## BORIS SPEAKS!

The stalemate vote was 2 Pro (Russia & Turkey), 3 Con (England, France & Italy). The War goes on.





Thought for the Season: Conferences at the top level are always courteous. Name-calling is left to the foreign ministers.

--W. Averell Harriman

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#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

Russian A StP retreats to FIN.

England builds A Lon. Russia disbands A FIN.

ENGLAND: A Lon-Den, A Kie S FRE A Mun, A Nwy-Swe, A StP S F Nwg-Nwy,  
F Bal S FRE A Ber, F Bar S A StP, F Bot S A Nwy-Swe, F Nth C  
A Lon-Den, F Nwg-Nwy  
FRANCE: A Ber S A Mun-Sil, A Bur-Mun, A Mun-Sil, A Pie S ITA A  
Ven, A Ruh-Mun, F Lyo-Trn, F Trn-Ion, F Wes S F Lyo-Trn  
ITALY: A Rom-Apu, A Ven H, F Nap S A Rom-Apu, F Tun S FRE F  
Trn-Ion  
RUSSIA: A Boh S A Trl, A Mos-StP, A Pru S Tur A Sil-Ber, A Trl S A  
Boh, A War-Lvn  
TURKEY: A Alb-Ser, A Sil-Ber, A Tri S F Apu-Ven, F Adr S F  
Gre-Ion, F Aeg S F Gre-Ion, F Apu-Ven, F Gre-Ion, F  
Ion-Nap

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DEADLINE for Fall 1910 orders is 13 Jul 87.  
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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

18 Jul 87

Fall 1910

## TSAR OFFERS PEACE PLAN

MURKWOOD--Fast upon the heels of the defeated Turkish Peace Plan, the other Eastern autocrat has proposed an armistice in place. Exile groups from the two defeated Germanic powers are lobbying the West for no votes; their motive: to first see Russia, their conqueror, itself conquered. It is unclear at this time whether Turkey's conquest of its ancient enemy VEN is sufficient to break the developing deadlock. Certainly the victorious fleet has exhausted its attacking possibilities while in harbor.

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## EMBASSY BEAT

CONSTANTINOPLE--The Porte has announced that the winner of the Order of the Odalisque for 1910 is (no surprises here) the Italian Government, for rejecting the proposal of a five-way draw and passing up the rare opportunity to go down in history as the equal of Turkey, Russia, England, and France.

CONSTANTINOPLE--The Ottoman Government has called upon the Italian Government to recall that their two governments had enjoyed good relations and had cooperated in maintaining peace in the Mediterranean until Spring, 1905, when the Italian forces in the Balkans launched a treacherous surprise attack on Turkish forces in SER. As a result, the entire Mediterranean region was destabilized and allowed French intervention into what had previously been a neutral region. The Porte refuses to accept responsibility for Italian foolishness and lays the blame for the threat to Italian sovereignty in particular on the mistakes of the Italian Government. The Porte has also noted the Italian demand for a Turkish withdrawal from the Italian mainland and agrees to withdraw from said territory immediately following the signing of an armistice ending the war and which also requires simultaneous French withdrawal from the Italian mainland. At the same time, the Porte refuses to accede to French demands for withdrawal from TRI as a precondition for opening negotiations, as this territory is as clearly the spoils of war against Austria as is MUN the spoils of war against Germany.

PARIS--The French are celebrating Bastille Day! The tyranny of the infidel Turks and their Russian lackeys can never squelch the liberty of all men. *Aux armes mon citizens.*

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## CLASSIFIEDS

Constantinople to Rome: I understand your reluctance to commit suicide. But I ask you, what effect on your health do you think guzzling cheap French wine and smoking fine, aromatic Turkish tobacco will have?

The assault of certain spiders on the French consulate in Albuquerque has been successfully dealt with--especially the cavalry assault. Unfortunately SOGMAP sunk my battleship.



## BOOS AND KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence goes this season to the author of the CON-ROM classified.

This season's recipient of a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb is Lord Devon for his persistent lack of press.

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## BORIS SPEAKS!

Russia has requested another vote for a five-way draw. If you are in favor of ending the game as a five-way draw, vote "YES"; if not, vote "NO". An affirmative result will take place after retreats, but before Adjustments. Please submit a vote along with your (provisional) orders.

As there are only two retreats, one build and one tear, the Spring '11 and the Winter '10/11 orders will be combined into one mailing. Players may make conditional orders based on the retreats or build/tears of the previous season.

Thought for the Season: We're going to kick their butts, drink their beer, and steal their women. --Alexander the Great

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## TROOP MOVEMENTS

ENGLAND: A Den-Lvn, A Kie-Ber, A StP S A Den-Lvn, A Swe-Fin, F Bal C  
A Den-Lvn, F Bot S A Den-Lvn, F Nth H, F Nwy S A StP, *F Bar S A StP*  
FRANCE: *A Ber-Pru*, *A Bur-Mun*, *A Mun-Sil*, A Pie S ITA A Ven, A Ruh S  
A Bur-Mun, *F Lyo-Trn*, *F Trn-Ion*, F Wes S F Lyo-Trn  
ITALY: A Rom-Apu, *A Ven S A Rom-Apu(r-???)*, F Nap S A Rom-Apu, F  
Tun S FRE F Trn-Ion  
RUSSIA: A Boh S TUR A Sil, *A Lvn S A Pru(r-???)*, A Mos S A Lvn, A  
*Pru S A Lvn*, A Trl S A Boh  
TURKEY: A Ser-Rum, *A Sil S RUS A Pru-Ber(nso)*, A Tri S F Apu-Ven, F  
Adr S F Apu-Ven, F Aeg S F Ion, F Apu-Ven, F Gre S F Ion, F  
Ion H

Russian A LVN must either disband or retreat to WAR. Italian A VEN must either disband or retreat to ROM or TUS.

## SUPPLY CENTERS

ENG:	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Hol, Kie, Den, Swe, StP	(9) no change
FRA:	Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por, Bel, Mun, Ber	(8) no change
ITA:	Nap, Rom, -Ven, Tun	(4) tear 1 **
RUS:	Mos, War, Vie, Bud, Sev	(5) no change*
TUR:	Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, +Ven	(9) build 1

\* If A LVN disbands rather than retreats, Russia may build 1.

\*\* If A VEN disbands rather than retreats, Italy may not tear another.

\*\*\*\*\*  
DEADLINE for Winter '10/11 & Spring '11 orders is 10 Aug 87.  
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--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

17 Aug 87

Winter 1910/11

## PEACE PLAN PASSES!!

MINAS MORGUL--Well, what can we say. The War is over. While specifics are unknown, it is believed that Italy will trade TUN to the Ottomans for VEN and the Italophone sections of TRI, including the port city itself. Russia will establish suzerainty over the Slavic areas of the Balkans under the guise of a Union of Sensible Slavic Realms (USSR). A rejuvenated Ottoman Empire will again extend from India to the Pillars of Hercules. The English will cede StP to a puppet United Scandinavian States (USS) under the Swedish monarch. The Tsar, with most of the Balkans in hand, will noisily move back to Moscow, forever the heart of the nation. It would appear that election time turmoil deprived the French of the political will to oppose the peace process; it is expected that republican governments will be set up in SPA, POR, BEL, and HOL, and a "Federal Republic of Germany" with its capitol in Bonn be established on the Western side of the Armistice line.

The artificial dissection of Germany cannot last. The Balkan states under the Russian thumb, having acquired a taste for independence, are unlikely to labor easily under the yoke of the Tsar's incompetent nobles. The *de facto* unification of Western Europe under British and French leadership (dare we say coercion?) can hardly be expected to survive long concerning the disparate agricultural, industrial, and currency policies of the member states. Not to mention the centuries-long feuds of its various members. The East too will have its problems. SEV was under Ottoman rule less than 80 years ago; the revanchist Sultan will have that gnawing at his craw. The Hapsburgs, who wore its Crown, could barely keep Hungary in line; what are the chances the Turk will fare better?

In short, prospects are excellent that in 20 to 30 years another major dust-up will occur. While this is superficially in our favor, this correspondent would like to sound a dissenting chitter. These bipeds, these *humans*, have displayed, to an astonishing degree, a capability to invent new ways to make war in short periods of time. I believe it is folly to stir them up to active war, for this only promotes the very development we seek to suppress. Indeed, my estimate is that this species will achieve nuclear weapons in just under 150 Terran years (87.3 Klendathuan revs) rather than the 500 our theorists claim. And, more to the point, space travel in 250 years instead of the 1000 usually projected. Since discovery of the Chit-chichi Faster-than-light Drive is a only a matter of a century or so after the firm establishment of space travel, it is my estimate that we have a mere 350 to 500 Terran years to decide what to do with these vermin before they get a chance to decide for themselves.

## EMBASSY BEAT

ROME--"Armistice Accepted by Italy" - The government of Italy accepts the council of Russia and will vote "yes" if only to save the rest of the country from destruction.

In order to help defend the country (and break the stalemate) the fleet at TUN is disbanded and its ships turned over to the French.



Let the two sea superpowers deside it off of Italy's beaches not on them!

Italy as an empire ceases to exist. Italy as a nation will survive! We ask that the Turki and the French withdraw from our lands and we will sign a peace agreement with both powers.

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#### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

KLENDATHU KLARION--"Terran Observation Mission Recalled" - Citing "irrational and incoherent thinking" our glorious Chief Bug has recalled our Observation team from Planet Terra, Star Sol, for reintegration into the Hive. The Team Chief, Boris, in particular, has shown signs of anti-Hive tendencies and has been remitted to a psychoanalytic Rest Hive. From there this anti-Hive outcast will go to Gulag 16 for a stay of indeterminate length for denying the immutable laws of Nature.

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

Boris to Italy: Somebody ought to send you a copy of *Cosmic Wimpout* as you'd be a natural.

Boris to All: Quick, sign up! For I am being unbearded in my web!

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#### BOOS AND KUDOS

Neither the Madame Bolduc Award for Press Excellence nor a Ms Nar Super-Sudsy bomb will be bestowed this season, although the Spider gods know some of you deserve the latter.

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#### BORIS SPEAKS!

**The Vote:** Italy & Turkey "Yes", England "No", Russia & France "Abstain" due to NMR. Motion passes 2-1.

OK, I lied. Peace takes place *after* the Winter adjustments. The reason is that it tidies up the bookkeeping considerably.

*Boris* is now taking applications for portfolios in a second game. See announcement enclosed.

Within this package you should find your "suitable for framing or wrapping fish" Press Excellence Awards and/or Super-Sudsy Bombs.

Thought for the Season: And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make. --The Beatles

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#### TROOP MOVEMENTS

Italian A VEN retreated to ROM. Russia was **NMR**, thus A LVN(d).

Italy disbands F TUN; Turkey builds A CON; Russia's **NMR** leaves him a unit short.