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The next orders are due on December 14, at Noon EST, for all the games herein, and I don't want to hear any complaints about Christmas interfering with you sending your orders!

Note that orders will be due on Fridays, at 5 week intervals. I can keep this up as long as you help me, but I need timely orders to do it!

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Personal note to you:

ANDY - I GOT A LATE NOTE TELLING ME
THAT TURKEY IN "PRIDRITY ONE" (GUNBOAT)
HAS RESIGNED. WILL YOU PLEASE STANDBY?

- GOZ

Issue #025. 11 November 2001.

I don't know why October is always so freakin' busy for me, but it is. I'm pretty sure I had a good month since the last issue, but it was mostly a blur. I'm hoping to see the replay of it someday when I have time.

We're back on track with this issue, which is full of my misadventures and other stuff. Check out my visits to Rubicon V and to the new home of the Hoosier Archives. Baron's game ended last issue, but he's trolling for a new 1900 game, and Scott sent in a TFES. Enjoy!

Feel free to send in preliminary orders early. You can always change them later, especially those of you on email. Please help your GMs out here. Orders for Question Authority, Dire Straits, Creedence, Nasty Stuff, Priority One, Road to Ruin, Blood, Sweat and Tears, and Goofy Golf go to me. "1900" orders go to Baron.

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Anyone earning 5 Goz Points will have an extra issue of "ID" added to their subscription. I will be getting in touch with anyone in that situation to ask if that's what they would like, or if there is some other deal that they would like instead.

"...It's the second week of deer camp, and all the guys are here,
We drink, play cards and shoot the bull, but never shoot no deer,
The only time we leave the camp is when we go for beer,
The second week of deer camp is the greatest time of year..."

— Jim DeCaire and Joe Potila of "Da Yoopers", "The Second Week of Deer Camp"

On 29 October, 2001, I got to visit "America's Attic". Well, that's what I called it anyway. Technically it's called the "Popular Culture Library", on the campus of Bowling Green State University, a few minutes south of Toledo, OH. As a matter of practicality, it's a monument and testament to America's leisure time, a history of America's hobbies.

What's there? LOTS of things. The largest comic book collection in the world. The Romance Writers of America Office Archives. Anything that someone might want to research on America and how it spends its free time (and apparently those researchers come from all over the world). I got an hour-long tour from librarian Linda Babcock (I'd like to think she took the time because I'm a great guy, but it was probably because I once sent a check there...on another note, my perception of librarians *has* to change...since Jamie McQuinn and my sister Jean are both librarians I *should* know that they can be very outgoing and exuberant, and still Ms. Babcock caught me off guard with her enthusiasm...but I Digress...), who showed me 1.5 floors of the 8 story building, all dedicated to Popular Culture. Ms. Babcock told me that the most often researched item was the TV Guides they have there.

We travelled up and down rows of stacks of collections of anything that collectors collect and donate. I saw boxes of pulp magazines. I saw TV scripts. I saw a box labeled, "Mystery & Detective Monthly, #1 - #119." Sci-fi books and magazines. Posters. One box was labeled, "Star Trek Box 17-A, Galaxy Globes." Thousands of books on the Occult. The Library of Congress of Paranormal. Greeting and post cards (over 60,000). JC Penney catalogs. Emmy screening tapes. And on and on...

So why was *I* there? Diplomacy of course. Jamie McQuinn had taken the Hoosier Archives up there, and the PCL had organized them. Ms. Babcock took me up to the top floor (insert your own joke here) and showed me many shelves full of postal Dip zines once owned by Walt Buchanan. One box was labeled, "Graustark #1 - #616." She opened it for me, and I got to read a copy of the first-ever postal Dip zine. In case you've never seen one, Graustark #1 is two pages long, has John Boardman's house rules, is trolling for players for a postal Dip game that he is going to GM, and is dated "May 1963". Humbling. (When I got home that night Graustark #727 was in my mailbox...John should get sponsorship from Energizer.) Many boxes of many zines that I had never heard of, probably because most of them were from the 70s. A partial history of our hobby from the glory days.

Along one row of tables was a set of 26 boxes, recently arrived from Pete Gaughan. Ms. Babcock opened one for me, and it was stuffed full of...well...paper. There were probably postal Dip zines in there, but she estimated that it would take a student intern a semester to organize it. She may have been optimistic.

Sadly, I was running late and had to cut the visit short. But I'll be back, and I want some ideas from the readership of what to look for in the old zines. Whose zine should I look for? What controversial item should I research? What old-time player? I need ideas here folks. I might only have an hour, but I might have several hours. Throw something at me. I've not been around that long, and I want to learn, but I don't know where to start.

Until then, if any of you are driving south from Detroit or Toledo on I-75 (or north from Dayton for that matter), stop in, and tell Linda that Goz says 'hi'. That'll freak her out.

Phil Reynolds is going to put out the Zine Register again. See below for details, and please take the time to help him out.

Yes, it's that time again! Time to really start thinking about all those zines you got, what you like and don't like about them — **AND PUT IT INTO WRITING!**

As a bonus, every non-publisher who writes a review will get a free issue!

Just come up with a 200-words-or-so review of each North American postal Diplomacy zine you saw regularly in the past year, then e-mail or mail them to the Zine Register editor and publisher:

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Since I don't think I ever printed them, here are the winners of the 2001 Hobby Awards:

Don Miller Award for meritorious service: Stephen Agar

Rod Walker Award for literature: Alan Calhmer

John Koning Award for outstanding play of Diplomacy: Simon Bouton

Fred Hyatt Award for Gming: Doug Burgoyne

From a Reuters report, dateline Strasbourg, France, dated 11 July 2001:

More than 100 garden gnomes and other gaudy statues were discovered today assembled on a roundabout, or traffic island, in eastern France, a police spokesman said.

Some of the statues were set up to spell out, "Free the Gnomes." No one claimed immediate responsibility for the stunt, but police said it bore all the hallmarks of the shadowy Garden Gnome Liberation Front.

The kitsch little creatures were reported stolen from numerous gardens around the town of Chavelot overnight and subsequently gathered together on the roundabout.

"It was a bit like a creche. Everything had been carefully set up," a police spokesman said.

The Gnome Liberation Front rose to prominence in the mid-1990s following a series of raids on gardens to "free" gnomes and "return them to the wild."

The group suffered a setback in 1997 when a court handed its ringleader a suspended prison sentence and fined him for his part in the disappearance of some 150 gnomes.

Last year the group struck Paris, stealing around 20 gnomes during a night raid on a Paris garden exhibition.

Another October weekend, and another trip to Jamie McQuinn's, this time for Rubicon Games V.

It's always great to head to Dayton and Jamie's. Lots of games, lots of beer, lots of fun, and for me it's less than a 2 hour drive. We never quite had enough Dip players to get a game going, but we got in lots of other games, from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. Attendees, besides Jamie and Scott Morris, included Bob Peterson, Ed Meier, Bruce Spears, Tom & Jim Scheider, Chris Matice, Dave Harner, Doug Ware (without his beard & ponytail!), Hunter Johnson, Richard Sullivan, and Jamie's son Ian.

One of the best moments was just after I arrived, when, in the grand tradition of gaming weekends, Jim Burgess called to say 'hi'. This ought to happen more often, as I'm told that in the olden days of gaming weekends the phone would be ringing off the hook with people who couldn't fly across the country calling in. So if anyone is hosting a weekend some time let me know and I'll publicize it and call in.

A (hopefully) complete list of games played and the winners thereof:

Frag -- Hunter
Samurai & Katana (a Goz 'thumbs up') -- Doug (both games!)
Elchfest tourney -- Scott & Doug
Citadels #1 -- Richard
Citadels #2 -- Jamie
Oil King -- Dave
Roborally #1 -- Scott
Roborally #2 -- Goz
El Grande (a Goz 'thumbs up') -- Scott (twice!)
Acquire -- Jamie
Settlers -- Goz
Canyon -- Jamie
Suitor playtest -- Hunter
Quandary -- Goz (twice!)
Lord of the Fries #1 -- Jamie
Lord of the Fries #2 -- Bob
Starfarers of Catan -- Jim
Risk 2210 -- called on account of daybreak
Elfenland -- 4-way between Jamie, Chris, Richard and Ed
Web of Power (a Jamie 'thumbs up'...I never got to play it) -- Chris

If you're in the neighborhood for the next one I highly recommend dropping in. Jamie will try to hold these in Mid-October, so clear your calendars and get on out. Thanks much to Jamie, Christine, Ian and Kaelyn for letting this band of desperados trash the new house. See ya next year for RubiconVI!!!

Recently I had to get access to a secure website for business purposes. I have no idea why this website is secure. You don't have to use a credit card to get on it, and there are no pictures of naked women. I filled out the form and emailed it in, and later that day got my user name and password, along with the following message:

"Please use the following link to change your temporary password. Your password must be 8-14 characters in length and contain three of the following four classes: 1) Uppercase letters; 2) Lowercase letters; 3) Numbers, 0-9; or 4) Special characters, !@#\$%^&*(){}[]"

So I changed it to: lha8bull\$#!t

I should be able to remember that.

Commentary:

Warning, the following paragraphs contain opinions that might make you think, and might even make you want to write to agree or disagree with them. That's the point.

I'm starting to think that it's all about sex.

[Author's note: Journalism 101 tells you to start a column with an attention grabber.]

The hijackers who took control of the planes on 11 September were apparently indoctrinated into a religion that convinced them that if they did what they were told and died for the cause, they would go to the Islamic equivalent of the Christian "Heaven", and get to spend eternity with 72 young virgins. As such they didn't mind not having any women in the earthly realm, and chose not to associate with females. Meanwhile, bin Laden and the Taliban Mullahs who sent the hijackers all have multiple wives, which is a trick in a country with so few women to begin with, since most of the ones who could fled as far as they could. As the Taliban severely discourage educating women, the wives that the Mullahs have are pretty docile. I've not heard what Islamic Heaven for females is either.

As such, I'm starting to think that it's all about sex. Maybe I shouldn't be surprised.

Letters, I get letters...

In response to the tag line of the last issue, John Wilman writes:

My wife used to brake for things that weren't there, especially at roundabouts, or "circles" as they are called in Dundee. I guess that's how she chocked up so many rear end shunts.

Here's an interesting one from Paul Bolduc, on Arizona winning the World Series:

For those of you who may not be aware, this is good for the gaming community. Curt Shilling is the Prez of Multiman-Counter Inc. He owns the rights to Squad Leader and its progeny and BRIT. MAHA, PZB, PL, and the new RUSS.

If he wins, more bucks to gaming... You can't pitch forever...

Ok. I didn't know that. Game on!

Games Section

"Let me speak to you honestly, frankly, openheartedly. You are a liar."

- Le Duc Tho (Vietnamese ambassador) to Henry Kissinger, 1972.
(Quoted in Steven Ambrose, Rise to Globalism, p. 308.)

"I could have conquered Europe, all of it, but I had women in my life." - Henry II

Diplomacy is copyrighted by Hasbro. Everyone should go out and buy a copy. I have 4.

GAME OPENINGS:

Breaking Away (bike race game). Rules upon request (though I'll print them up in the issue that has the gamestart...maybe sooner). I think that this time I will not use the rule that limits a replacement card to only 15. Need 6, have 0.

1900. A new game, to be GM'd by Baron Powell. Contact him for more info.

Goz Dip Game #9: Standard Gunboat Diplomacy. No press, random country assignments. Need 7, have 4.

Remember folks, this is a Diplomacy zine first and foremost. If I get 10 or 12 games going at once that's the way it should be. As far as I'm concerned, Conrad von Metzke and Lee Kendter, the Boardman and Miller Number Custodians, need to be much busier than they've been the last few years (although don't bite off more than you can diplomate either). Note that Lee Kendter is phasing out as Miller Number Custodian, and a new one should be announced shortly.

We're looking for standbys. Please let us know what kinds of Dip games that you will offer to standby for. Repeat: PLEASE tell us if you will standby for any Dip games! It saves me trying to chase people down.

I have offered to run pretty much any Dip game that folks want, short of Colonial or Modern. Scott and Baron will also be GM'ing some. I'll also take any other guest GM's. Let us know what you'd like to have. This is the purpose of a Diplomacy zine. We want to see bloodshed!

WARNING! Many of the games below got re-ordered again, and hopefully will stay in this order for a bit.

Othello II, Migraine Diplomacy, endgame statements.

Beta/Delta/Lambda/Theta draw after Spring 1907

Only 1 endgame statement so far, from the originator of the board, Steve Koehler...

I am shocked that you guys ended the game so quickly. This game should have been won by Lambda several turns ago, but his hesitation cost him. Now Delta was just saying he would throw the game to Joe if anyone else attacked him. Why would Joe agree to the draw when your number one foe is threatening to give you the game. He already had offer from me to give him the game. This game has NO stalemate lines, so there really isn't any reason to end a game before a solo.

Scott blew his chances to win when he attacked everyone in sight. I thought he was smarter than that. Of course, he's pissed me off by promising to pay for Diplodocus, inducing me to send him more issues on credit, end then dropping it without paying. Not very honorable, and I won't forget it.

Blood, Sweat and Tears, Standard Dip, White Press Only, Boardman Number 2000B, Summer 1906 retreats, and Fall 1906 moves:

Austria (Steve Koehler): a Mos - Sev (*bounce, dislodged, retreat to War, OTB*); a Rum s a Mos - Sev (*cut*); a Bud s a Rum hold; a Vie - Tri (*bounce*); a Gal - Ukr;
England (Don Williams): retreat f Nth - Edi; f Edi - Yor (*bounce*); a Lon - Yor (*bounce*); a Bur - Par; f MAO - Por (*bounce*); f Eng - Bel (*bounce*);
France (Stan Kellett): a Par - Bre; a Bel s Germany a Mun - Bur (*cut*);
Germany (Mark Fassio): f Nth - Eng (*bounce*); f Nwy - Nwg; f Den - Hel; f Bal - Den; a Mun - Bur; a Sil - Gal; a StP - Mos; a Lvn s a StP - Mos;
Italy (Peter Boyum): a Spa - Por (*bounce*); a Mar hold; f Adr s f Ion hold; a Tri hold; a Ven s a Tri; f Ion hold (*dislodged, retreat to Alb, Apu, Nap, TyS, Tun, OTB*);
Turkey (Ward Narhi): retreat f Rum - Bla; a Arm s a Sev hold; f Eas - Ion; a Bul - Rum (*bounce*); f Aeg s f Eas - Ion; f Gre s f Eas - Ion; f Bla s a Bul - Rum; a Sev s a Bul - Rum (*cut*);

Supply Center Ownership, "Blood Sweat and Tears":

Austria: Bud, Ser, Vie, Rum, War (5) even or build 1 no room

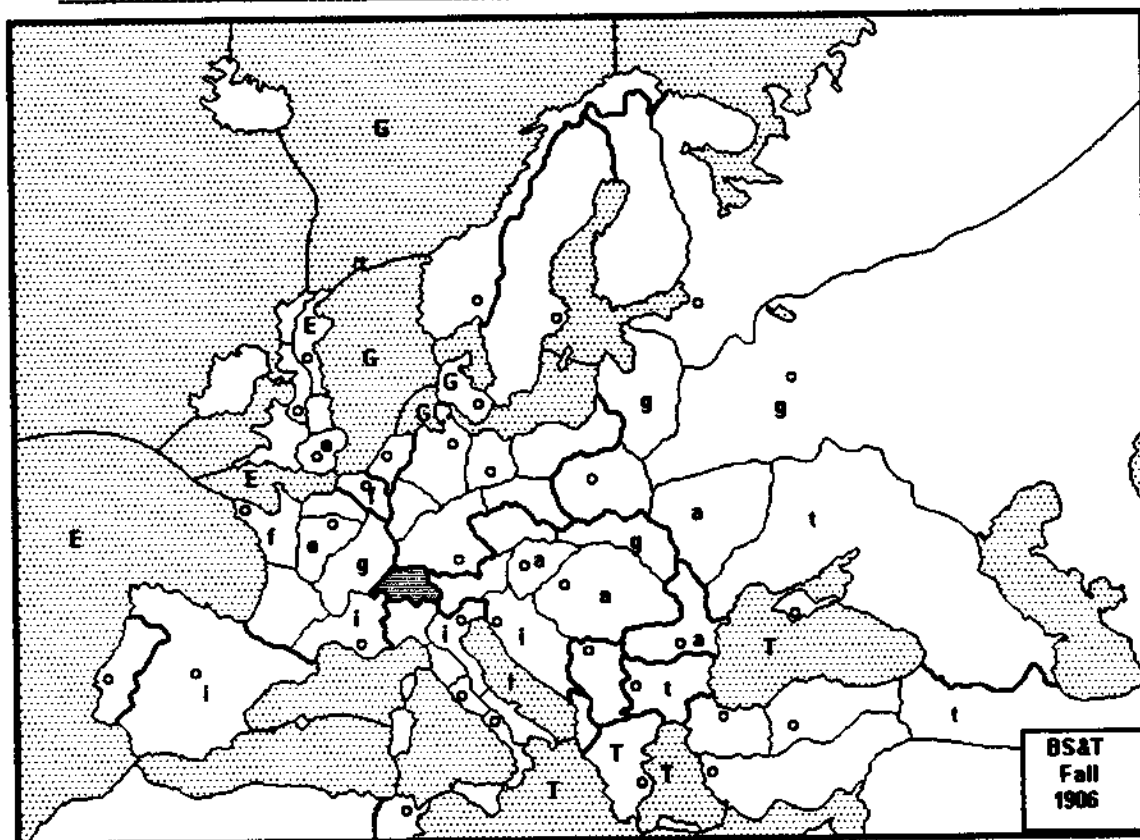
England: Edi, Lvp, Lon, Par (4) remove 1

France: Bel, Bre, Por (3) build 1, no room

Germany: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, StP, Swe (9) build 1

Italy: Mar, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven (7) build 1 or build 2

Turkey: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Sev, Smy (6) remove 1



Italy & Turkey fight for the Ionian. Germany in Moscow, England in Paris. It looks like another large shift is in the offing. Stay tuned.

Press:

(Ger to Tur): Why the silence, Sultan? Hopefully you're still the Sultan of Swing, as you swing into action....

(Ger to All): I merely want to safeguard my borders in the East while expanding just a tad in the North. I am about where I want to be while waiting for the smoke to clear and seeing who's dancing with whom.

(Ger to Eng): I was trying to be at least a little bit honorable when I pre-warned you that I was inclined to finish SEA LION. Even the most despicable MRBs (that would be me) have some conscience

LONDON to MUNICH: Hmm – early notes say "it's peace in our time" as you go on some peace offensive (and let us hasten to underscore "offensive") while you try to decide which of the next of us to stab (you're down to Boyum and Narhi at this point), then at the last moment you come clean with a change of heart and say the Sea Lion probably has to move forward. Ohh, what a freakin' surprise! Flash, do something I'm not expecting for a change.

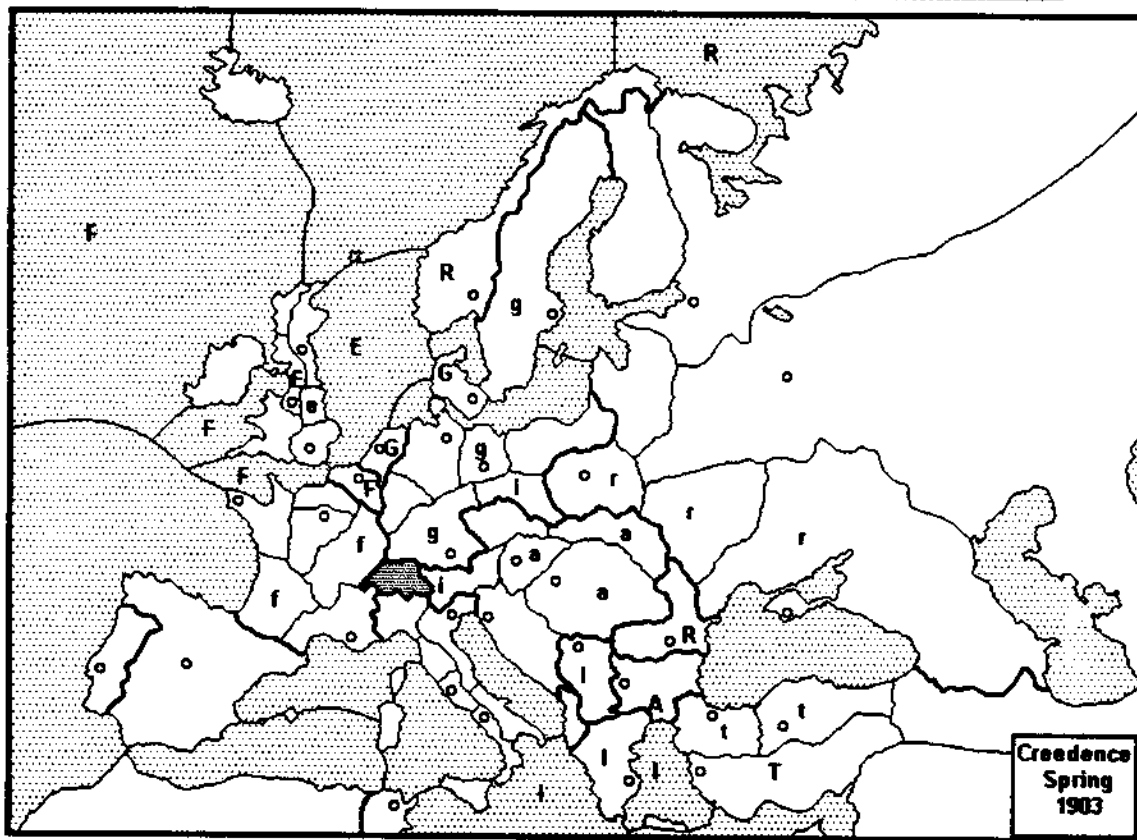
CARE BEAR to FLASH: It's how far you've come that you refer to people who aren't in the "win only" mindset as "care bears." Care bear or not, I still have claws and I aspire to see you dead before this game is over.

WILLIAMS to REYNOLDS: Hey, Flash plays rough -- really rough -- but it's never personal. Hope you'll reconsider. I mean, he screws me like I'm a two-dollar whore, but I can (mostly) separate his personas. Give up on Flash if you must, but don't write off Mark. (BTW, we're thinking we're going to see you in Dixie some time next year.)

LONDON to ROME: At some point, we really should talk. All this random wandering around in France is making the natives restless. Let's finish this off.

WILLIAMS to KOEHLER: I still maintain that Flash is in this for the win, and your projection of some kind of multi-party kiss-your-sister-draw is just a will-o'-the-wisp created in the Fassion Fog. Can we reconsider our silence and start rolling Flash up in the middle? Please?

I need an Autumn 1906 retreat from Austria and Italy, Winter 1906 adjustments from England, Germany, and Italy, and Spring 1907 orders from everyone on 14 December, by Noon EST.



England & Turkey surrounded. Big battles from Northwest to Southeast.

Creedence, Standard Diplomacy, Boardman Number 2001C, White and Gray press only, Autumn 1902 retreats, Winter 1902 adjustments and Spring 1903 moves:

Austria (**Frank Martin**): f Bul(sc) s Italy f Ion - Aeg; a Gal s Italy a Boh - Sil (*cut*); a Vie s a Gal hold; a Bud - Rum (*bounce*);

England (**Peter Boyum**): remove f Nwg; f NAO - Lvp; a Lon - Yor; f Nth - Eng (*bounce*);

France (**Phil Reynolds**): build f Bre; a Bur s Germany a Kie - Mun; a Spa - Gas; f Bel s f Bre - Eng; f Bre - Eng; f MAO - NAO; f Iri s f MAO - NAO;

Germany (**Adam Silverman**): retreat a Mun - Ber; build a Kie; f Ska - Den; a Kie - Mun;

a Ber s a Kie - Mun; f Hol s France f Bel - Nth (NSO); a Swe holds (unor);
 Italy (Marc Ellinger): build f Nap, a Ven; a Ven - Tyr; f Nap - Ion; f Ion - Aeg; f Gre s f Ion - Aeg;
 a Ser s Austria f Bul(sc) hold; a Mun - Ber (bounce, dislodged, retreat to Ruh, Boh, OTB); a Boh - Sil;
 Russia (Ward Nark): f Nwy hold; f StP(nc) - Bar; a War s a Ukr - Gal; a Ukr - Gal (bounce);
 a Sev s f Rum hold; f Rum s Turkey f Aeg - Bul(sc) (NSO);
 Turkey (Jim Sayers): retreat a Bul - Con; remove f Aeg; a Smy - Ank; f Eas - Smy; a Con hold;

Press:

T to I/A: Make it quick please.

England - France: My dear Richard Cranium, cease and desist! Take your foul, greasy mitts off my country. We are much the better without you. Turn away before you lose your soul in an orgy of land grabbing and supply center stealing.

FRANCE TO ITALY: Not so fast....

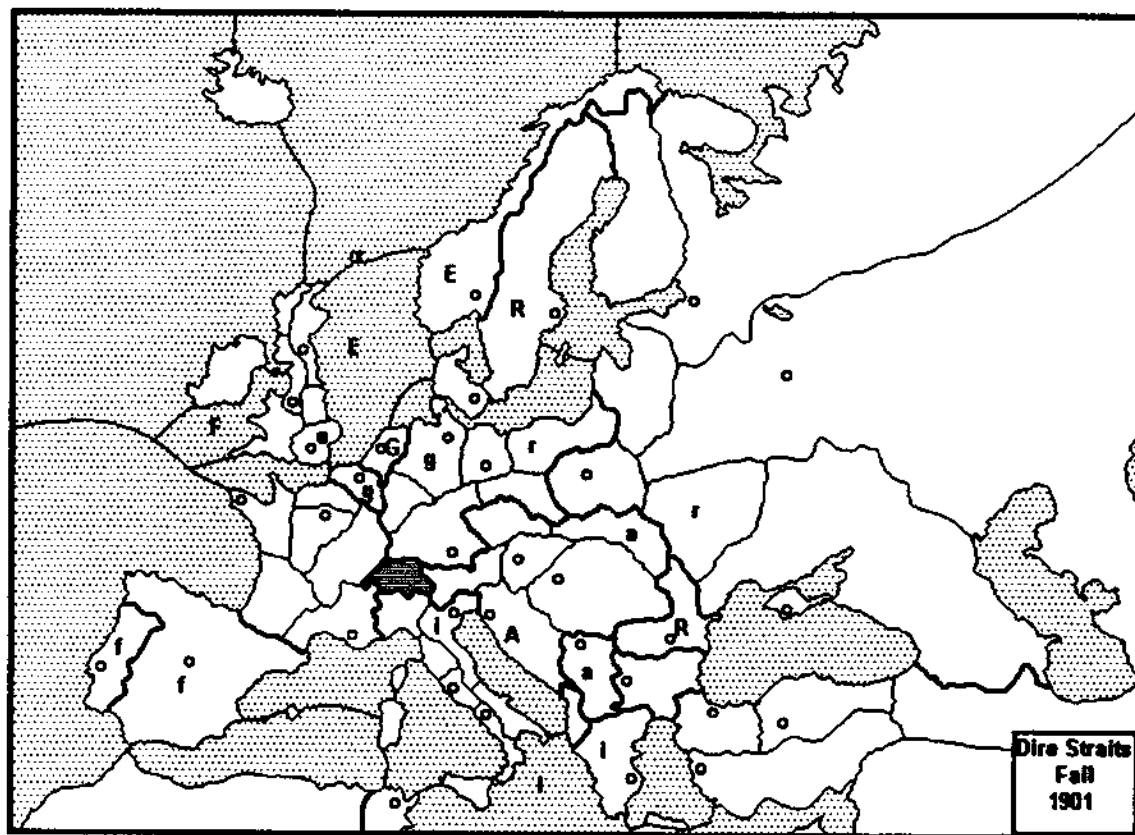
FRANCE TO GERMANY: Glad to reciprocate for Bel.

FRANCE TO ENGLAND: Your days are numbered.

(Rome) Emperor Marcus Vincimus announced the annexation of the Aegean Sea as an Italian lake. "We were running out of room to cruise my new yacht, so we looked for some cheap space and the Aegean just appeared on the market," he remarked. "My good friend the Archduke and I will be doing some vacationing in Turkey this fall and wanted to soak up some rays before dabbling with the dusky beauties in Turkey."

The Emperor's new yacht, Causus Belli, was just completed by the Neapolitan shipyard, Biggus Boatus, and is 600 feet from stem to stern and contains 50 suites and 16 inches forward and rear guns. As it's Captain stated, "our motto is: make love or we'll blow you to kingdom come."

I need a Spring 1903 retreat from Italy, and Fall 1903 orders from everyone by Noon EST on 14 December 2001.



Turkey goes nowhere. Italians in Greece, Russians in Prussia, French in Irish Sea. Ain't no shrinking violets in this game.

Dire Straits, Standard Diplomacy, White and gray press only. Boardman number 2001D. Fall 1901 orders:

Austria (*Monty Carlisle*): f Tri hold; a Vie - Gal; a Ser s Italy a Nap - Gre;
England (*Phil Reynolds*): f Nth - Den (*bounce*); f Nwg - Nwy; a Yor - Lon;
France (*Jim Sayers*): f Eng - Iri; a Spa - Por; a Gas - Spa;
Germany (*Allan Heikkinen*): a Kie - Den (*bounce*); f Hol hold; a Ruh - Bel;
Italy (*Jeff Prichard*): a Ven hold; f Ion c a Nap - Gre; a Nap - Gre;
Russia (*Kevin Wilson*): f GoB - Swe; f Rum hold; a Mos - Ukr; a War - Pru;
Turkey (*Bob Dowrey*): a Bul - Gre (*bounce*); f Con - Bul(sc) (*bounce*); a Smy - Com (*bounce*);

Supply Center Ownership, "Dire Straits":

Austria: Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie (4) build 1
England: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy (4) build 1
France: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa (5) build 2
Germany: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun (5) build 2
Italy: Gre, Nap, Rom, Ven (4) build 1
Russia: Mos, Rum, Sev, StP, Swe, War (6) build 2
Turkey: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy (4) build 1
Neutral: Den, Tun (2)

Press:

(*Vienna*): Well, now that the first year is over, it's time to start talking!
(*Vienna - London*): Well, at least Paris wasn't lying to me about the Channel...
Italy to Austria: If my convoy to Greece fails due to lack of support, I will be driven to follow my pattern that I warned you about, otherwise, I look forward to a good alliance.
ENGLAND TO GERMANY: Tag -- you're it now!
ENGLAND TO RUSSIA: Got that?
ENGLAND TO FRANCE: I hope you were just being paranoid and that you're all better now.
ENGLAND TO AUSTRIA: You're no help.
Turkey to Austria - Sorry, but I got a better offer.
Turkey to England - I am completely underwhelmed by your level of negotiation. . .

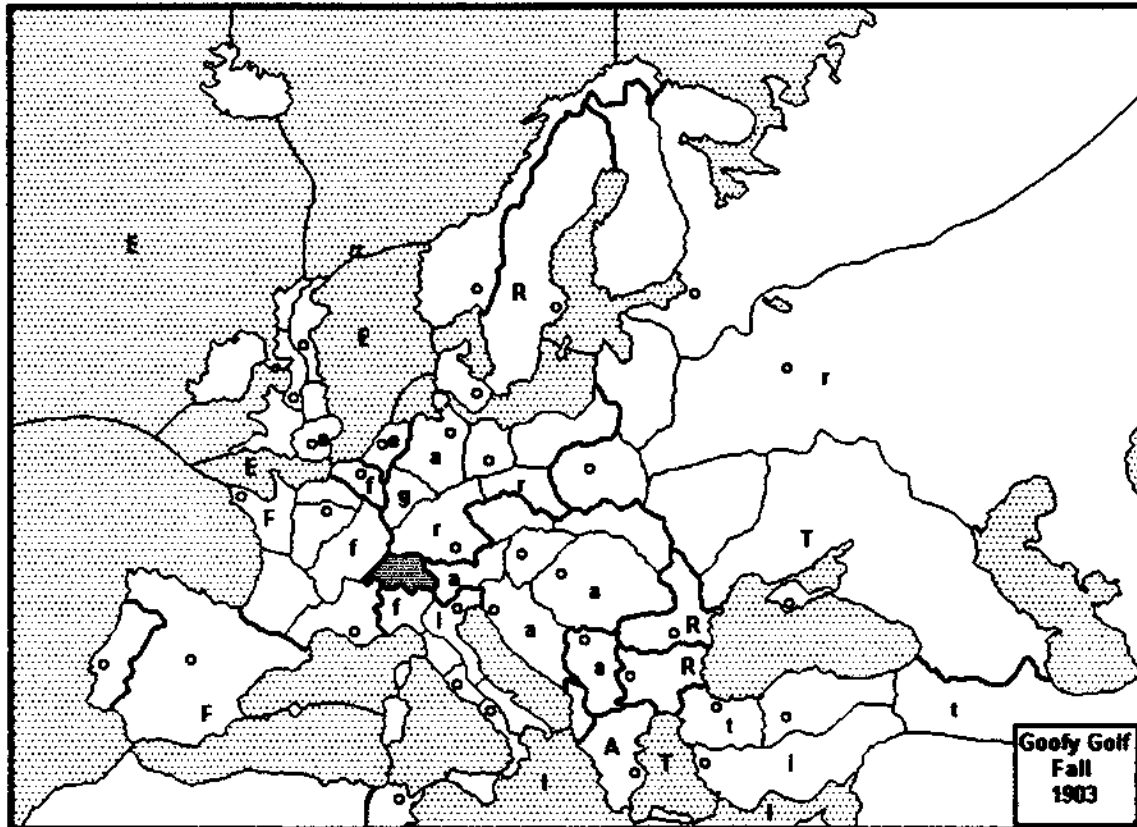
No retreats. Winter 1901 adjustments and Spring 1902 orders are due 14 December at Noon, EST.

"Goofy Golf", Standard Diplomacy, Boardman Number 2000F, White & Gray press only, Summer 1903 retreats, and Fall 1903 moves:

Austria (D. Williams): retreat a Mun - Kie; a Tyr - Mun (*bounce*); a Kie s a Mun - Kie (*cut*);
a Tri - Tyr (*bounce*); a Bud - Tri (*bounce*); a Ser s Russia f Bul(ec) hold; f Gre s Russia f Bul(ec) hold;
England (S. Williams): f Iri - NAO; f Eng - MAO (*bounce*); a Hol - Kie (*bounce*); a Lon - Hol (*bounce*);
f Nth c a Lon - Hol;
France (Ellinger): f Spa(sc) - MAO (*bounce*); f MAO - Bre; a Bel s England a Lon - Hol;
a Bur - Mun (*bounce*); a Pie s Italy a Ven hold;
Germany (Franzen): a Ruh - Mun (*bounce*);
Italy (Martin): a Apu - Smy; f Eas c a Apu - Smy; f Ion c a Apu - Smy; a Ven s France a Pie - Lon (*Imp*);
Russia (Clark): NMR! f Bul(ec) hold; f Rum hold; a Mos hold; a Sil hold; a Mun hold; f Swe hold;
Turkey (O'Kelley): retreat a Bul - Con; f Aeg - Bul(sc) (*bounce*); a Con s f Aeg - Bul(sc); f Bla - Sev;
a Arm s f Bla - Sev;

Supply Center Ownership, "Goofy Golf":

Austria: Bud, Gre, Kie, Ser, Tri, Vie (6) even
 England: Edi, Hol, Lon, Lvp, Nwy (5) even
 France: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa (6) build 1
 Germany: (0) OUT!
 Italy: Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun, Ven (5) build 1
 Russia: Ber, Bul, Mos, Mun, Rum, StP, Swe, War (8) build 2
 Turkey: Ank, Con, Sev (3) remove 1
 Neutral: Den (1)



3 countries take a shot at Munich, but it stays in the hands of Russia, who NMR'a. Go figure.
 England and Austria fighting like brothers in 1903. Italian marines land in Turkey, who looks to be
 in a hurt. Germany is gone. You can pick up your lovely parting gifts on the way out.

Press:

Italy to Turkey: Sorry, good Sultan. Your offer to attack Austria was juicy, and your plan for me to
 turn on France was well founded, but I just couldn't turn back from the path my predecessor had started me
 down. Hope you understand.....with France and Austria looking solid, my only hope is to become less of a
 target.

Italy to France: Marc, I supported you into London. I hope that shows you how serious I am about
 a joint Franco/Italian partnership. Please return my letters, as I think we could mount a joint effort against
 Russia too. ;)

Italy to France: Oh.....and if you supported me in Venice, I think I'll be more willing to listen to
 you next season.

Italy to Russia: My but you're growing quickly.

Italy to Austria: As planned, I have stabbed Turkey. If you ordered as I requested up north, I shall
 continue to help you in the east. Mind you, if France proved treacherous, my help may not be as great as
 we've discussed.

France: Emperor Marc announced that the French Empire had expanded its diplomatic and humanitarian expenditures by 1000% this year. "We must help all those poor souls across Europe who have felt the German boot upon their neck and the peace-loving French people will generously provide for their support this winter," he stated. "Our Ministre d'Etat will criss-cross Europe in the hope that other nations will assist in this humanitarian mission."

In other news, the Piedmont army appeared to go through a mass conversion to Catholicism this summer.

France to England: Remember the wrist to the screen.

France to Germany: Adieu.

France to Russia: Can we be friends? Perhaps not, quelle dommage.

France to Austria: Archduke, why will you not listen to my entreaties?

France to Italy: Welcome pope and here's to a long and lasting friendship.

France to Turkey: Hello over there. Helloooooooooo?

AUSTRIA to FRANCE: Of course he's untrustworthy – and a pain in the ass to boot – he's a little brother.

GALICIA to YORK: Cheer up, Scott, I'm not talking about your age. I'm talking about your penis size.

DIN DIN to DIPSHIT: Mom always did like me best. Consider our respective nicknames ... 'nuf said.

TRIESTE to LIVERPOOL: Given the fact I'm sitting in one of your centers, I suggest to you that I'm the player you have most to gain from. Hand over the pics and no one gets hurt.

VIENNA to LONDON: Those "farm pics" you have aren't me and a barnyard animal, bro, they're me with your last girlfriend. Aarf! Aarf! Baaah! Baaah! Moooooooooooo ... (etc)

OGION to RIP HALEN ISHTARI: Wise up ... or die. An ally doesn't change orders without letting his ally know, however minute the change appears to be. It's the spirit and point of the thing, not what did or didn't happen. Thought you should know before you attempt it again.

AUSTRIA to FRANCE: You seem to have a venerable bug up your tail about me. What gives? What have I done to you except keep Germany off your butt and Italy pointed east? You upset with those circumstances? You have one more chance to kiss up and stop making trouble until my new bestest friend, Italy, comes and takes your country away from you.

GALICIA to UKRAINE: Are you sure you've never played this game before??? You're either lying, or you are a natural. Either way, it's not a welcome development.

TRIESTE to APULIA: Best wishes for a good, dry, bloodless landing. May the blasting cannons and whizzing bullets miss you every time, sir, as you wade ably and stoutly ashore in Smyrna.

DUCK to CHUM: So, have you managed to pull out of your dire straits a new face, a potential new life? I have to say I admire you, and so must prosecute you. Death by Ru-Ru to you-you. See you in Dixieland, my friend.

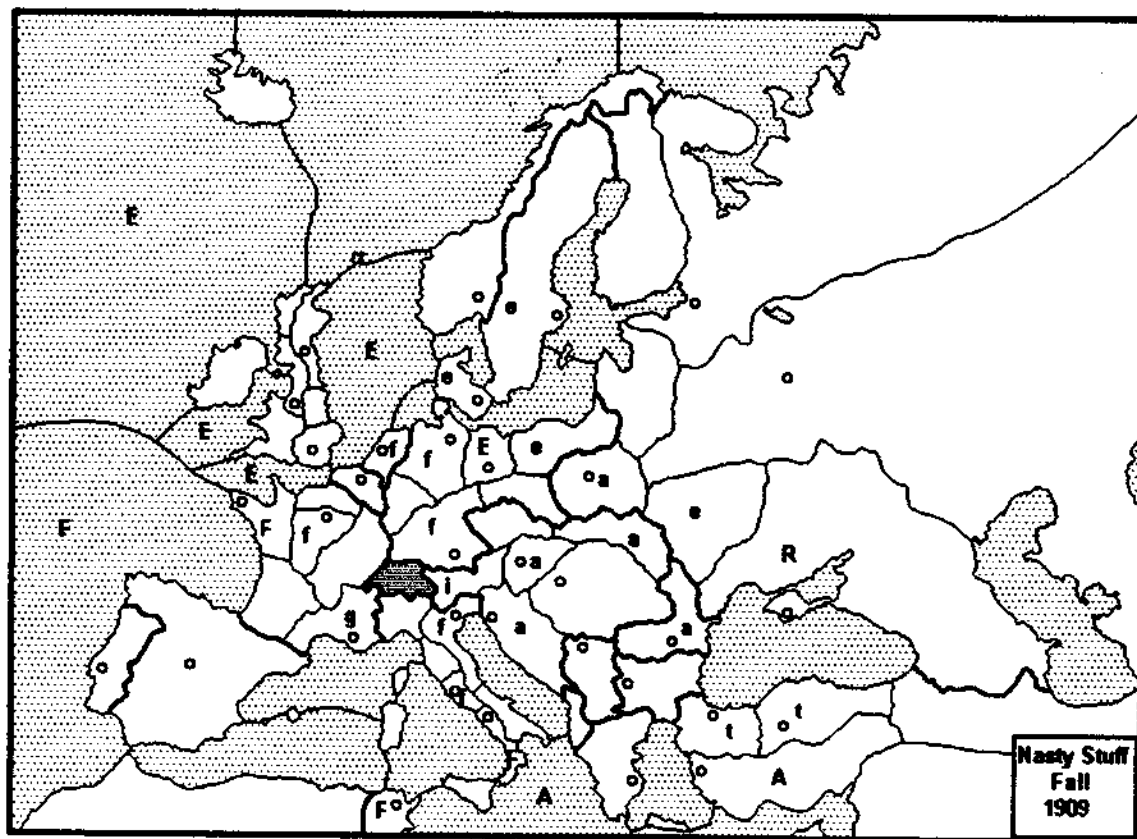
DAD to DAUGHTER'S DEAREST: I think you are history here, my friend. Will you try again? I told you it was a heartless and brutal game with no redeeming value whatsoever.

I expect Corky to return, but Don Scheifler is called as a standby Russia. No retreats. I need Winter 1903 adjustments from France, Italy, Russia and Turkey, and Spring 1904 moves from everyone by 14 December at Noon EST. **Orders now go to me, not Scott.**

"Nasty Stuff", Standard Gunboat Diplomacy, no press. Miller Number 1999Brb32. Summer 1909 retreats, and Fall 1909 moves:

Austria: a Sil - War; a Gal s a Sil - War; a Rum - Ukr (*bounce*); f Eas - Smy;
a Con s f Eas - Smy (*cut, dislodged, retreat to Bul, OTB*); f Ion s France f TyS - Lon (*Imp*);
a Vie s a Tri hold; a Tri s f Ion - Ank (*Imp*);
England: NMR! GM retreats a Bre - OTB; a Swe hold; a Den hold; f Nth hold; f NAO hold; f IRI hold;
f Eng hold; f Ber hold; a Pru hold; a War hold (*dislodged, retreat to Lvn, Mos, OTB*); a Ukr hold;
France: a Par s f Bre hold; f MAO hold; f Bre s f MAO hold; a Ven hold; a Bel - Hol; a Mun s a Kie hold;
a Kie s Austria a Sil - Ber (*NSO*); a Rom s a Ven hold; f TyS - Tun; f Nap hold;
Germany: a Bur - Mar;

Italy: a Tyr s France a Ven - Tri (NSO);
 Russia: FLEET Sevastopol holds
 Turkey: a Smy - Con; a Ank s a Smy - Con;



The Turk returns, but now England is on vacation. France at 12, but has no where to build. Austria and England at 9, but both have problems. Italy is the first out, and it only took until 1909!

Supply Center ownership, "Nasty Stuff":

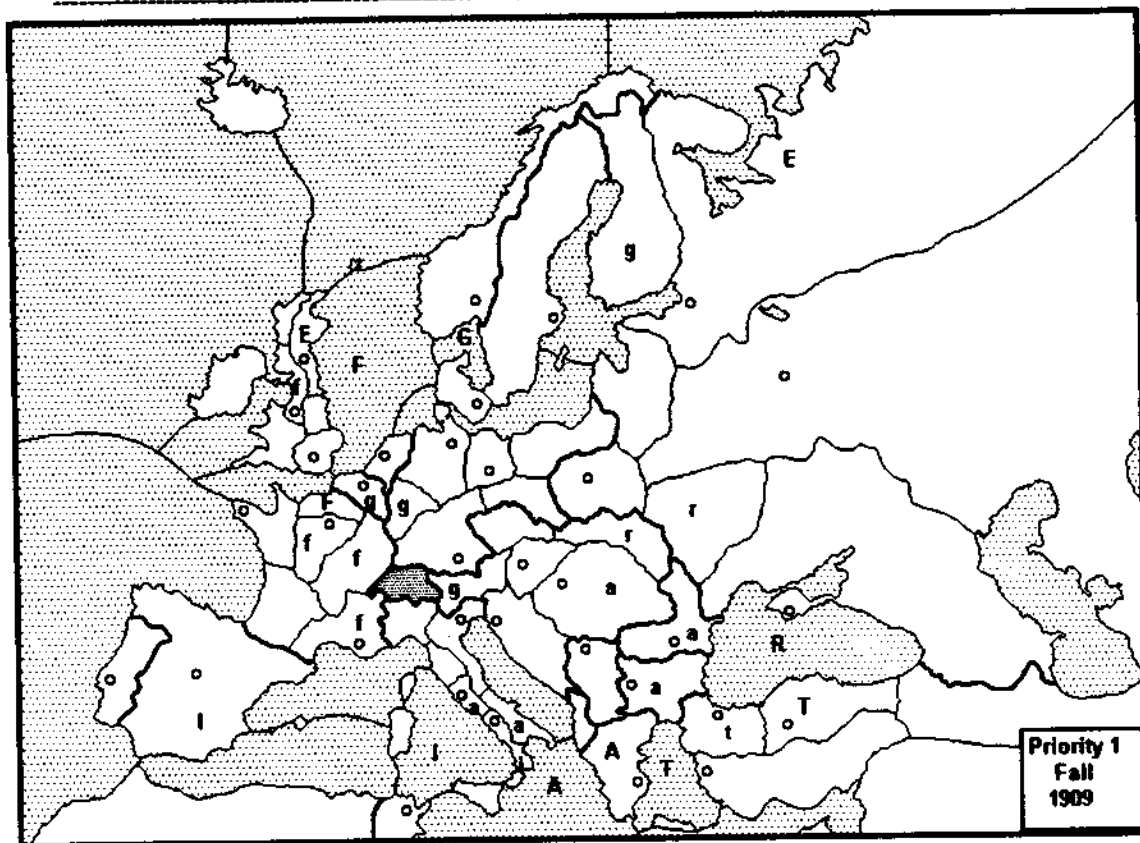
Austria: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Vie, War (9) build 1 or build 2, room for 1
 England: Ber, Den, Edi, Lvp, Lon, Mos, Nwy, StP, Swe (9) remove 1 or even
 France: Bel, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven (12) build 2, no room
 Germany: Mar (1) even
 Italy: (0) remove 1, OUT!
 Russia: Sev (1) even
 Turkey: Ank, Con (2) even

This time England forgot to send orders, and while I think he'll return, a standby has been called. I need Autumn 1909 retreats from Austria and England, Winter 1909 adjustments from Austria and possibly England, and Spring 1910 moves from everyone on 14 December, by Noon EST.

Priority One, Standard Gunboat Diplomacy, No Press, Miller Number 2000Arb32, Summer 1905 retreat, and Fall 1905 orders:

Austria: a Gal s a Ser - Rum (cut, dislodged, retreat to Sil, Boh, Vie, OTB); a Bud s a Ser - Rum;
 a Bul s a Ser - Rum; a Ser - Rum; f Gre s a Bul hold; f Adr - Ion; a Rom hold; a Apu s a Rom;
 England: f Edi s France f Lon - Nth; f StP(nc) - Nwy (bounce);

France: retreat a Bur - Gas; a Gas - Bur; a Mar s a Gas - Bur; a Bre - Par; f Pic s a Bel hold (*cut*);
 a Bel s a Gas - Bur (*cut, dislodged, destroyed*); f Lon - Nth; a Yor - Lvp;
 Germany: a Nwy - Fin; f Ska - Nwy (*bounce*); a Hol - Bel; a Mun - Tyr;
 a Bur - Pic (*bounce, dislodged, retreat to Mun, OTB*);
 f Nth s f Ska - Nwy (*cut, dislodged, retreat to Yor, Den, Hel, Eng, OTB*); a Ruh s a Hol - Bel;
 Italy: a Nap - Rom (*bounce*); f TyS s a Nap - Rom; f Spa s Germany a Mun - Vie (*Imp*);
 Russia: a Ukr s a War - Gal; a War - Gal; f Sev - Bla;
 Turkey: NMR! f Aeg hold; a Con hold; f Ank hold; (?)



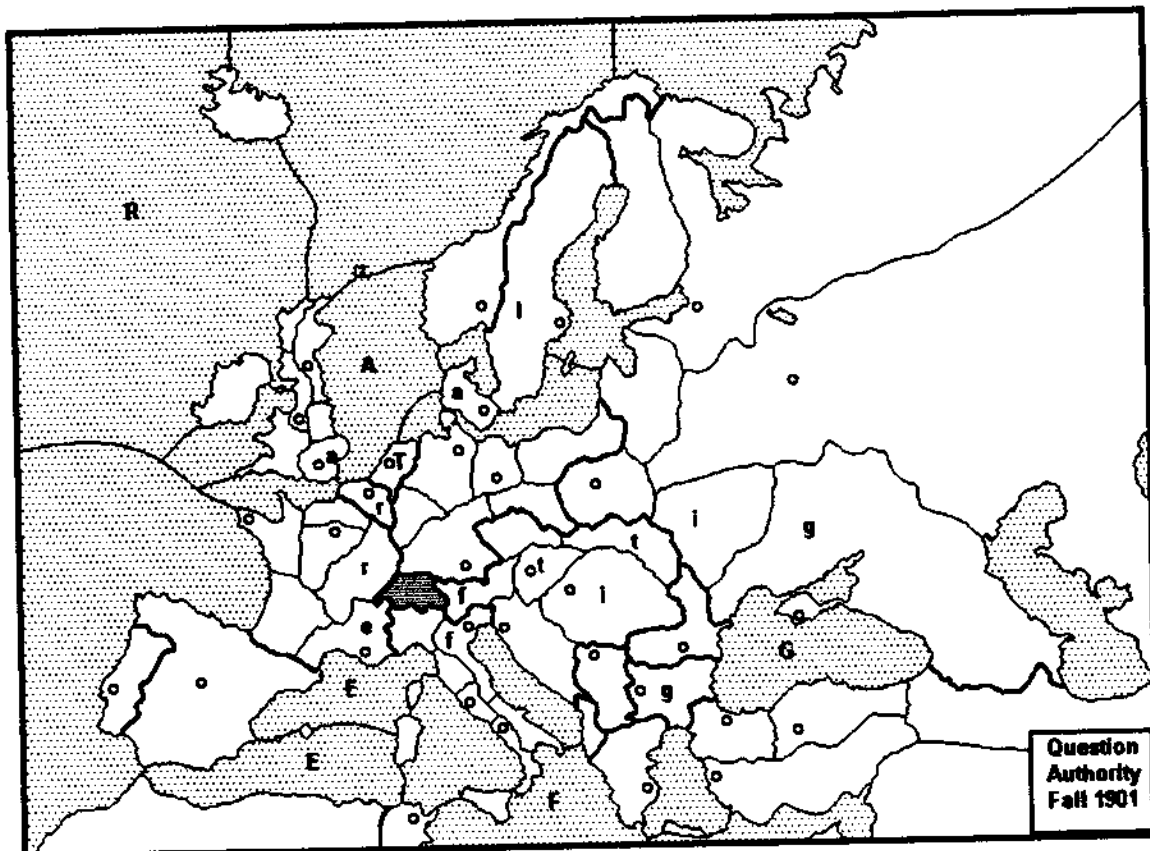
The Sultan is AWOL, but it doesn't cost him. A large fight in Belgium, and the Alps get a "visitor".
 The Black Sea is finally occupied. Fun.

Supply Center Ownership, "Priority One":

Austria: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rom, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie (9) build 1 or build 2
 England: Edi, StP (2) even
 France: Bre, Lon, Lvp, Mar, Par, Por (6) even
 Germany: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Nwy, Swe (8) build 1 or build 2 or build 3
 Italy: Nap, Spa, Tun (3) even
 Russia: Mos, Sev, War (3) even
 Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy (3) even

A Con-Bul
~~f Aegs~~
~~f Ank-Con~~
 f Aeg-lon
 f Ank-~~Con~~ Bla

The Turk NMR's, and while I expect him to return, a standby has been called. I need Autumn 1905 retreats from Austria and Germany, Winter 1905 adjustments from Austria and Germany, and Spring 1906 orders from everyone, all due 14 December at Noon, EST.



Bounces in Munich, Rumania. France down 1. I hope you guys are having as much fun with this as I am.

Question Authority, "Shift-Right" Diplomacy, White press only. Miller number 2001Drb115. Fall 1901 moves:

Austria (Joe Carl): a Edi - Den; f Nth c a Edi - Den; a Yor - Lon;
 England (Peter Boyum): a Pie - Mar; f Tus - GoL; f TyS - WMS;
 France (Ward Narhi): a Tyr - Mun (*bounce*); f Adr - Ion; a Tri - Ven;
 Germany (Don Scheifler): a Con - Sev; f Bla c a Con - Sev; a Bul - Rum (*bounce*);
 Italy (Adam Silverman): a Gal - Bud; a Ukr - Rum (*bounce*); f GoB - Swe;
 Russia (Mike McGinnis): f MAO - NAO; a Pic - Bel; a Bur - Mun (*bounce*);
 Turkey (Dave Partridge): f Hol hold; a Boh - Vie; a Sil - Gal;

Supply Center Ownership, "Question Authority":

Austria: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon (4) build 1, no open home SCs
 England: Mar, Nap, Rom (3) even
 France: Tri, Ven (2) remove 1
 Germany: Ank, Bul, Con, Sev, Smy (5) build 2, no open home SCs
 Italy: Bud, Mos, StP, Swe, War (5) build 2, no open home SCs
 Russia: Bel, Bre, Par (3) even
 Turkey: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Vie (5) build 2, no open home SCs
 Neutral: Gre, Nwy, Por, Rum, Ser, Spa, Tun (7)

Press:

Sultan to World: Halloooo. Is anyone out there?

Austria - Turkey: If you need help moving to Belgium or the English Channel, just ask I'll help you out

Austria - Russia: Please move to NAO and the NWG to get home

Fall 1901 orders are due 9 November at Noon, EST. Remember, you still need to own a supply center for each unit you have, so you don't want to fall below 3 in any Fall turn. Yes, you may discuss things with other players, just like any other Diplomacy game.

Breaking Away is published by Fiendish Games and designed by John Harrington of the UK.

Road to Ruin, Turn 12:

Square	Rider(s)	Replacement Card
115	Appleton (breaking away!)	14
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101	FES	3
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97	Bonny; Idee	3
96	Zip; Reed	5
95	Muffin'; Shaivalamabad; van Dyke	7
94	Bailey; Do	10
93	Dipenagrawaal; Dodger	12
92	Strappe; Muhurashtinganja	14
91	Listbutt	15
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85	Carrie; Dah	3
84	Dover	5
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65	Puffin'; Gears	3
-- Several spaces omitted --		
59	Stuffin'; Cobbham	3
-- Several spaces omitted --		
53	Chuffin'	3

Appleton makes what will likely be the last break. The best replacement cards for many turns, but will it be enough for 7-11, My oh My, or the Bonne Vivants? Listed below are the teams. The first column is the rider level, next is the card played, then the riders' name, then the cards in the players' hands. The replacement card is underlined in bold. Orders for everyone are due 14 December at Noon EST. Now come no press this time?

Dykes on Dykes Brendan Whyte
Points: 3

A	10	Ms Muffin'	6	5	<u>7</u>
B	3	Ms Puffin'	3	3	<u>3</u>
C	3	Ms Chuffin'	3	3	<u>3</u>
D	3	Ms Stuffin'	4	4	<u>3</u>

The Pirates Harry Andruschak

Points: 0					
A	7	Anne Bonny	3	3	<u>3</u>
B	4	Mary Reed	3	3	<u>3</u>
C	4	Jost van Dyke	3	4	<u>3</u>
D	3	Maria Cobbham	3	3	<u>3</u>

Olympus Tom Howell

Points: 26

Team Manager: Zeus

A	15	Appleton	6	4	3	<u>14</u>
B	3	Bailey	3	4	<u>10</u>	
C	5	Carrie	15	6	<u>3</u>	
D	7	Dodger	3	3	<u>12</u>	

Bonne Vivants Joe Carl

Points: 19

A	3	Jacque Strappe	7	9	<u>14</u>	
B	5	Cal Listbutt	8	3	<u>15</u>	
C	5	Ben Dover	7	8	<u>5</u>	
D	4	Louis Gears	5	4	<u>2</u>	

Team 7-11 Ward Narhi

Points: 17

A	3	FES	8	3	6	<u>3</u>
B	3	Dipenagrawaal	4	7	<u>12</u>	
C	4	Shaivalamabad	11	5	<u>7</u>	
D	3	Muhurashtiganja	6	9	<u>14</u>	

My oh my Dave Partridge

Points: 13

A	13	Zip	6	3	<u>3</u>	
B	15	Idee	3	4	<u>3</u>	
C	13	Do	3	5	<u>10</u>	
D	5	Dah	1	6	<u>3</u>	

TFES # WHATEVER. — Scott Morris

I miss the good old days when I used to worry about starving in Africa and global warming.

In this month's episode I am going to accomplish three things. One, I am going to run an expose on our editor. Yes, that's right Goz your secret is out. You didn't think anyone would do a little digging? TIME'S UP POTATO BOY! Secondly I am going to discuss yet another financial collapse that I have endured, <sniff> it will tear your heart out I swear. Finally I will have some fun with the dead. Always a winner.

First things first. Goz. Goz has claimed for years now to be an "engineer."

I am here to tell everyone right here and now about this bold faced lie. I have met Goz face to face on several occasions and I began to doubt his story when I realized he never wore his engineer's hat. No puffy blue and white striped hat and no hint of hat hair. I began to grow suspicious.

Eventually I started staking out rail road crossings in various towns. I would sit and wait for hours. Many trains passed (almost all of them sounded their alarm at my urging) I do confess that the many stares I received from cars waiting at the cross roads was a bit unsettling. You would think that they never saw a grown man running up and down in front of the crossing lights pulling his hand down in a chugging gesture.

The coup de gras was when I called the four main railroad companies to inquire if I could locate Goz. I called all the big ones, B&O, Reading, Pennsylvania, and Short Line. I had no idea that Goz's network was so expansive. The operator claimed that they did not exist! Well, I'm on to you "train" boy. It's high time you came clean and dropped this "engineer" thing. I don't care how many phone operators you are dating.

Secondly I am sorry to say that my latest investment has flopped. I invested thousands of dollars in my "Hero's of Islam" collector plates. They are individually numbered and everything. I was assured that they would go up in value. My curio (for artistic display) cabinet has not even arrived yet! I suspect I am going to take a bath on that investment.

Lastly!

The Chicken Holocaust REVEALED!

If it weren't for the newspaper I would be lost. My life would be a pasty, cold, reflection of hell. Ok, it is that anyway, but the newspaper makes me forget it for a bit. Just recently I started reading the obituaries. I was under the false impression that it was morbid or just plain mean to read about the recently deceased. Either A) looking for someone you despise or B) looking for someone you know so you can feel better about living your inane talk show filled life. Little did I know that the Obits were just good, clean fun.

"Wednesday Aug 22, 2001 — Carolyn Stebe, chicken trainer, dies at 67. Carolyn, E. Stebe, known around Kentuckiana for her performing chickens, died Monday of a heart attack at Floyd Memorial Hospital. Stebe and her birds made several television appearances, including one on MTV. They also have been featured in the Poultry Encyclopedia. Stebe's chickens could climb ladders, be pulled on miniature roller skates and walk on rollers."

Right off the bat anything involving chickens is going to be a hoot. Why do you think that we have all those chickens crossing the road jokes and why does china make half it's yearly income by exporting rubberized versions of the beast? Even a Communist knows a gold mine when he sees it. I wish I had a dime for all the times Chairman Mao Tse Tung crank called me about jerking his chicken.

The most shocking part of this article is to find out that my education was so woefully inadequate. I went to Grade School, high school, College and a year of graduate school, for a total of 17 years of this so called "learning" and yet never opened or was told about the Poultry Encyclopedia. You've all been hiding it from me haven't you? I must have been very low on the pecking order.

I can only assume she will now join Colonel Sanders and Groucho Marx. The other two parts of the unholy chicken trinity that helped caused the chicken holocaust. Mr. Sanders (was he really a colonel or just mental?) who slaughtered millions of them, Mr. Marx who hung a rubber chicken to the delight of millions on his show "you bet your life", and Ms. Stebe who forced them into humiliating tasks for the thrill of human children. I can visualize the chickens at night in their barracks planning their escape trying to dig under the razor wire, refusing to talk, resigned to another grim day of torture being dragged along on roller skates simply for amusement. OH THE CHICKANITY!

So rest in peace Ms. Stebe. I hope the next world brings you more peace than the last. May your broth be tasty, your weather, not foul, let there be a feather in your cap and a turkey in every pot.

Last time I gave a TV trivia quiz, and apparently it was tough for everyone. Marc Ellinger and Ward Narhi both found the website that it came from, so they got all 15, but no one else got more than 1. Below are the questions, the answers, and those who tried and mostly failed. The question was: what TV "families" lived at the following addresses?

1. 485 Maple [The Cleavers of *Leave it to Beaver*]
2. 17230 Valley Road [The Posts of *Mr. Ed*]
3. 322 Maple [The Taylors of *The Andy Griffith Show*]
4. 623 East 68 Street Apartment 3D [The Ricardos of *I Love Lucy*]
5. 518 Crestview Drive [The Clampett family of *The Beverly Hillbillies*]
6. 1313 Mockingbird Lane [The Munsters of *The Munsters*]
7. 148 Bonnie Meadow Road [The Petries of *The Dick Van Dyke Show*]
8. 1164 Morning Glory Circle [The Stevens family of *Bewitched*]
9. 4222 Clinton Way [The Bradys of *The Brady Bunch*]
10. 119 North Weatherly Apt. D [Mary Richards of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*]
11. 730 Knapp Avenue [Laverne De Fazio & Shirley Finney of *Laverne and Shirley*]
12. 123 Marshall Rd. [The Baxters of *Hazel*]
13. 1049 Park Avenue [Oscar Madison and Felix Unger of *The Odd Couple*]
14. 328 Chauncey Street [The Kramdens of *The Honeymooners*]
15. 704 Hauser [The Bunkers of *All in the Family*]

Kevin Wilson got 1 right. -- 3 Goz points.

Mike Barno got 1 right. -- 3 Goz points.

Brendan Whyte got 0 right, but he did try. -- 2 Goz points.

Ok, maybe this one is a little easier. A little quiz about the geography of the Diplomacy board. Goz points are on the line...

1. What is the capital of Ukraine?
2. What's the official currency of Vatican City?
3. How many of every five songs on French radio stations must be performed by French artists, according to 1996 regulations?

4. What city is called, "the Pearl of the Adriatic"?
5. What European city is served by Keflavik Airport?
6. What title would you hold in Germany if townsfolk addressed you as Burgermeister? *Mayor*
7. What Alpine country's women got the right to vote in 1971?
8. What city did Sigmund Freud call home? *Vienna*
9. What foreign language do Norwegians study for seven years, beginning in the second grade? *English*
10. What European country once celebrated January 14 as a holiday called the Feast of the Ass?
11. What two Hungarian towns on either side of the Danube merged in 1872? *Buda Pest*
12. What country was Berlin part of when it passed one million in population?
13. What three European countries formed an economic union called Benelux in 1958? *Belgium Netherlands Luxembourg*
14. What European country marks New Year's Day by drinking glogg?
15. What country is known for bullfights where the bulls survive?

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I don't know what your problem is, but I bet it's hard to pronounce.