

ARMADILLO

Summer, 1902 Retreats:

GERMANY: A Munich - Kiel

RUSSIA: A Rumania - Ukraina
F BlackSea - Sevestapol

POSITIONS AFTER SUMMER, 1902:

AUSTRIA: A Boh; A Vie; A Rum; A Ser; F Gre
 ENGLAND: A Lon; F Norway; F EngCh; F Hel
 FRANCE: A Par; F MAO; F Spa(sc); F GOL; A Mar
 GERMANY: A Bel; A Kie; F NorthSea; F Den; F Bal
 ITALY: A Mun; A Pie; F WesMed; F Tyrrh
 RUSSIA: A Sil; A Gal; A Ukr; F Swe; F Sev
 TURKEY: A Bul; F Blk; F Ank; A Arm

To pick up where we left off last ish:

In sizing up the situation for Fall, it looks as if no single power is going to make substantial gains. What we have developing on the board is two three-country alliances with Germany as a wild card. It appears that France-England-Russia form one, with Italy-Austria-Turkey as the other. This of course is not definite but rather what seems to be at this time. France should hold constant with regard to supply centers but stands to make gains in the Med. England will lose Edinburgh and Holland but should take Belgium to remain at four centers. Russia stands to lose Sevestapol and possibly Sweden. England could support Sweden but then forfeits her opportunity to regain the North Sea, which might prove essential to her defense. Russia might decide to abandon Sevestapol and retake Rumania, but this would prove to be only a temporary respite. Turkey stands to gain Sevestapol if Austria cuts the Ukraina support. However, Austria is in a position to strike Turkey in Bulgaria. Austria must decide whether to push into Russia or support the Turkish thrust. The latter would prove the most beneficial to her, as she is vulnerable in the center. Italy is in good shape as far as the Fall move, but will probably lose the WesMed. She gains one from Munich, so should be able to build a fleet in time. Germany is undoubtedly in the most tenuous position. She has a multitude of choices: 1) take Edinburgh 2) cut Norway support and take Sweden 3) retake Holland 4) protect Berlin or 5) support Belgium. By choosing (1) she hinders England's growth, which at this point might be best. But by choosing (3) and (2) she stands to hold England steady and ensure that Russia gains no new units. This might also be done by choosing (4) and (5). Whatever she decides, Germany holds the key to Fall, 1902 in the lowlands.

ARMO ratings after Summer, 1902:

- 1) FRANCE (J Norris)
- 2) AUSTRIA (Coop)
- 3) ITALY (Chitlik)
- 4) TURKEY (Fang)
- 5) ENGLAND (Miller)
- 6) GERMANY (Hirsch)
- 7) RUSSIA (S Norris)

More to follow...

ACCEPTABLE ABBREVIATIONS :

Black Sea - BLK	Livonia - LVN	Norway - NOR
Eastern Med - EMD	MidAtlantic - MAO	Norwegian Sea - NWG
English Channel - ECH	Norht Africa - NAF	Tyrolia - TYO
Gulf Of Bothnia - GOB	NorthAtlantic - NAO	Tyrrhenian - TRR (TRR)
Gulf of Lyon - GOL	North Sea - NSE	Western Med - WMD
Liverpool - LPL		

ALL OTHER PROVINCES ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE FIRST THREE LETTERS.

AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS:

Munich: Our eyes are closed. But not forever.

BERLIN: The Kaiser today announced that all available forces will put into use in the coming Fall. He also announced that he is establishing diplomatic relations with all interested nations. Ambassadors have been dispatched to France, England, and Russia to meet with heads of state in these nations. This does not indicate that Germany in any sense is afraid of her neighbors, but is interested in finding peaceful means to settle their differences.

VIENNA (RAP): Arch-Duke Irving, in a rare day off, visited the German city of Munich as a guest of The Pope. It is rumored that these two leaders are discussing the possibility of annexing parts of Germany, with the Kaiser's permission of course. The Kaiser was unavailable for comment.

SWISS ALPS: The appearance of Italian armies on both sides of the Alps has lead the leaders of this neutral country to wonder if The Pope is planning for a modern crusade. It was noticed that with the Alps bounded on both sides by Italian troops, and with the snow in between, there is a remarkable resemblance to an ice cream sandwich. Perhaps a Swiss Sundae?

THE DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1902 MOVES WILL BE CHRISTMAS DAY, 1971. FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOME OF US WHO MIGHT BE LESS FAMILIAR WITH SUCH THINGS, THAT'S 25 DECEMBER. NO EXCEPTIONS

I'd like to try to get out another issue before you all leave in January, hence the reason for no exceptions to the deadline. I should be able to publish an issue (~~with~~ the winter builds and retreats) before you all leave, so I am going to set a tentative Winter, 1902 deadline for January 1, 1972. This should give you ample time to get what's necessary in to me before you leave. I may move this deadline forward, but you will have plenty of notice.

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