

# THE DOGS OF WAR

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You understand human nature when you are never surprised by anything it does.

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Greetings to you fortunate people who have the blessing of being able to get a solid night's sleep. I never realized how important a good, long sleep was until the arrival of little Stephen made it impossible. I figured that naps would cover me, but it hasn't turned out that way. Pity a poor baby born into this cruel world, who has to be cared for by two grumpy parents suffering from exhaustion.

Ah, but it's all worthwhile. The little vegetable person is great to have around. Everybody should get one. I have to warn you, though: babies aren't the least bit productive, unless you count future lawns to be mowed, garbage to be taken out, wood to be cut, and so on. But with an estimated cost of \$400,000 over a useful life of 22 years, babies aren't the best bargain around. And they're not even unionized.

Stephen is forcing us to face a major expense. With him around, we no longer fit comfortably into our mobile home. That means it's time to build a house. The going rate around here for a new home is \$35 per square foot, and with interest rates so high even the most modest house will mean monthly mortgage payments of \$600. Of course, we could sell Stephen on the open market for about \$10,000, which would help some, but then we wouldn't need the new house. Life can be so ironic.

Thanks to everyone who offered congratulations and kind words on the birth of Stephen. He and Betty are doing fine. As for me, well, I'm a little burned out, but feeling fine.

## SUPPOSEDLY TRUE, BUT I DOUBT IT

Mrs. Wood, a local woman now deceased, had a mule who was named Horace. One evening she called up her vet and said to him, "Doctor, Horace is sick, and I wish you would come and take a look at him."

The vet said, "It's after six o'clock, and I'm eating supper. Give him a dose of mineral oil, and if he isn't all right in the morning, phone me and I'll come take a look at him."

"How'll I give it to him?" she inquired.

"Through a funnel," the doctor replied.

"But he might bite me," she protested.

"You're a farm woman and you're supposed to know about these things. Give it to him through the other end."

So, Mrs. Wood went out to the barn and there stood Horace, with his head held down, and moaning and groaning. She looked around for a funnel but the nearest thing she could see to one was her Uncle Bill's fox hunting horn hanging on the wall. A beautiful gold-plated instrument with gold tassels hanging from it.

She took the horn and affixed it properly. Horace paid no attention. Then she reached up on the shelf where medicines for the farm animals were kept. But instead of picking up the mineral oil, she picked up a jar

of turpentine, and she poured a liberal dose of it into the horn.

Horace raised his head with a sudden jerk. He let out a yell that could have been heard a mile away. He reared up on his hind legs, brought his front legs down, knocked out a side of the barn, jumped a five foot fence, and started down the road at a mad gallop.

Now Horace was suffering from some real pain inside, and so every few jumps he made, that horn would blow.

All the dogs in the neighborhood knew that when that horn was blowing, it meant that Uncle Bill was going fox hunting. So out on the road they went, close behind Horace.

It was a marvelous sight. First, Horace - running at top speed, the hunting horn in a most unusual position, the mellow notes issuing therefrom, the tassels waving, and the dogs barking joyously.

They passed the home of Old Man Harvey Hogan, who was sitting on his front porch. He hadn't drawn a sober breath for 15 years, and he gazed in fascinated amazement at the sight that unfolded before his eyes. He couldn't believe what he was seeing, but he gave up drinking the very next day.

By this time it was good and dark and Horace and the dogs were approaching the river. The bridge tender heard the horn blowing and figured a boat was approaching. So he hurriedly went out and uncranked the bridge. Horace and the dogs went off the edge of the road and into the water. The dogs swam easily to safety, but Horace drowned. It was a nasty way to die, but Horace was probably relieved.

1982N

### RISKY BUSINESS

FALL 1914

Following Spring moves France retreated F Ion-Tun. The proposal for an E/R draw failed.

ENGLAND (Ken Iverson): a lon-DEN; a EDI stays high and dry; a hol-KIE; f kie-BAL; f nat-MID; f mid-WES; f NTH c a lon-den; f den-SWE; f nwy-STP(nc).

FRANCE (Terry Richwine): a BUR-mun; a RUH s ENGLISH a hol-kie; a mar-PIE; f TYH-nap; f TUN-ion; f APU-adr; f ven\*s f apu-adr; a ROM s f ven; a pie-TUS.

RUSSIA (Stan Johnson): a ser-GRE; f AEG-ion; f ALB-adr; f ION-nap; f EAS s f aeg-ion; a BER s a boh-mun; a pru-LVA; a war-MOS; a SIL s a boh-mun; a boh-MUN; a vie-BOH; a TRI s f adr-ven; a TYO s f adr-ven; f adr-VEN; f stp(nc)-BAR.

The French F Ven is annihilated. The supply center chart is below.

E	-	home, nwy, swe, den, kie, hol, por, <u>stp</u> , <del>ber</del>	(10) build 1
F	-	home, spa, tun, nap, rom, bel, <del>ber</del>	(8) even
R	-	mos, war, sev, rum, con, ank, smy, bul, gre, bud, vie, (16) build 1	
		ser, tri, mun, <u>ber</u> , <u>ven</u> , <del>ber</del>	

The builds and Spring orders are due together at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15. Please vote on an E/F/R draw proposal with those next moves.

### CONSERVATIVE QUOTE

"No one has ever reported getting ill after being hit by bee droppings ...." (From a WALL STREET JOURNAL editorial questioning the findings of scientists who claim that purported victims of "yellow rain" were merely exposed to bee poop).

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FRANCE AND AUSTRIA DRAW CLOSER  
Proposals Fail

WINTER 1913  
SPRING 1914

FRANCE (Jim Grosch): Build F Bre and F Mar; f BAR s a nwy-stp;  
a nwy-STP; a KIE s AUSTRIAN a ber; a RUH s a kie; a BUR s a ruh;  
f bre-MID; f mar-PIE; f LYO-tyh; f WES s f naf-tun; f naf-TUN;  
f nwg-NAT; f SKA-bal (imp); a den-SWE; f swe-BOT.

ITALY (Mark Rowell): Even; a TUS hold; f tun-TYH; f ION s f tun-tyh;  
f eas-AEG.

AUSTRIA (Steve Knight): Build A Vie and A Bud; a BER s a mun;  
a MUN s a ber; a TYO s a mun; a tri-VEN; a vie-BOH; a bud-GAL;  
f GRE s ITALIAN f eas-aeg; a war-PRU; a RUM-sev; a ser-BUL;  
a con-ANK.

RUSSIA (Brent Adams): Remove A Fin and F Bot; a stp\*hold; a MOS hold;  
a SEV hold.

TURKEY (Jake Walters): Remove F Aeg; f smy-CON; a ARM hold.

Russia must retreat A Stp to Lva, Fin or otb. The deadline for  
the retreat and Fall orders is 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15.

AUSTRIA'S FAVORITE RHETORICAL QUESTION: Is walking tightropes any  
easier?

1983CV

I/R ALLIANCE SOLIDIFIES  
Europe Is In Deep Shift

WINTER 1903  
SPRING 1904

Following Fall moves Turkey removed the dislodged F Bla.

ENGLAND (Al Ross): Even; f LPL hold; f SKA-nth.

FRANCE (Eric Kane): Build F Bre; f bre-MID; f NAT s f bre-mid;  
f ENG s f bre-mid; a SPA s a mar; a mar\*hold; a lon-YOR.

GERMANY (Terry Richwine): Even; f NTH-nwy; a DEN s ENGLISH f ska-swe  
(nso); f BER s f kie-bal; a mun\*s f ber; a RUH s a mun;  
f KIE-bal.

ITALY (Ichiro Matsumura): Build A Ven and F Nap; a pie-MAR; a ven-PIE;  
a GRE hold; a bul-CON; f SMY s a bul-con; f NAF-mid; f nap-TYH;  
f LYO s a pie-mar; f WES-spa(sc).

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): Even; a PRU-ber; a SIL s a tyo-mun; a tyo-MUN;  
a BOH s a tyo-mun; f SWE-bal; f NWY-swe; f NWG-nth; f SEV-arm;

TURKEY (Guy Hail): Even; f con\*bla; a ARM-smy. f BLA s ITA a bul-con.

France must retreat A Mar to Gas, Bur or otb. Germany must retreat  
A Mun to Bur or otb. Turkey must retreat F Con to Ank or otb. The  
retreats are due with the Fall moves at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15.  
Press follows.

MOSCOW to BERLIN: Sorry, Terry, but this game rapidly came to the  
point where two allies was one too many. And I chose my "primary"  
ally over you. Nothing personal.

ST. PETE to PARIS: How do I do it? What can I say but that there is  
simply no one from the ECC that is my match! Another triumph for  
the Mid West Mob!

ROCKWELL: Geez, it's bad enough he's good; now he's getting cocky.  
"ECC" stands for the East Coast Clique, by the way.

Following Spring moves Austria retreated A Tyo-Tri.

FRANCE (Eric Diamond): a bel-BUR; f NTH s David Blaylock out of the game  
f LYO s f tun-tyh; a NAF-tun; f mid-WES; f SPA(sc) s f mid-wes;  
a pie-TUS; f TUN-tyh.

GERMANY (Mike Cannon): a MOS-ukr; a lva-STP; a pru-LVA; a tyo-MUN;  
a RUH s a tyo-mun; a BER s a tyo-mun; f hel-KIE; f BAL s a ber;  
f NWY s a lva-stp.

ITALY (Stephen Lee): f wes\*naf; f TYH-tun; f ION s f tyh-tun; f aeg-SMY.

AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): a VEN hold; a TRI s a ven; a UKR s a war;  
a mun\*hold; a gal-VIE; a WAR hold.

RUSSIA (Steve Knight): f bul(ec)-BLA; f CON s f bul(ec)-bla; a sil-PRU.

Austria must retreat A Mun to Boh, Sil or otb. The Italian F Wes is annihilated. Please vote on a concession to Germany.

F - home, spa, por, lpl, lon, edi, <u>tun</u>	(9) build 1
G - home, bel, hol, den, swe, nwy, stp, <u>mos</u>	(10) "build 1"
I - rom, nap, smy, gre	(4) build 1
A - home, ser, ven, war, <del>tyh</del>	(6) even
R - sev, rum, ank, bul, con, <del>nos</del>	(5) "build 2"

Note that Russia can only build one unit and Germany can't build any. The retreat, builds and Spring orders are due together at 1:00 pm on Thursday, March 20. Press follows.

FRANCE to BELGIUM: Just passing through.

DEUTSCHLAND to ARCHDUKE PETER: You are a worthy adversary. Whatever the outcome of this game, I hope that I can be in another one with you, one where we are allies instead of enemies.

RUSSIA (WHEREVER THAT MAY BE NOW) to WORLD: Apologies for the slow start; missives shall be forthcoming.

DEUTSCHLAND to THE NEW CZAR: Would you like a blindfold?

DEUTSCHLAND to TUNISIAN GARRISON: I hear the Sahara is lovely this time of year.

ROME: Sardinian Freedom Fighters along with regular Italian naval units participated in a commando raid at Porto Farina Prison outside French occupied Tunis. Attempts to locate remnants of the Royal Austrian Admiralty failed to turn up anything new. Reports from civilians claim there were no survivors.

#### OH BOY - A LETTER

From Steve Knight:

Congratulations! Any chance we'll get to see pictures? I heartily approve of your choice for a name - but why'd you go and misspell it?! Hope mother, father, and child are all well and happy...  
P.S. 10 issues for \$3.50, still one of the best bargains around...

((Glad to hear that you appreciate the "bargain." I figure my price is cheap enough so you can play here and still sub to one of the more reader-oriented zines around.

((I don't know about printing any baby pictures. Maybe next issue. I'm trying to contain myself so I don't "proud papa" everyone to death.

((Actually, we did misspell Stephen's name: he was named after my mother's father, Stephanos. I'm sure he'll adopt "Steve" in time.))

Following Spring moves Russia retreated A Nwy to Stp. All the proposals failed.

FRANCE (John Michalski): f POR s f mid-spa(sc); a GAS s f mid-spa(sc);  
f ENG-mid; f mid-SPA(sc); f MAR-lyo.

GERMANY (Ken Iverson): f nwy\*swe; f swe-DEN; f SKA s f nwy-swe;  
a KIE-ber; a BUR s a mun; a RUH s a mun; a MUN s a kie-ber.

RUSSIA (Ed Menders): a stp-NWY; a FIN s a stp-nwy; a BER s a sil-mun;  
a SIL-mun; a PRU s a ber; f nwg-EDI; f BOT-swe;  
f BAL s f bot-swe; f LYO s TURKISH a spa.

TURKEY (Dan Stafford): f WES s a spa; a spa\*s a pie-mar; a PIE-mar;  
f NAF-mid; a TRI s a ven-tyo; a ven-TYO; f tyh-TUS; f ion-TYH;  
f aeg-ION; a BOH s RUSSIAN a sil-mun; f CON (unordered) hold.

Germany must retreat F Nwy to Nth, Nwg, Bar or otb. The Turkish A Spa is annihilated. The supply center chart follows.

F - bre, por, lpl, lon, mar, <u>spa</u>	(5) build 1
G - kie, den, swe, par, hol, <u>bel</u> , mun, <del>edi</del>	(7) even
R - home, rum, vie, ven, ber, nwy, <u>edi</u>	(10) build 1
T - home, bul, ser, gre, tri, tun, <u>bud</u> , rom, nap, <del>spa</del>	(11) even

The builds and Spring orders are due at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15. There's been a proposal for a concession to Ireland, but the IRA has already vetoed it fearing boredom would result. Press follows.

JOHN to KEN: Quite alright, Ken. My spot's not worth much more than this. I'm pleased to forward your suggestions here, as it saves me wasting time on it that's undeserved. Glad to help.

RUSSIA to TURKEY: I am coming - just a short stop in Edi to pick up some people with funny accents.

MOSCOW to BETTY and JOHN: Congratulations on Stephen. I hope he is well and healthy.

ROCKWELL to MOSCOW: Thanks. Everything is going fine.

ITALY to AUSTRIA: If you help me, I'll help you. ((??))

NORWAY: Help me please. Hitler is crazy. Let me fall into Russian hands.

ENGLAND to RUSSIA: Now I have a Russian sub to fight! This game is too much - I quit!!

SWITZERLAND: Maybe France and Russia should get together.

#### ANOTHER CONSERVATIVE QUOTE

"We shouldn't panic at the drop of a rat." (From another WSJ editorial, this time dealing with the overreaction to the discovery that ethylene dibromide causes cancer in laboratory rats.)

#### A CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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THE WAR GRINDS TO A HALT

FALL 1908

Following Spring moves France retreated A Pie-Mar.

FRANCE (Ben Schilling): a BUR s GERMAN a mun; a MAR-pie; f WES-tyh; a TUN hold; f ION-nap.

GERMANY (Eric Diamond): f NWG s f nwy; f SKA s f nwy; a SWE-fin; f NWY wishes it could support a swe-fin; a DEN-swe; f BAL s a den-swe; a BER s a mun; a MUN s a ber; a KIE s a ber; a RUH s a mun.

ITALY (Terry Richwine): f TYH sails off into the sunset.

AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): a SIL s "GERMAN" a pru (nsu); a BOH-sil; a TYO s a boh; a ven-APU; a PIE-mar; a TUS-pie; a GRE hold; f ROM s f nap; f NAP s f rom.

RUSSIA (Jake Walters): a CON hold; a PRU-ber; a LVA-swe; a FIN-nwy; f BOT c a lva-swe; f BAR s a fin-nwy; a STP s a fin-nwy.

F - home, spa, por, tun	(6) build 1
G - home, hol, den, bel, lpl, lon, edi, nwy, swe	(11) "build 1"
I - <del>tyh</del> , <del>tyh</del>	(0) out
A - home, ser, gre, bul, ven, rum, nap, rom	(10) build 1
R - home, ank, smy, con, <del>tyh</del>	(7) even

Note that Germany can't build. The deadline for the builds and Spring orders is 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. Please vote on an F/G/A/R draw with those next moves. Press follows.

GERMANY to AUSTRIA: What about last season's setbacks? Just what do you plan on doing about the French fleet in the Ionian? It may take us a while, but F/G is destined to rule the world. If you really want peace, just propose (and vote for) an F/G draw.

GERMANY to FRANCE: Way to go!

GERMANY to RUSSIA: How about a timely NMR?

GERMANY to ITALY: Your casket is on its way from occupied England. Keep it in storage for Austria.

GERMANY to GM: Can't I build in Edinburgh or London? After all, they're open home centers that I own.

GM to GERMANY: You can build there, but they must be Austrian units.

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