

ARMADILLO

TURKEY AND AUSTRIA BREAK RUSSIA AS THE NEWLY-FORMED PARTNERSHIP OF ENGLAND AND FRANCE SUFFERS : GERMANY SEIZES THE LOWLANDS FOR CHRISTMAS...

Fall, 1902: AUSTRIA: A Rumania-Ukraina; A Serbia-Rumania; F Greece H; A Vienna-Galacia; A Bohemia S A Vie-Gal  
 ENGLAND: A Londen-Yorkshire; F EnglishChl-Belguim; F Norway-NorthSea; F Holland-Kiel/DIS/--Helgoland  
 FRANCE: F MAO-NorthAfrica; F Spain(sc)-Marseilles; A Marseilles-Tuscany; F GOL C A Mar-Tus/DIS/--Tuscany; A Paris-Picardy  
 GERMANY: F NorthSea-Holland; A Belguim H; A Kiel S F NSE-Hel; F Baltic-Sweden; F Denmark S F Bal-Swe  
 ITALY: A Munich-Berlin; A Piedmont-Marseilles; F WesMed-GOL; F Tyrrh S F WMD-GOL  
 RUSSIA: F Sweden-Denmark/DIS/; A Silesia-Berlin; A Ukraina-Rumania; F Sevstapol S A Ukr-Rum/A/; A Galacia Unordered/A/  
 TURKEY: A Armenia-Sevastapol; F BlackSea S A Arm-Sev; F Ankara-Const; A Bulgaria S A Rumania-Serbia/No Such Order/

RETREATS: /DIS/ indicates dislodged unit; --Helgoland indicates space to which unit must retreat if it chooses to retreat. This is indicated only where there is only one space available for retreat. All retreats must be confirmed even if there is only one space available.  
 RUSSIA: F Sweden -- Norway, Skagerrak, GOB, Finland.  
 Units may be removed from the board rather than retreated.

What can I say! The forces of good will always triumph over the forces of evil. Russia is, simply, dead. Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned from her refusal to work with those around her. Yes. And as for the vaunted alliance between England and France: They've got their hands full. France made small gains in the Med, but the loss of the Gulf will offset them. Italy's new unit should prove adequate enough to hold off France. And England has been hurt badly by a quirk: Russia's retreat into Norway! This has cost England a unit as well as a supply center. Russia gains one, but it is doubtful that she'll be able to withstand the probable attack of Turkey and Austria. Fall, 1902 has been a complete victory for the Allied powers! The fall of Russia has been sealed; France is stalled; and England is rapidly fading. Long may Italians, Turks, and Austrians live in peace!

The above commentary was submitted by The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria-Hungary. The House of Coop will have its usual comments following the builds.

SUPPLY CENTERS AFTER FALL, 1902:

AUSTRIA: HOME, SER, GRE, Rumania.....Build 1 (6)  
 ENGLAND: HOME, ~~XXX/XX~~.....Remove 1 (3)  
 FRANCE: HOME, POR, SPA.....Constant (5)  
 GERMANY: KIE, BER, ~~XXX~~, DEN, Belguim, Sweden, HOL.....Build 1 (6)  
 ITALY: HOME, TUN, Munich.....Build 1 (5)  
 RUSSIA: STP, MOS, WAR, ~~SW~~, ~~Ruman~~, Norway.....Build 1 (4)  
 TURKEY: HOME, BUL, Sevstapol.....Build 1 (5)

UPPER CASE indicates held last fall; lower case indicates gained this fall.

RETREATS INDICATED HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED. They will be indicated in the next issue with builds and removals.

IN THE WORLD OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS:

IRETON ALUMNI TREATY

December 25, 1971

We the undersigned, realizing the gravity of European affairs, make this attempt to alleviate the injustices of the Triple Alliance, under the misguidance of its head "mule driver". Therefore, let it be declared that I, General John DeNorris, Imperial Emperor of France, Spain, Portugal, Protector of Iceland, and, I, his Royal Majesty King Big Wave the Benevolent, King of England and Bishop of Ireland, do hereby enter into said pact of friendship, loyalty, and Military Alliance until the ill-fated Triple Alliance is no more.

/s/ De Norris, EMPEROR OF FRANCE  
King Big Wave, KING OF ENGLAND  
Drew Carroll, American Ambassador  
(Notre Dame Class of 74)

the FRENCH PRESS: Rumors that DeNorris intends to re-open the African slave trade in North Africa are unfounded. The Emperor intends to limit the labor force on his Williamsburg plantation to coolie workers, as agreed upon in the Franco-Turkish Immigration Treaty between DeNorris and Vizier Fang. DeNorris noted, "I'll stick to coolies in the hopes that they all play cards as poorly as the Vizier. I'll be rich in no time!" Vizier Fang had no comment.

AND A FIRST FROM THE CZAR: The Czar wishes everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS. Also the reports that the Czar is unilliterate are not true.

LONDON (BBC): The people of England have had cause for alarm at the sighting of several German ships off the East Coast. Very interesting was their reply.

VIENNA (RAP): The Arch-Duke today prepared to present the Austrian Service Symbol, the highest honor bestowed upon a foreigner, to Czar Stephanus, of Russia. The ASS, as the award is affectionately known, has been presented only seven times in Austrian history. The latest presentations have been to Napoleon after the battle at Waterloo, and to Jefferson Davis after the American Civil War, to Nere after Rome burned, and to Bob Short, after the Senators moved to Dallas. The Arch-Duke declared, "We feel the elan shown by the Czar merits the ASS. His esprits de corps on the field of battle is second to millions, but his military ability and leadership are worse. Perhaps the Czar would appreciate a gift of one of our literate mule drivers to lead his retreats. At any rate, it's a shame that the Czar will not be present when the presentation is made in Warsaw next year."

PARIS, FALL, 1902: Let Europe behold the fate of Italy. She should be the first of the Arch-Duke's "Arlington" puppets to fall. I only hope Russia

Mere to come...

and Turkey leave enough of Austria intact for me to ravage. May we suggest the R.A.P. cease its slanderous babble against the General long enough to explain to the Pope and Cardinal McKenzie why Itlay is being sacrificed for Austria's benefit.

DeNorris wishes to extend Season's Greetings to all of Europe's leadres (and even to the ugly American Ambassador). It would be wise if the evil Arch-Duke really enjoyed thtis New Year. It will most certainly be his last! The Frecnh Palace will always provide refuge for the victims of stupid governments--that includes the lovely Duchess Roxanne and Queen Suzanne.

BUDAPEST(RAP): The Arch-Duke returned to his diplomatic headquarters here after a rousing success on the field of battle. Reports of victory after victory poured into the government. The recnet rout of the Czar's forces in Galacia ceupled with the annihilation of the fleet in Sevestapol by the Turks has prompted great clebration here. Talk is now of complete submission of Russia, even wiht the aid of the English. The trouble that England is lwing in her own front yard has lead the War Advisory Council to issue a statemnt that victroy over the countries of the Ireton Treaty is a certainty. The Arch-Duke has offered asylum to those people who wish to escape the rule of the Czar, as well as military assistance to those countries who will join withh the Austrian cause against Russia.

BERLIN: Our eyes are open once again, and we like what we see!

VIENNA(RAP): The social capital of the country is in a tizzy over the recnt announcement by the Arch-Duke of his secretive visit to the home af a foreign ruler in the immediate future. Rumers as to where the Arch-Duke is going are plentiful; the Arch-Duke has said only that it will come as a surprise.

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WINTER BUILDS AND REMOVALS ARE DUE BY 8PM, WEDNESDAY, 29 DECEMBER, 1971 SO THAT THE RESULTS MAY BE ISSUED TO YOU BEFORE YOU ALL LEAVE. PLEASE NO EXCEPTIONS!

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THE STAFF OF ARMADILLO HOPES THAT EVERYONE GOT WHAT HE (OR SHE) WANTED FOR CHANUKAH AND CHRISTMAS. WE KNOW WE DID!

STARTING NEXT ISH: THE EXCITING ADVENTURES OF COOP, AND HIS DOG WHIMPY!!  
DON'T MISS IT!

AND WITH ALL THE TURMOIL IN THE WORLD, ITS REALLY ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT MERRILL LYNCH IS BULLISH ON AMERICA. (Is that why the dollar was devalued?)

AND STEPPING INTO THE WORLD OF SPORTS: THE ARMO PREDICTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S GAMES. After a quick check, we've got: Dallas over Minnesota, Miami over Kansaas City in sudden death, Washington over San Francisco, and the big upset, Cleveland over Baltimere.

AND FOR NEW YEAR'S WE'D LIKE TO SEE: Red Walker give Buddy Tretick a gift sub to anything; John Beshara give Larry Peery \$500; the publishers and gamemasters give Diplomacy back to the players; the Cerenade White House wash out to sea; John Norris treat us all to a beer; TDA publish a membership list; and last but not least: 1000 people suscribe to ARMADILLO! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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