

ARMADILLO

GERMANY SNEAKS INTO THE NORTH SEA; ENGLAND SNEAKS INTO HOLLAND; FRANCE SNEAKS NOWHERE; ITALY MOVES TOWARD FRANCE; TURKEY GAINS IN THE SOUTH; RUSSIA?

Spring, 1902: AUSTRIA: A Bohemia S ITALIAN A Tyrolia-Munich; A Vienna-Galacia;
 A Budapest-Rumania; A Serbia S A Bud-Rum; F Greece Hold
 ENGLAND: F Sweden S RUSSIAN F GOB-Sweden?/Improperly written/
 F NthSea-Holland; F London-EngCh; A Yorkshire-London
 FRANCE: A Paris-Burgandy; F Brest-MidAtlo; F Portugal-Spain(sc);
 A Spain-Marseilles; F Marseilles-Gulf of Lyon
 GERMANY: A Holland-Belguim; A Munich-Burgandy/Dis/; F Denmark-NthSea;
 F Berlin-BalticSea; F Kiel-Denmark
 ITALY: F Naples-TyrrSea; F Tunis-WesMed; A Tyrolia-Munich;
 A Veince-Piedmont
 RUSSIA: F BlackSea-Rumania/Dis/; A Rumania-Budapest/Dis/; A Galacia-
 S A Rum-Bud; A Warsaw-Silesia; F GOB-Sweden
 TURKEY: F Const-BlackSea; F Ankara S F ~~xxx~~Con-Blk; A Smyrna-Armenia;
A Bulgaria-Greece

RETREATS: /Dis/ indicates unit is dislodged and must retreat. A unit may be removed from the board rather than retreated.

GERMANY: A Mun-Ber; Kie; Ruh; Tyr (Spaces available for retreat)

RUSSIA: A Rum-Sev; Ukr F BlkSea-Sev

RETREATS WILL BE DUE BY MIDNIGHT, 9 DECEMBER. THIS MAY BE DONE BY TELEPHONE AS ONLY HIRSCH AND S. NORRIS ARE INVOLVED. THEY WILL BE PUBLISHED AS SUMMER MOVES IN ISSUE 5.5. THAT ISSUE WILL CONTAIN THE ~~SPRING~~ DEADLINE, MAKE THAT FALL, 1902

This season's moves show the value of diplomacy. Good teamwork on the part of Russia and England (even the England goofed on that order); Austria and Italy; France and England. It would seem that Germany suffered the most this turn: she has to decide whether to hold Belgium or retake Holland, she has lost Munich and has little chance to regain it, she is being threatened by Russia, and now has to worry about Austria. Russia also suffered although she stands to gain from Germany's misfortune. She will be able to retake Rumania, but will probably lose Sevastapol to Turkey. France, Italy and Austria seem to be jockeying for position in order to set up Fall moves. Turkey seems to have made the most gains this move. More commentary with the next ish.

This issue's ratings have been done by a guest expert. They were compiled after the Fall, 1901 moves, so take that into consideration before you claim they are way off. Sources here seem to place their origin somewhere near Paris.

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| 1) Germany | 5) Russia |
| 2) Austria | 6) Italy |
| 3) France | 7) Turkey |
| 4) England | |

Compare these with ARMO'S ratings of No. 4.0. Then blame it on a failure to communicate!

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AND NOW, WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR...WIT AND WISDOM FRESH OFF THE PRESSES. FROM THE CAPITOLS OF THE WORLD...

LONDON (BBC): "TA DA DA DAT TA DA...CHARGE!"

VENICE: The Pope is visiting the slums of North Carolina (Durham) and is predicting an overwhelming victory over the Duke.

/Ed. note: Surely you can't mean the Arch-Duke? And is 86-77 what you call overwhelming?/

BUDAPEST (RAP): The Minister of Education today announced that the Arch-Duke's alma mater, T.C.Williams, this weekend won its thirteenth straight victory on the field of battle. The Titans, following the examples of their illustrious Arch-Duke, defeated Andrew Lewis, 27-0, for the Virginia State AAA Championship to bring Alexandria its first ever title.

MUNICH: We have our eyes open.

PARIS (Spring, 1902): General deNorris has recently returned from a visit to Vienna. Ignoring the recent absurdities published in the RAP, his imperial majesty did his best to remain a gracious guest. He attended a royal ball held in the Arch-Duke's "quaint" palace where it is reported "the drinks were weak, the Fritos stale, the people boring, and the host obnoxious". Evidently the only worthwhile part of the evening came when the Duchess Roxanne of Rome showed more than passing interest in DeNorris. That, in addition to Queen Suzanne's secret pleas to be rescued from the "oafish Austrian animal", made for an interesting evening. However it is generally felt in Paris circles that King Big Wave, Vizier Fang and Kaiser Hirsch did well in avoiding the affair. Most likely the General will hold a real party in Vienna soon after it falls into French hands. As DeNorris stated concerning Austria, "she will resist at first, but like most things the General puts his hands on, submission will soon follow". If Herr Cooper's performance on the field of battle even closely resembles his Thanksgiving athletic abilities, DeNorris is sure to emerge triumphant!

ROME (NOV 30): The sight of a French fleet outside of Piedmont is a caouse for great distress within the Italian nation. My honorable and all-loving superior The Pope has asked me to beseech all his European neighbors to help him crush this impertinent agressor. In his words, "I do not wish to talk of war. We don't threaten nor are we afraid of threats. At All times the country must be prepared." The Pope has also added that the whole country is behind the armed forces and the task of safeguarding the country and its freedom. Finally, the Pope wishes to appeal to the world in the name of peace - may faith and wisdom prevail.

The Honorable, Righteous, and Reverent Cardinal
His Eminence, J.H. McKenzie
Papal Minister of Foreign Affairs
"Go in peace my children"

More goodies on the next page...

VIENNA (RAP): The Arch-Duke Irving, of Coop today announced the smashing success of his royal Thanksgiving ceremony. Among the notables present were The Pope representing the Italian nation and General deNorris, supposedly representing the French nation. Entertainment was impoted from the United States in the form of Drew Carroll, Notre Dame, Class of '74. His singing and acting was much enjoyed by all, particularly the General. The only ugly incident of the evening occurred when palace guards found the General ransacking the Arch-Duke's royal desk. However, the Arch-Duke gallantly overlooked the General's behaviour, and persuaded him to join the rest of the guests. There was some speculation that the party would be raided, but the only "Raid" that took place was in the Arch-Duke's royal bedchambers. There are reports that the Countess Patricia was left most unsatisfied and frustrated, but the cause of her distress could not be determined. The General, her escort for the evening, had no comment. It is noted in social circles across Europe that the General did not BYOB but rather chose to consume the Arch-Duke's personal supply. Once again, the Arch-Duke overlooked the social ills of the General. It is rumored, however, that France's rating is dropping.

~~VIENNA~~ BERLIN: The German government in exile has stated, "The acts of those who proclaimed to be our friends are unforgiveable. Actions speak louder than words."

AND STILL NOTHING from The Czar.

AND OTHER GOOD STUFF:

- 1) Norris and Miller: I will proclaim myself winner if you don't object or get moves into Steve. Or would you rather wait until Xmas?
- 2) The new issue of the rulebook is out. I suggest that you all get a copy as it is much updated and will be adopted by ARMO. Copies are available for \$1. Let me know if you want one.
- 3) Make sure you identify your moves as such somewhere on the envelope. This is to prevent my opening them thinking they are letters or diplomacy. Dave Miller take heed.
- 4) The next ish will include accepted abbreviations for similar provinces.
- 5) Still waiting for comments on things other than diplomacy.
- 6) Also still waiting for comments on PONTEVEDRIA. Rod Walker is interested and so am I.
- 7) The circulation of ARMADILLO is gradually increasing. It now stands at a whopping 13. Tell your friends about it. Christmas gift subscriptions are now available!
- 8) Start planning now for the Xmas holidays.
- 9) Moves this turn sent to Dave Chitlik.

SEE YOU ALL SOON!