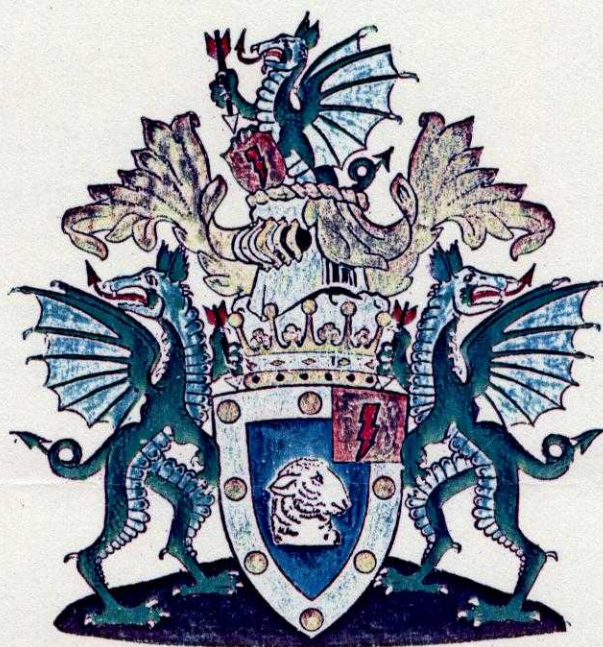
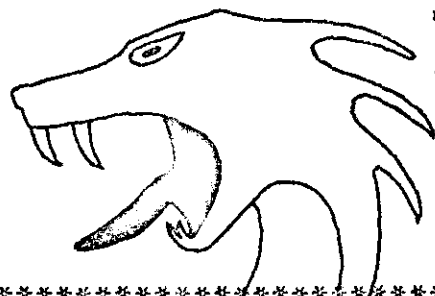


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*Thermopylae*

Winter, 1900

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SPRING, 1901

FRANCE AND RUSSIA BEGIN NORTHERN OFFENSIVE!!

AUSTRIA IS AFTER SOMEBODY!!

- Austria: F Tri-Adr, A Bud-Tri, A Vie-Tyo
- England: F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Lpl-Yor
- France : A Par-Pic, A Mar-Bur, F Bre-Mid
- Germany: F Kie-Hol, A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Kie
- Italy : A Ven-Tyo, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Tun (imp)
- Russia : F StP(sc)-GoB, A Mos-StP, A War-Ukr, F Sev-Rum
- Turkey : A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con, F Ank-Bla

Well, I haven't seen that combination of moves in quite a while. I seem to get this feeling, nothing I can really put my finger on, that everyone is out to get everybody else. Oh well, that's the wonderful world of Diplomacy!

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We've missed you for the past two weeks, Ralph. Glad to see you're back.

I'll remember that when we play our face to face game tonight!

For those of you who don't know from whence your game gets its namesake:

Thermopylae is a famous pass between Thessaly and Locris in ancient Greece which was the main gateway from the north to central Greece. In ancient days the pass was long and narrow, with the sea on the east and high cliffs along the opposite side.

It was here in 480 B.C. that a small force of 300 Spartans under King Leonidas and 6,000 Thebans held off an invading Persian army of 500,000, led by King Xerxes, for three days. They could have held indefinitely but a Greek traitor guided a portion of the Persian army around and behind Thermopylae by a little known mountain road. Realizing their situation, the Thebans surrendered, but the Spartans advanced and fought to the last man.

But the stand at Thermopylae rallied the Greeks and, although Athens was burned and sacked, Xerxes returned to Asia after Greek victories at Plataea and Mycale literally destroyed his forces.

OK. I have phone numbers from everyone except Fred and Don. I am familiar with everyone in this game except David Malmquist, so I welcome David to this here side show. You guys sure don't have to worry about getting writer's cramp from writing too much press. Cliff is the only one to come through for me. I have it from very reliable sources that those who determine Pulitzer Prize winners have their eye on this monthly masterpiece, so this could be your big chance. Get with it, ya'll!!!

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The Roman Chariot - 10 Jan 1901...It was told to the press today, by the new Minister of Information, that the new Emperor was going to start a Holy War. It was also told that the Pope would bless this war only if it would keep peace in the world. The new Emperor, after leaving the Pope, had money from his treasury to buy two armies, a navy, and one lone Spad to use as an air force.

The Emperor is sure that the war will be won in the air, but the Pope refuses to allow money from the treasury to be used on such a stupid idea. He, the Pope, says that if man were meant to fly, "That he would have wings!!" (Ha, Ha, as he burst into laughter). All that the Emperor could do is smile as the Pope told him that the idea of an aircraft carrier would run down the fleet, because a ship

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as large as it would have to be would be too slow to keep up with the other ships. And it, too, was scrapped in the hope that the Emperor would come to his senses.

The Roman Chariot - 15 Jan 1901...The Princess Jenea today said that she would hold a public auction to sell her crown jewels so that her father, the Emperor, could buy his aircraft carrier to protect his ships, against the wishes of her mother and the Pope. It has been rumored that she may even have enough money left over to buy two more Spads, which would be stationed on the large ship once it was completed.

Then the young Princess went out to her estate in Apulia to play with her pet horse, as she calls her dog (a doberman). It is said that no one would ever harm her with him within hearing distance, and I know why.

The Roman Chariot - 21 Jan 1901...It was posted in the city of Venice today that all able bodied men should report to the local army base for training. It was also posted that war would soon run through all of Europe in a matter of days as the Bishops and Cardinals from other countries sent word to the Pope that their leaders had also started preparations for war. At this time the Pope would only sit and cry because he knew that some of his closest friends would be executed as soon as it started.

The Roman Chariot - 30 Jan 1901...Today the Emperor ordered his armed forces into action, which he said he didn't want to, but that the other nations wouldn't listen to the Pope. In a closing statement the Emperor said, "If it is war that they want, it will be war that they get!!"

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Armageddon

Winter, 1901

NOBODY IN THIS GAME EVER HEARD OF DETENTE!!

- Austria(J.H. Fleming) : Build A Vie, A Tri
- England(Mark Zimmerman): Build F Lon, F Lpl
- France(Frank McIlvaine): Build A Par, F Mar
- Germany(Bob Sergeant) : Build A Kie, A Ber
- Italy(Jerry Rogowski) : Build F Nap
- Russia(Robin Smith) : Build A War, A Mos
- Turkey(Lee Kendter, Sr.): Build F Smy

You guys have probably noticed that this issue is about a week late. This is so the people in 1977CQ could have a full three weeks negotiating time for their Spring, 1901 season. Next issue should get us back on our regular schedule.

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Learn from the mistakes of others--you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

--Martin Vanbee

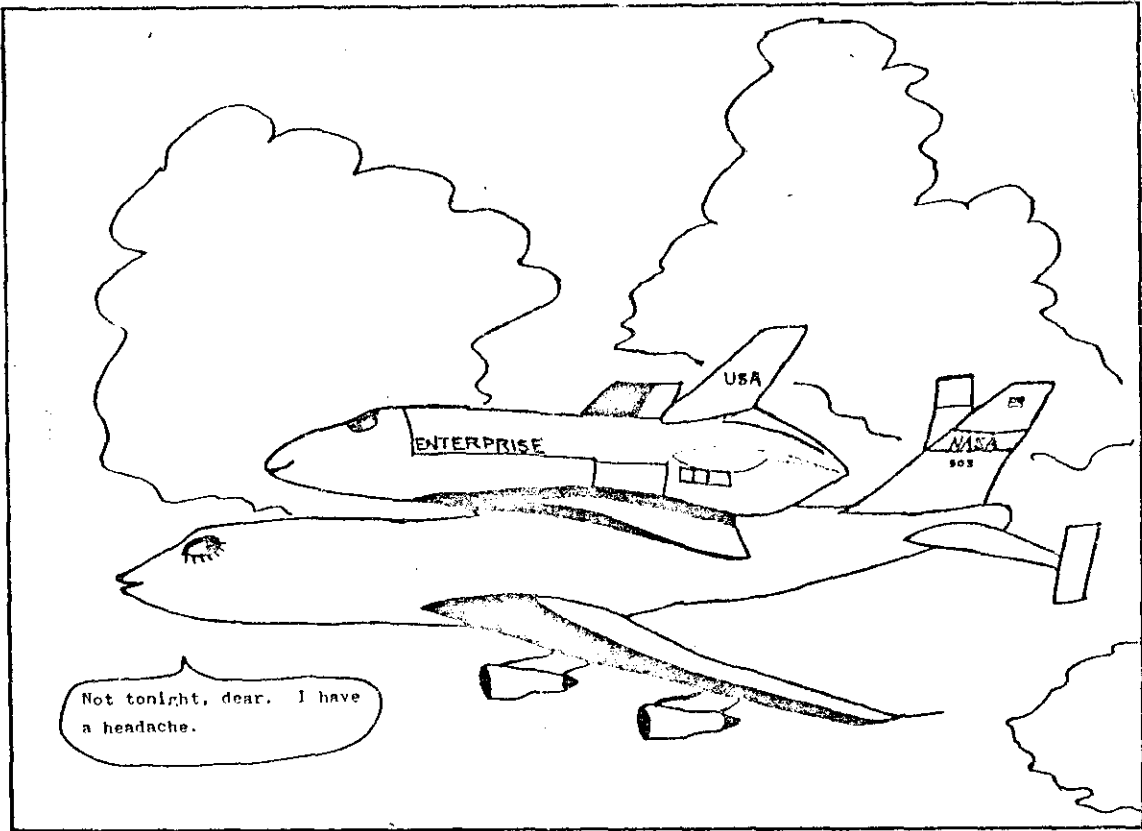






In short, the advantages claimed for the cumbersome P-V are by and large disadvantages. This opening must be considered inferior. The Spring moves are not objectionable, as they exploit to the fullest Italy's inherent ability to affect either the eastern or western arenas or both. Other Fall, 1901 possibilities include the more conventional A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Pie; the Italian Shuffle<sup>6</sup> (A Pie-Tyo, A Ven-Tri); and the sly Koniggratz Freakout<sup>7</sup>, in which Italy expels a German A Tyo, allowing it to retreat to an Austrian center. If you have a flair for making apologies, you might try the very brash A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Tri. By lying to both countries, you have a reasonable chance of getting into one. You may even get into both.

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