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-- OZOG ONE / 1979 IW--  
Winter 1903

AUS (Lehto) Even, has f tri  
ENG (Reynolds) Build f lon, f lvp, has f enc, f bar, a stp, a bel,  
f spa/sc  
FRA (Vielmann) a bel R hol, Even, has a hol, a par, f iri, a tus, f tyn,  
f tun  
GER (Hartman) Even, has f swe, a kie, a pru, a war, a tyo, a vie  
ITA (Beaumont) Even, has a ven, a rom, f nap  
RUS (Kendter Jr) Build a sev, has f den, a mos, a bud, a rum  
TUR (Husk) Build a con, has f eas, f aeg, a ser, a alb, f ion

There has been no word from Tom Grover, Neil has taken over Austria.

As you can see, Winter was only due, as per player request. Deadline for Spring 1904 is Saturday June 7th 1980.

Advance orders are on file for AUS, ENG, GER, ITA, TUR

(Paris-Berlin) As per agreement

(Munich-Chicago) Thanks for the offer of help, but I can't find you on the board.

(Chicago-Munich) Yes, I guess I'm not on the board. It wouldn't be fair if I did help you. Besides, I wouldn't dare help you. Believe me, my friend, I've helped this game out enough.

(Constantinople) Rumor has it that the Sultan has had his three top advisers and the head of intelligence beheaded. ((Nasty!)) Reportedly, the Sultan (amid various descriptive expletives-deleted) complained, "Why am I always the last to know?" He then appointed a new head of intelligence and told him to "find out about this alliance I have with Russia and England! Otherwise you too will have cold shoulders. ((Scheeze, who would ever want to work for you?))

Would Mike Hartman please submit standby orders for all the countries in OZOG TWO?

-- Press from OZOG TWO --

Frank Steo wrote me some of his usual dribble and I'll get to that later. But, he wrote me some real sarcastic press (obviously he was affected from my long lecture in issue 6) and that "sarcastic" press was crossed out by him, for Frank thought that it just wasn't like him to write like that and that he had to "get back into character". Fortunately, that press was still readable, for Frank didn't blacken it out enough. Tough luck!

Here is a sample of it below.

(Stratford-on-Avon) British psychologists have analyzed the latest papers from France and have concluded that they are "Froggy Dung". ((What a horrible pun! He takes the Pink Floyd song "Funky Dung" from Atom Heart Mother, my theme album for D:byM #6, and warps the hell out of it))

(London to Paris) Oh oh, a British build! ((This part is hard to read, he says something or other, then)) you think you overated this year!

Now I will get to Steo's usual fanatical stuff (with a twist)

~~Frank Steo, This is your life! Or, the Frank Steo connection....~~

((No press heading on this one, but I'm sure we know where it comes from)) The latest release from the War Ministry confirmed rumors of an expanding British role on the continent, "The German attempt to interfere with British naval operations has forced the government to take the primitive measures outlined to Germany earlier. Belgium's national integrity will no longer be menaced by French or German belligerence. The French fleets pose no threat to the British Isles and even now France finds herself overextended and vulnerable to Italy, Russia and England. France will crumble like a soda cracker when she is pressed and as she pleads for mercy she will be reminded of her diplomatic messages which precipitated her capitulation.

-- OZOG TWO / 1979 IX --  
Spring 1904

RRPOR: ITA has a vie instead of a ven

AUS (Crossley) f ven H  
ENG (Steo) f enc-bel D R bre,lon,otb, f nth S f enc-bel, f wal-lvp,  
f nao-lvp  
FRA (Nelson) f iri-enc, f mid S f iri-enc, a pic S GER f bel, a gas-bur,  
a spa-gas  
GER (Vielmann) f bel S FRA f iri-enc, a sil-war, a kie-den  
ITA (Lehto) a vie-tyo, a tri-ven, f tyn-ion, f tun S f tyn-ion,  
f nap-apu  
US (Oaklyn) a mun-ruh, a ber-mun, f bal-ber, f den-kie, a gal-boh,  
a war-sil, a mos-lvn, f bul/ec-con, f rum-bla, f stp/nc-nwy  
TUR (Tucker) a ser S a bud, a bud S a ser, a con-ank, f aeg-gre,  
f smy-eas, f gre-alb

Deadline for Fall 1904 is Saturday June 7th 1980

Mr. Crossley has resigned. We need someone to take over for Austria. Linc Beaumont, once again, you are the missing Linc. Or if he doesn't want it and no one else wants this lousy position, I'll CD it. Any takers out there in OZOG ONE?

One of you guys should standby for OZOG ONE. Let's have a girl this time. Now about it Denice? Thanks.

Bernie Oaklyn phoned in his press this time, and I wrote it down in some kind of half-assed shorthand, and now I'll try to translate it....

((No heading)) Czar has named sec. in command, "Cat out of bag", dispatching that officer to take Northern TUR by force.

And now, something you'll really like, press from Greg Nelson....

(Paris) The French government has discovered that the invitation to help in Burgundy's grape cultivation that the Russians referred to was either a forgery or a fabrication since the French government extended no such invitation! "We can do the job alright be ourselves!" cried one French farmer, "besides, Russians don't grow grapes, so what would they know of their cultivation?"

(From Deepest Darkest Russia) "We are expanding and winning unmolested while all around us attack each other! Little do they know we set them up to it! Only a combined effort will stop us now!"

That's that for the month.