

Command

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If you examine the little box marked "your sub ends with Issue #11", you'll find that there is such a thing as deflation. Sub rates for COMMAND have been lowered to 10 issues for \$4.00 and I have pro-rated all existing subs from Issue #8 (with the subscriber getting the benefit of all fractions). Part of the reason I've been able to lower the rates is the good growth rate COMMAND has experienced lately (we're up to 62 and still climbing). Along with the new subs, I've been able to start two new sections of Diplomacy and two of Wooden Ships, which means I'm adding another page.

I've been receiving a lot of local help lately getting this thing out on time. This issue is being typed by Diane Ingram, and the new cover and the game review was supplied by Bob Beardsley. Rich Marcell has been helping me with the printing ever since Issue #8 and both Bob and Rich have been submitting occasional on-the-spot standby orders. Finally, my wife Bernadette has been taking telephone calls for me when I'm out and has been just a great help in general.

There have been quite a few questions concerning the sequence of play in Wooden Ships and Iron Men. We will split each turn into two segments, each with its own deadline. The first part of the turn is for movement and fouling (die rolls for fouling will be handled by the random number generator on my SR-51). The second part of the turn will be

for grappling/ungrappling, boarding, party prep, combat, melee, unfouling, and sail status. The only problem with this arises from grappling/ungrappling. After each movement segment that one of your ships is found adjacent to an enemy ship (s), you should submit two sets of orders for the combat segment; one if you've grappled and one if you're not (actually if more than one ship has the potential to grapple, you may submit orders for each possible combination). Also, each time you fire your guns, list a number from 1-6 beside each firing order. For each ship, I have set up tables of random letters (A-F) and I will use the France 40 method of resolving combat.

Issue #12 may be a week or so late since I hope to be moving again in the very near future. I've finally landed a job after four months of searching (seven years of Physics courses and now I'm a computer programmer; kind of sad).

1975IV COM1 Spring 1906

England F Irish S Flon to Eng Ch
(Kinsfather) A Berlin to Munich
F North Sea C A Edin to Hol
A Yorkshire to Wales
A Belgium to Ruhr*
A Kiel S A Bel to Ruhr
F Denmark to Helgoland
F Baltic S A Kiel
F St. P. (NC) holds
F London to English Channel
A Edinburgh to Holland
* ref OTB

France F Mediterranean holds
 (Granville) F Tanz to West. Med.
 A Burgundy to Belgium
 A Piedmont to Marseilles
 A Picardy S A Ser to Bel
 A Ruhr S A Burgundy to Bel
 A Wulph to Kiel

Italy F Trieste to Venice
 (Mavriaz) A Warsaw to Silesia
 A Tyrolia to Piedmont
 F Ionian to Tunis
 F Tyrrhenian S F Ionis to Hun
 F Ty

Austria F Venice holds*
 (Marino) * ret OTB

Turkey A Mos to St. P.
 (Happel) A Bud to Galicia
 F Adr S Ital F Tri to Ven
 A Ser to Budapest
 F Eia Sea C A Ank to Sev
 A Rum to Ukraina
 F Gre to Ionian
 F Con to Aegean
 A Smy to Armenia
 A Ank to Sevastopol

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 1975W COM2
 Fall 1904 deadline extended to 10/29/76

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 1976F COM4 Summer 1903

Apollia A Rum R Galicia
MAIX A Tyre R Venice
 A Tri R Albania
Germany A Kiel R Berlin

Fall 1903

England F North Sea C A York to Hol
 (Asmus) A York to Holland
 F Denmark S A Kiel
 A Kiel S French A Bud to Hun
 F Eng Ch to Wales
 F Halg Hight S A York to Hun

Germany A Berlin to Hun
 (Young) F Hal to Kiel
 F Con to Aegean
 A Hol S A Gal
 A Rum S A Gal
 F Sev to Black Sea
 F Swa to Baltic

Germany A Berlin to Hun
 (Pompas) F Hal to Kiel
 A Hol S F Bal to Kiel

Austria A Tyre to Ven
 (Anderson) A Ser to Alb
 A Tri S A Tyro to Ven
 F Bul (SC) to Greece
 A Bud to Gal
 A Vie S A Bud to Gal

France F M Alb to Brest
 (Johnston) A Gascony to Brest
 A Pied to Mar
 A Bel S Ger A Holland
 A Bur S A Belgium

Italy A Ven S A Alb to Tri
 (Locha) A Albania to Trieste
 F Ionian to Greece

Supply Center Chart

Eng 3 home, NOR, ~~MAI~~, DEN, KIE
 (6) constant
Fra 3 home, SPA, POR, BEL (6)
 build 1
Ger KIE, BER, ~~MAI~~, HOL, MUN (3)
 constant
Ita 3 home, TUN, ~~MAI~~ (4) build 1
Aus VIE, BUD, SER, GRE, BUL, ~~MAI~~,
~~MAI~~, TRI (6) constant
Rus 4 home, SWE, ANK, CON, RUM, SMY
 (9) build 2
Tur ~~MAI~~ (0) out

Winter 1903 due 10/29/76

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PRESS

(Rome) Take that, and that!
 (Paris) My orders aren't as dumb
 as they look. (Hiccup)

(London) To the wonder of the English Foreign Office, Austria has vacated Munich. This last minute withdraw has set off military revisions throughout Western Europe. Communications are slow at this time of year. Rumors have it though that the French army in Burgundy may, with our support from M Kiel, occupy Munich. Many observers have hoped that this would be the outcome, for it would spark a new era of English-Austria cooperation.

As you, readers are well aware, Austria and Russia are having a number of border clashes. The Austrian evacuation of Munich could lead to greater efforts to deal with the Great Bear.

 1976G COM5 Winter 1903

GER build F Kiel

TUZ build A Con

Spring 1904 due 10/29/76

PRESS

(Special reprint from the NEW YORK TIMES: Rome-e) There has been reported a marked increase in the hostility between the German and French governments. At present, open warfare has not yet broken out except for some border disputes over Belgium. However, it is hoped, that the German people will take it upon themselves to remove the fascist French rulers from their iron-grip over the peoples of France, Spain and Portugal.

In Italy, there is a refreshing re-evaluation of its nonaggression agreement with France. After seeing the suffering in the invasion of England by wine drunk French perverts the peaceful Italians could stand by no longer. The Italian fleets now heading against the French are in direct response to German and English cries for assistance. In Italy, there have been a number of governmental disputes over the correct Italian foreign policy. Some fascist no longer in power sought to keep Italy out of the free world's involvement in the liberation of France. Such elements no longer dominate

Italian politics. The war against France will be successful in union with the German and English peoples.

(Rome) Tension grows between Italian and Turkish units. While a peaceful settlement is preferred, the Italian army heading into Trieste is meant to be a show of force to Turkey. The Turkish sultan may draw his own conclusions.

 U. S. Diplomacy COM7 Spring 2004

White N.J. S N.Y. to Penn
 (Mathias) N.Y. to Penn.
 Ver. to N.Y.
 Conn. S Ver. to N.Y.
 N.H. to Vermont

Green Mont. to Idaho
 (DeCook) N.D. to S. D.
Wyoming to Utah
Neb. to Colo.
Missouri to Kansas
 Wisc. to Ill.

Yellow N.C. to Tenn.
 (Karins) N.Va. to Penn.
Virginia S W.Va. to Penn. (IMP)
 Tenn. to Kentucky
 Miss. S Black Louisiana
Md. to Del.

Black Louisiana holds
 (C.D.)

Red Idaho holds NBR, NMR
 (Lowrey) Utah holds
 Colo holds
 Tex holds
 Ark holds

Blue Penn S Ohio to W. Va.*
 (Lebens) Ohio to West Virginia
Del to Maryland

Fall 2004 due 10/29/76

PRESS

(Philadelphia) Vice Pres. Pithering's statement on our current crisis several weeks ago has promoted a timely philosophical question to dominate the parlors of the United State's citizens: It concerns itself with the fact that the nations of the continent have taken on the official name of a color. It is easy to see,

because of their tribal heritage, why the nation of the Southwest calls it- self "Red". But what about the other countries? Surely the White race isn't restricted to New England, the Blue bloods to the middle states, the Yellow bellies to the Southeast nor the black race to the deep South. But then again, 30 years of total anarchy can drive anyone anywhere. But this still doesn't explain the presence of the Green nation. It is well known that the color green is associated with Martians. But after recently returning from Minnesota, I can definitely say that the Midwest isn't infested with little green menhkins running around, seeking havoc on the Indians. No. The answer must lie somewhere else. Then is it possible that, after 5000 years of failure by empires who had taken on conventional names, the oligarchies of the continent have tried something new in hopes of success? We sincerely hope not, for, although many outside groups insist on sticking our nation with the label of "blue", we remain officially, the United States of America. This entire question has caused the nation's leading philosophers and historians to make a pilgrimage to the once great Library of Congress in hopes of finding the answer. Which, after long searching they have. It seems there are vague references to a board game, popular in the 70's, in which players, representing countries, used different colored pieces as their armies. These same colors are used by the nations of the continent! So we have enlisted the aid of the neutral Plutarchy of Indiana in helping us. They have confirmed our suspicions. There was a so-called "U.S. Diplomacy variant of this game whose components and rules coincide directly with our present situation in the year 2003.

With this knowledge in mind, many people have come to the conclusion that the entire world is but a large diplomacy game, and that the course of human events is entirely in the hands of a "Game Master". Indeed, there are reports of people forming religious groups around such a game master. And that local peasants are praying for what is known as stand off in order to get their crops in before an army marches through. Because as this scenario could easily

be true. After all, strange things have happened. Namely, the successes of the United Red Council.

(Wilmington) We publicly apologize for any remarks against the Red religion, which might have inadvertently slipped out. This does not mean, however, that we in any way condone the Red form of government.

The remainder of the U. S. Diplomacy press will be printed in the next issue.

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1976V COM10 Winter 1902

- Eng build F London
- R
- Russia build A Moscow
build F St. P. (NC)
- France build a Mar R to Spain
remove F Picardy
- Ger build A Mun
- Italy build A Ven
- Aus build A Trieste

Notes to Fall 1902: T
Turkish E Smyrna to Aegean succeeded
Austrian A Budapest held

Spring 1903 due 10/29/76

PRESS (1976V)

(London) The newly elected government of Britain has appointed Jack Kerins, 555 Sylvan Ave., Trenton, N.J. 08610 as the new Foreign Minister. All contact with that office should be through Mr. Kerins. In an interview, Mr. Kerins explains some of the new policy considerations he is bringing to office.

- Q: What is the most crucial areas today?
- A: The Mid-Atlantic and the French supply centers. As you know, England is leading the fight in this area but we are willing to share the spoils. I am proposing a 5-way split, but you to Italy.

Paris, Bell to Germany and Sweden,
Port to England. But one area is
crucial, the Mid-Atlantic w that
shall remain English.

Q: What about Russia?

A: The Russian invasion of Norway
was serious, very serious. But we
can live with it so long as Russia
stays in Norway. Also, you must
remember Germany, our closest ally,
has not even mentioned any action
against Russia. So I doubt if we
will be launching an invasion of
Russia soon.

Q: What is in store for the fu-
ture?

A: Greater relations with Germany,
especially in the defense of our
gains against the workings of
Italy and Russia.

1976BT COM12 Summer 1902

Turkey A Bul to Con
(Edmonds) A Rum to Bud

1976BT COM12 Fall 1902

Italy F Lyrr S F Luscany to Lyon
(Grabar) F Luscany to Gulf of Lyon
COA F Wes Med to Spain (SC)*
pg. 10 N. Afr. Tun
A Venice to Piedmont
A Piedmont to Marseilles
* Bal, Beth, Fin. OTB

Turkey F Bla S A Arm to Sev
(Edmonds) A Arm to Sev
A Bud to Rum
A Con to Bul
F Aeg S A Con to Bul

Austria F Greece holds
(Cook) A Bulgaria to Serbia
A Trieste S A Bul to Ser
A Gal to Bud

Germany F Belgium S F Holland
(Blanch) F Holland S F Belgium
A Ruhr to Munich
A Denmark S Eng A Norway to Swe
A Prussia to Warsaw
A Silesia S A Prussia to War

England A Norway to Sweden
(Mathias) F Eng Ch S F Eng Ch
F Eng Ch S F North Sea
F St. P. holds

France F Lyon to W. Med
(Acheson) A Par to Brest
A Burg to Marseilles
A Mar to Spain
F M Acl S Lyon to W Med
** OTB

France F Lyon to W. Med
(Acheson) A Par to Brest
A Burg to Marseilles
A Mar to Spain
F M Acl S Lyon to W Med

Supply Center Chart

Eng 3 home, NOR, SWE, ST. P. (6)
build 2
Fra 3 home, SPA, POR (5) constant
Ger 3 home, BEL, HOLD, DEN, PAR (7)
build 1
Ita 3 home, TUN, TXZ (4) remove 1
Aus WY, VIE, SER, GRE, ORI (4)
constant
Rus WXX, STY, MOS, SEY, SWE, RUM (2)
remove 1
Tur 3 home, RYM, BUL, SEV, BUD (6)
build 1

1976BT COM12 Winter 1902

Eng build A Edin
build A Lon

Ger build A Berlin

Italy remove ^{A Venice} E. Wes Med (NRR, NBR)
F Wes Med R. Tunis

Russia remove F Sweden

Turkey build A Constantinople

PRESS

(Rome) I ask my allies to the north,
England and Germany to aid my attack
on France.

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1976DD COM13 Spring 1902

Italy A Pied to Mar
(Luchs) A Venice to Trieste
F Tunis to Wes Med
F Naples to Tyrrenia

England A Wales Holds
(Lewens) F Lon to Eng Ch
F Liverpool to Irish Sea
F Brest to Mid-Atlantic
F Norway to Norwegian Sea

(London) A Via S A Ger to Bur
 F Run to Black Sea
 A Ger to Run
 F Sender to Baltic
 F St. P. (SC) to Both
 A Warsaw to Sil

France (Fabry) A Par S A Bur
 A Bur S A Spa to War*
 A Spain to War
 F Portugal to Mid-Atlantic
 * ret Gascony

America (Norman) A Tri S A Bud +NMR
 A Bur S A Tri *
 A Ser S A Bud
 F Gre holds
 * Standbys submitted by
 R. Marcell
 * ret OTB

Germany (DSCook) A Kiel to Berlin
 F Den to Swe
 A Hol to Bel
 A Ruhr to Bur
 A Mun S A Ruhr to Bur

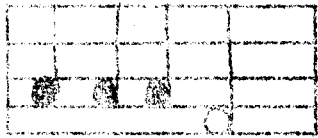
Turkey (Silko) A Bul to Serbia
 F Smyrna to Aegean
 A Con to Smyrna
 F Ank to Con

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PRESS

(Rome) Italian tourists are pouring towards France in record numbers. It is not certain whether French customs officials will stop them at the border.

(England to Germany and Italy)



(Paris) The Emperor was visited today by a group of peasants heading southeast. The peasants told the Emperor of the terrible looting that was going on northwest of Paris

the British for their unnecessary gestures, and called on all good Christian nations to unite against this treacherous and ungodly lot.

Asked what he would do if the Germans and Italians entered French soil, he coldly remarked, "Well at least I like beer and pizza."

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 1976DP COM16 Winter 1901

Epg build F London

Era build F Brest

Ger build A Kiel
 build A Bor
 build A Mun

Ita build A Venice

Aus

Rus build A War
 build A Mos

Tur build A Con

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PRESS

(London-Budapest) The English gov't still would like to know the basis of the Austrian's communique to the English gov't saying, "That's another fine mess you've gotten me into." We demand an explanation!

(Vienna) A recent survey by the Ministry of Craft and Domestic Affairs shows that the number of foreign-born people in Austria has risen to 75 per cent of the total population. Only the Budapest area remains basically Austrian, and even there the natives are steadily being pushed out.

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Russia F St. P. (SC) to Bath
 (Edmonds) A Moscow to St. P.
 A Warsaw to Ukraina
 F Sevast to Black Sea

Austria F Trieste to Albania
 (Acheson) A Vienna to Trieste
 A Budapest to Serbia

France F Brest to Mid Atlantic
 (Mc Ilvaine) A Paris to Picardy
 A Marseilles to Spain

England A Liverpool to Yorkshire
 (Sarch) F Edin to North Sea
 F London to Eng Channel

Italy A Ven to Trieste
 (Gale) A Rome to Venice
 F Naples to Ionian

Turkey A Con to Bul
 (Weiss) F Ank to Black Sea
 A Smyrna to Con

Germany A Ber to Mun
 (Parrell) A Mun to Ruhr
 F Kiel to Holland

PRESS

(Berlin) The Kaiser has announced that unless the other major powers open up diplomatic relations with him, he will hold his breath until he turns blue.

(Roma) The Mafia has given a report today that the President of Italy has disappeared from the palace. They have no clue as to where he is hiding. It is suspected that he escaped from the palace in the guise of a large meatball. If anyone recognizes the President, or sees a large running meatball, please contact your local authorities.

This Italian Press service, on one of those days that proves to be hazardous to your health, decided to interview the local mafia headman:

PRESS: "What could be the reason for this disappearance?"

GIUSEPPE: "The only possible reason for this is something that is beyond your understanding, and besides you wouldn't like to know."

PRESS: "What do you think his possible escape routes are?"

GIUSEPPE: "None -- that we know of. Of course there is no possibility of survival in this country, and there are no other countries who will grant him asylum."

PRESS: "How do you know this?"

GIUSEPPE: "Well we open and read all his correspondence, and he has received no letters from any other countries, so none of them are befriending him."

PRESS: "You mean NONE?"

GIUSEPPE: "That's what I said."

Thus ends the interview with our local headman.

(Roma) Acting upon rumors that someone saw a large meatball running into the catacombs, we sent our nosiest reporter into the catacombs to search for the missing President. After days of searching, our near dead, but still nosy reporter finally found the President. Here is the conversation that followed:

PRESS: "Why did you decide to run away and hide?"

PRESIDENT: "There's two reasons: (1) I found out the mafia was going to bump me off because I blew the cover off their wargame racket, and (2) International pressures were too high. The whole world is against Italy."

PRESS: "How do you think you can escape?"

PRESIDENT: "First I have to change disguises, and then I will try to find a country who will grant asylum to me. Once that is granted, I will disguise as Santa Claus and fly there via Rudolph."

That is the predicament our President, and our country, is in.

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GAME OPENINGS

Diplomacy	None entered
Wooden Ships	3 entered
Origins	3 entered
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Bourse	(3) + 1 entered

A SOVIET COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

Avalon Hill's Blitzkrieg was one of the first commercial wargames to appear on the market, more than ten years ago, and is still one of the most popular to play and most frequently written about. Controversy has raged for years over its play-balance and what should or should not be done about it, and there have been nearly as many "perfect" Russian set-ups devised as there were shots fired during the war. One of the most imaginative, and least historical, plans called for the Soviets to launch a counter-offensive on the first turn.

I've seen variations of this idea used by Bob Maltman and Chris Forester and I've tried it myself a few times with reasonable results; it's a great eye-opener for unsuspecting Germans! The first documented record of its creation seems to be in the June 1968 (I said the controversy had been raging for years) issue of the long since deceased Stratagem, which was edited by John Ransourt. In his short article entitled "Adopting a Russian Blitz?", Joe Angiolillo credits Dave Williams "to the best of my knowledge" with devising this surprising Soviet strategy.

The key to this plan is the German supply lines, which must run to Kalsinki, Bucharest or Warsaw. The Soviet counter-offensive is launched at Warsaw to isolate the bulk of the German army, including most panzers, in a pocket between that city and the Baltic Sea. There they expire of malnutrition while the German commander-in-chief tears out his hair.

To assure the validity of this concept, I recently queried Avalon Hill's Research and Design Department and received this confirmation:

1) In the following four situations, Russian units are adjacent to (but not in) Warsaw:

a) If Warsaw is unoccupied and no Axis units are adjacent to it, may Warsaw be used as an Axis supply center?

Answer: "NO"

b) If Warsaw is unoccupied but Axis units are adjacent to it, may

Warsaw be used as an Axis supply center?

Answer: "NO"

c) If Axis units are in Warsaw, are they considered supplied?

Answer: "YES"

d) If Axis units are in Warsaw, may other Axis units use it as a supply center?

Answer: "NO"

2) If Warsaw is captured by the Russians, may Axis units in the Konigsburg area trace their line of supply through obviously unconquered Russian territory to Bucharest? That is, through a hole in the Russian lines, looping around the north and east of the Pripyat Marshes, south toward the Black Sea, and then through a hole in the southern front and into Bucharest?

Answer: "Technically, YES. Realistically, NO".

I didn't expect anyone to really believe that question two could be possible, but I was hoping to see it up tight. Despite the inconclusive answer, I think everyone will agree that in practice, such a roundabout supply line cannot be used.

So the Soviet objective is clear out: lure the Germans into Konigsburg then seal them off by pushing units adjacent to Warsaw for two turns.

Bob Maltman and Doug Burke used to play a set-up that, while not specifically designed to execute this offensive, could take Warsaw if the Germans was careless. I tried it with fair results in a couple of postal games some years back, but had forgotten it until recently when I stumbled across the set-up and used it in a local game. I almost got punched out when I insisted that his army was dead because I was adjacent, even though he had just attacked me from the city hex. Oh, the dangers of in-person play. Anyway, Avalon Hill backed me up, and that game stands as a Russian victory.

I scrounged around and discovered an article by Maltman mentioning the possibility of using a hole in the lines

cook-off on the other units. In other words, a good Russian player may still revert to the passive defense. He has everything to gain and very little to lose."

In a game where his entire northern army group is destroyed, it is unlikely that any but the most stout hearted Prussian will bother to continue the game. I might add to Angloille's instructions, though, that the key is probably surprise more than anything else. This strategy seems likely to defeat any German not familiar with it, but is considerably more risky against a player who has seen it. The set-up has to look innocent enough, if somewhat amateurish. The Finnish and Rumanian fronts cannot be neglected, either, because there is always the chance that the counter-offensive will have to be aborted.

So beware of trying to use it against the same player twice in a row.

COM15 Wooden Ships & Iron Men

Turn 1b The following ships raised full sails: all British, Neptune, Duc de Bourgogne, Conquerent, Provence

Turn 2a (Ship/ID/move/final hex/dir)

British
America/1201/R1/V12/4
Bafford/1202/R1/T11/4
Adamant/1203/R1/R10/4
London/1101/R1/P9/4
Royal oak/1204/2*/08/3
Prudent/1205/2*/07/3
Europe/1206/2*/K5/3
Robust/1207/2*/L5/3

Royal Oak and Prudent have fouled

French
Neptune/2201/1R1R1/0019/6
Duc de/2101/1R3/GL19/3
Conquerent/2202/1R1R1/KK17/6
Provence/2203/1R1R1/LL16/6
Ardant/2204/R/3J15/4
Jason/2205/R/HH13/4
Eville/2206/R/PT12/4
Romulus/2207/R/DD17/4

Turn 2a (movement) due 10/29/76

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COM21 Wooden Ships & Iron Men

British

Steve Brooks, 4960B Ave. C, Great Falls, Montana 59405 commands: America, Befford, Adamant, London

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French

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Turn 1a (movement) due 10/29/76

1975IW ANALYSIS by Tom Johnston

((The following analysis of the COM2 demonstration game gives a broad overview of the game through the Fall 1903 moves. A turn by turn tactical analysis will begin next issue. Mr. Johnson's analysis of the remainder of the game will also appear later. DA))

From almost the very start of this game, it was evident that the game would not go the trend of WWI as far as alliances go. Germany and England soon allied with each other and hit France.

France began to fall apart in the Fall of 1902 and was destroyed for all practical purposes in the following year. Mr. Young's position became quite serious with the fall

of the Russian fleet into the Atlantic, which consequently caused a major threat to France's position in Portugal. The real blow came, though, from the strong Italian aggression which vaulted an Italian fleet into Spain and the attempted move into Marseilles.

Meanwhile, England had also found strength to fight Russia in the North with some help from Germany as the strong English-German alliance continued to make itself felt. With relatively little trouble, the two powers took Scandinavia and St. Petersburg while Russia was hampered by Southern border problems.

In their alliance, Mr. Blank and Mr. Lakofka have so far used perfect cooperation as far as supporting each others' moves and in splitting up the spoils. However, with all the spoils to be divided up and the addition of Italy and possibly Turkey to the alliance, one has to think that sooner or later, somebody is going to let his conquests and power go to his head and the Grand Alliance will start quarrelling among themselves. One also has to notice the lurking temptation England must have to ally with Italy against Germany. England has Germany encircled from the North in Scandinavia, the West from England itself and of course the South if he allies with Italy.

The big move out east in the Spring of 1903 had to be the German move into Warsaw. By the apparent lack of any Russian attempt to protect Warsaw beforehand, such as A Ukr-War, it's pretty obvious that Russia had been promised "Peace for Its Time" and was promptly stabbed in the back.

The major problem in the game was the absence of a Turkish player. Russia's only hope rested on the new Turkish player allying with him. However, Mr. Bumpas, the replacement, had other ideas.

With Russia's only hope, Turkey, moving into Sevastopol in the Fall 1903 turn, and with Germany's brilliant move into Livonia (A Kie-Liv C by F Bal), Russia's end seems to be a matter of time. The Russian should have sent A Ukr-War, but seeing that the German F Bal could never move into Mos or War, as couldn't the English F St. P., the Russian player left his northern flank open and was hit

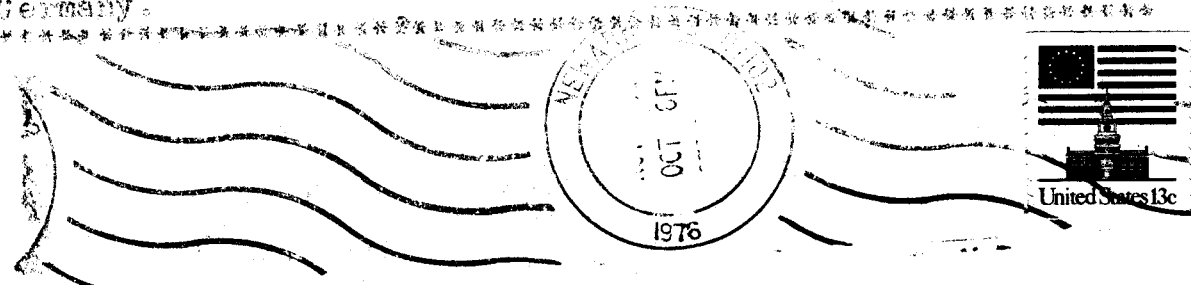
card. He willingly didn't see the possibility of the A. S. ...
Russia is now in a tight vise with the English to the north, Germany to
the west, and Turkey in the south.

The one remaining card to be played is Austria. As of yet, this fairly
strong country has yet to commit itself to any one alliance. As of Spring
1903 it looked as if it might join Russia and France, but with the addition
of Turkey to the alliance, it seems that Mr. Bismarck is having second thoughts.
In the Fall 1903 he did very little except grab Rumania. He faces quite a
dilemma right now. If Austria gives in to a desperate Russia, it could quite
easily get smashed by the quadruple alliance. On the other hand, if Austria
joins in on the attack on Russia, it reasons to hope that he gets a place in
the alliance. However, being the latest to enter the alliance, and completely
surrounded as it is, Austria also stands a good chance of getting backstabbed
royally after Russia is whipped. Of course Austria could gamble a bit and
hope that somebody turns traitor in the alliance and joins Austria and
Russia, but if this doesn't happen, Austria will have gambled its life away.
What then will Austria do? Most likely Austria will go "with the wind" and
not against it. A country that joins an alliance has less chance of getting
attacked by the other members of the alliance than if it remains neutral
through the whole campaign.

As for France, in losing its last home supply center, it can pretty well
give up hope. France wasted two precious units that could have much better
been used elsewhere, in supporting an Italian move that was never made. Evi-
dently, Italy made some promises to France it never planned to keep. Of
course the entry of Italy into the German-English alliance was a simple
backstab to grab some of the spoils of an already defeated France.

As for the builds, Italy's construction of two fleets, giving him a total
of four fleets in the Med. must be noted. With only two armies for use in a
land campaign, Italy must be planning either to hit Turkey, Austria, or
push out into the Mid-Atlantic against England. Most likely, with the
unguarded Austrian coast tempting him immensely, Mr. Bismarck is planning to
hit Austria; probably in conjunction with a few other allies. Watch it
Austria!

What then for the future? Russia's and France's fate can be imagined.
After which the quadruple alliance can be expected to turn on Austria, or a
little less likely would be Austria and Turkey squaring off while Italy and
England turn on Germany.



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