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If you will call your troubles experiences, and remember that every experience develops some latent force within you, you will grow vigorous and happy, however adverse your circumstances may seem to be.

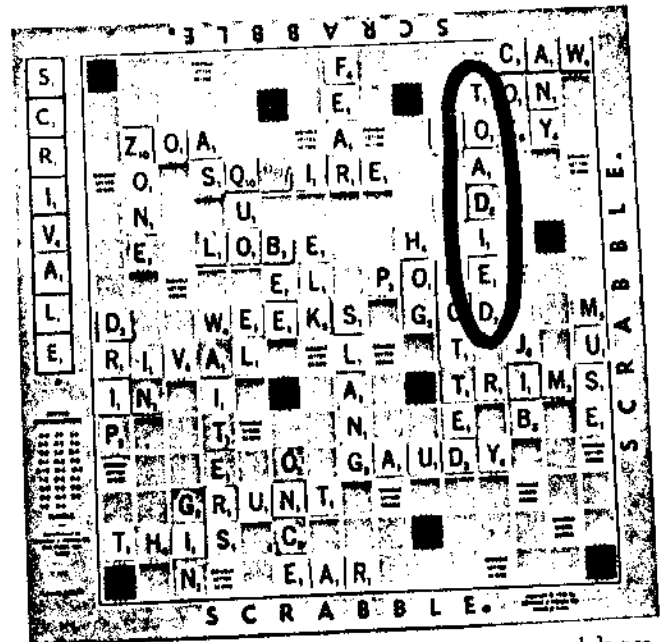
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Remember the problem I had a few issues ago with the wrinkles on page 1? Then the issue after that had bad repro on pages 1 & 2. Well, I'm happy to report that our Quality Control and Engineering Departments have found the cause of the problems. Most of DOGS is printed by mimeo, except for page 1 and sometimes page 2, which I do on a Xerox machine. That Xerox machine has been replaced by a cheaper model which is very sensitive to the size of the paper fed into it. Combine the new machine with the cheap paper I use, which varies in width up to a half inch from ream to ream, and - viola - troubles. ((Wait a minute - what do you mean "viola"?)) (((You know, the French version of "tah-dah".))) ((Wrongo, fellah. A viola is a big fiddle.)) (((Yeah, I know, but I couldn't spell the word I wanted to use and "viola" was the closest thing I could find to it in Betty's high school dictionary.))) ((When was it published?)) (((1939.))) ((Maybe they didn't have French that long ago. How old is Betty, anyway?)) (((Never mind. We're getting off the subject.))) Geez! I'm starting to hear voices inside my head. Anyway, the wider paper is causing problems in the Xerox, so I'm having to trim the first page before I run it off. No effort is too great when it comes to putting out my zine. At DOGS, Quality is Job 1, or at least it's up there on top with all the other important stuff.

WHAT DIPLMACY HAS DONE FOR ME

Of course, we all get alot of enjoyment out of playing Diplomacy in the postal hobby, but it's nice when our gaming activities can have a positive affect on the other areas of our lives. Sometimes we meet new friends. Sometimes we marry these friends. But in my case, postal Diplomacy helped me get my first Scrabble seven-letter word where I didn't have to use a blank or an "s". Thanks to the hobby, I was able to come up with the word "toadied" which you see at right. Truly one of the great moments in my Scrabble playing career. For those who don't know, a toady is like someone who puppets in a game, except that a toady enjoys it more. A good toady will even seek out person. My thanks to the toadies of postal Diplomacy.



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TURKEY TAKES IT ALL

FALL 1916

Following Spring moves Turkey retreated A Vie to Bud. The R/T draw proposal failed.

- FRANCE (John Michalski): a BRE-pic; a GAS-bre; f por*s TURKISH f mid.
- RUSSIA (Ed Menders): f nat-MID; f IRI s f nat-mid; a bel-PIC; f nth-BEL; f ENG s a bel-pic; a ruh-BUR; a MUN s a ruh-bur; a TYO-tri; a VIE-bud; a GAL s a vie-bud; a BOH-vie; a UKR-sev; a MOS s a ukr-sev.
- TURKEY (Dan Stafford): f mid-POR; f SPA(sc) s f mid-por; f WES-mid; a bur-PAR; f PIE hold; f VEN s a tri; a TRI s a bud; a BUD s a rum; a GER s a bud; a bul-GRE; a SEV s a rum; a ARM s a sev; f BUL s a rum; a con-BUL; f aeg-ION.

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

- F - bre, ~~par~~, ~~par~~
- R - stp, mos, war, ber, nwy, edi, lpl, den, swe, kie, (1)
- mun, hol, bel, lon, ~~lon~~ (14)
- T - home, bul, ser, gre, tri, tun, rom, nap, ven, sev, (19) WINS!!!
- mar, spa, vie, bud, par, por, rum

With these moves Dan Stafford wins the game. Congratulations to Dan and the survivors, especially Ed for his tough fighting. I'll print the end game information next issue along with any endgame statements you may want to submit.

1982IL

NOW THINGS WILL GET INTERESTING

FALL 1916

- FRANCE (Ben Schilling): a bur-BEL; a PIE s a rom-ven; a TUN hold; a rom-VEN; f ANK s RUSSIAN a con; f LYO s f tyh; f tus-ROM; f TYH s f tus-rom.
- GERMANY (Eric Diamond): f NTH hold; f NWY hold; f BAR hold; f nwg-NAT; a lva-MOS; a STP s a lva-mos; a UKR s a lva-mos; a WAR s a ukr; a vie-BUD; a sil-GAL; a BOH s a sil-gal; a pru-SIL; a tyo-VIE.
- AUSTRIA (Ichiro Matsumura): a RUM s GERMAN a ukr-sev (nso); a SER s GERMAN a vie-bud; a TRI s GERMAN a tyo-ven (nso); a ALB s a bul-gre; f AEG c a gre-bul; a bul-GRE; a gre-BUL; f ION s f nap; f NAP s f ion.
- RUSSIA (Jake Walters): a CON hold; a SEV s a mos; a mos*s a sev.

The Russian A Mos is annihilated. The supply center chart is below.

- F - home, spa, por, tun, ank, rom, ven, bel (10) build 2
- G - home, hol, den, lpl, lon, edi, nwy, swe, war, stp, (15) build 2
- vie, bud, mos, ~~par~~
- A - tri, ser, gre, bul, rum, nap, ~~par~~, ~~par~~, ~~par~~ (6) remove 3
- R - smy, con, sev, ~~par~~ (3) "build 1"

Note that Russia can't build. Winter orders are due by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so they arrive by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 29. Spring moves will then be due at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16.

- PARIS to BERLIN: I hope that's what you meant
- PARIS to ICHIRO THE PUN: You still there?
- PARIS to WHAT'S LEFT OF RUSSIA: You still there?
- AUSTRIA to GERMANY: Austria is migrating south for the Winter. Hurry up and win.

1983CV

THINGS BOG DOWN...
But It's Still Not Over

WINTER 1908
SPRING 1909

Following Fall moves France removed the dislodged F Bre and retreated F Lpl-Cly. Italy retreated A Pie-Ven. The draw proposals failed.

FRANCE (Eric Kane - Box 2028 Alumni Memorial Residence, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, MD 21218): Removed A Yor; f CLY-nwg.

GERMANY (Terry Richwine - 611 Beechwood St., Emmaus, PA 18049): Built A Kie; a MAR s a gas-spa; a GAS-spa; a BUR s a mar; f ENG-mid; f BRE s f eng-mid; a kie-MUN.

ITALY (Ichiro Matsumura - 476 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139): Even; a ARM-sev; a bul-RUM; a SER s a bul-rum; a BUD s a vie-gal; a VIE-gal; a TRI-vie; a TYO-boh; a VEN-tus; f BLA s a bul-rum; f con-AEG; f LYO-tus; f WES s f spa(sc); f NAT-mid; f SPA(sc) s f naf-mid; f POR s f naf-mid.

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford - 58 W. 9th, Apt. E, Columbus, OH 43201): Built A Sev; f EDI-nwg; f NAT-nwg; f lpl-WAL; a PIE-tus; a SIL s a boh; a BOH s a gal; a UKR s a gal; a GAL s a boh; f rum*bla; a MOS s a sev; a SEV hold.

The Russian F Rum is annihilated. The deadline for Fall moves is 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16. Note Dan's change of address. Please vote on a G/I/R draw with your Fall moves.

ITALY to GERMANY: How about a two way draw then?

1983Z

NEW KAISER MINIMIZES THE DAMAGE

FALL 1911

FRANCE (Eric Diamond): f mid-NAT; f gas-MID; f pic-BEL; a BUR-mun; a TYO s a bur-mun; a mar-PIE; a VEN s a tyo; a PAR-bur; a HOL-kie; f NTH hold; f ENG s f nth; f GRE s f ion; f ION s f gre.

GERMANY (Terry Richwine): f NWY-nth; f DEN-kie; a pru-BER; a BOH-mun; a mos-UKR; a lva-MOS; a WAR s a mos-ukr; a STP s a lva-mos.

AUSTRIA (Pete Sidelinger): a GAL-boh; a VIE-tyo; a ukr*sev; a RUM-sev; a TRI s a vie-tyo.

RUSSIA (Steve Knight): a sev-ARM; f ALB-gre; f AEG s f alb-gre.

Austria's A Ukr is annihilated. The supply center chart is below.

F - home, spa, por, lpl, lon, edi, tun, rom, nap, ven, (15) build 2	
gre, bel, hol	
G - home, den, swe, nwy, stp, mos, war, bel , hol	(9) build 1
A - home, ser, rum	(5) build 1
R - sev, ank, bul, con, smy	(5) "build 2"

Note that Russia can only build 1. Winter and Spring orders are due together at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16. Please vote on a concession to France with your next orders. Mike Cannon has disappeared into the woodwork without a word. Does anyone know what happened to him? Other than Eric's nasty stab, I mean.

1984CD

I/R CONTINUE MOP-UP
New King Jumps Kaiser

WINTER 1903
SPRING 1904

ENGLAND (Doug Baker - 726 Seward, Evanston, IL 60202): Even; f eng-BEL;
a bel-HOL; f NTH s a bel-hol; f nwy-SKA; f nwg-NWY.

FRANCE (Steve Cooley): Even; a PIC-bre; f MID-bre; a MAR-bur.

GERMANY (Greg Doyle - 18 Longmeadow Drive, Canton, MA 02021): Build A Wu
a PAR-bre; a MUN-bur; a bur-GAS; a hol-KIE; f bal-SWE;
f DEN s f bal-swe.

ITALY (Fred Hyatt - 60 Grandview Place, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043):
Build F Nap, a ven-TYO; a tri-SER; a alb-GRB; f gre-AEG;
f ION s f gre-aeg; f nap-TYH.

AUSTRIA (Mark Rowell - 322 Curtner, #C, Palo Alto, CA 94306): Can't
Build; a bul*s TURKISH a con-gre (nso).

RUSSIA (Jim Grosch - 16 Kenmar Drive, Budd Lake, NJ 07828): Build A War;
a vie-BOH; a BUD s ITALIAN a tri-ser; a rum-BUL; f BLA s a rum-
bul; a war-PRU; a SPP hold; f BOT s ENGLISH f nwy-swe (nso).

TURKEY (Terry Suitor - 426 West Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331): Even;
NMR! a CON hold; f ANK hold; f aeg*hold.

The Austrian A Bul is annihilated. The Turkish F Aeg is annihilated because of the NMR. I won't call a standby for Terry because I don't expect him to miss again. Steve Cooley was kind enough to cover this turn for the disappearing Mike Cannon, but he doesn't have the time to keep the position, so I'm asking Ken Gestiehr (P.O. Box 302, El Cajon, CA 92022) to take over France. Fall moves are due at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16. Press follows.

GERMANY to TURKEY: Gee, while you're questioning our writing ability you could bother to write us.

GERMANY to ENGLAND: Mike? You there?

GM to GERMANY: No, he isn't. And I'd like to know where he went.

IT KEEPS THE FIRE BURNING

From Steve Knight:

Hah - I bet you told me my sub ran out just because you know that whenever I send you a sub check I tell you how much I enjoy DOGS. No way! I won't even mention that it's one of my favorite zines, that I think it's ~~underpriced~~ a great deal, that it's a great zine to play in, or that I'll be a subber as long as you're publishing and I'm in the hobby. So there! P.S. Sub check is enclosed; keep up the good work, etc. Stephen looks to be quite the little bruiser!

((Yeah, he's a tough little kid. I hope the exercise involved with running the farm helps him break the Daly family tradition of being a skinny runt until marriage, at which time we get fat and bald. (Sorry, Dad, Gramps, Uncle Jack, Aunt Eileen - oops, reprogram sense of humor - cancel Aunt Eileen.)

((Thanks (blush) for the compliments. It's nice to know you care, and that my humble efforts with this zine do more than just give Dan Stafford a place to win games.

((By the way, your sub is up again.))

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW

I think everybody is aware that you can use conditional orders to make your Winter orders dependent on another player's Fall retreat, or to make your Spring orders dependent on another player's Winter orders, and so on. In other words, conditional orders can be used any time they are based on something that happens in the game before those orders are to be put into effect. That means that conditional orders need not be tied only to another player's moves. For example, take a situation where a standby has been called for a game. You don't know who will be sending in orders for the NMR'd country: the standby or the original player. But you may have had a deal with one and not the other, so it's important that you find out who your ally/opponent is before you make your moves. In this case you can make your orders conditional on who the player is. That's because the players for a season are determined before that season begins.

As with all conditional orders, don't forget the "otherwise" situation. In the case of the standby problem above, you might have one set of orders in case the old player continues the game, and another set of orders in case the standby takes over. But you need an "otherwise" set of orders to cover you if both the standby and the regular player NMR. Without the "otherwise" orders, you could NMR.

DAN STAFFORD'S LATEST INFLUENTIAL PLAYER RANKINGS

According to Dan's IPR system, these are the top ten postal Diplomacy players in North America. Points are given as follows: Win=1.0, 2-way draw=.5, 3-way draw=.3, 4-way draw=.2, 5-way draw=.1, 6-way draw=0.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>IPR</u>	<u># OF WINS AND DRAWS</u>	<u># OF WINS</u>	<u>GAME STARTS IN PAST YEAR</u>
1.	Kathy Byrne	10.4	17	7	7
2.	Dan Stafford	8.1	12	6	2
3.	Dave Carter	7.5	17	2	5
4.	Jack Masters	7.3	10	6	-
5.	Don Ditter	7.1	12	5	1
6.	Randolph Smythe	6.6	8	6	1
7.	Lee Kendter	6.0	10	5	1
8.	Ron Brown USA	5.8	8	5	3
9.	Dick Martin	5.7	11	4	3
10.	Stan Johnson	5.5	8	4	4

PLAYER NOTES

The problem with Friday deadlines is that I have to miss my Saturday morning cartoons. Rats.

Dan Stafford has picked up another win in 82CQ. With that game over, I have room for a new game start. The game probably won't get under way until January. I'm going to wait a month to see how many of you regular players are intersted (there ought to be about five of you) before I search out some new players. The gamefee will be \$3.50 plus a \$3.00 refundable NMR deposit. That's a 50¢ increase over the old three dollar fee, which will help me cover the next postal increase. Don't forget to send a preference list.

That's all for this issue. I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving but like they say on Hill Street - be careful out there. House robbers take advantage of people being away from home for the holiday. A neighbor of ours in NY was hit two years in a row. Everyone on the block was either visiting or entertaining and nobody saw the burglars.

Following Spring moves Turkey retreated F Bla-Con.

ENGLAND (Stan Johnson): f edi-NTH; f lon*s f edi-nth; f LPL hold.

FRANCE (Vince Manna): f mid-NAF; f bre-MID; f IRI-lpl; a bel-BUR;
a MAR-pie; a GAS s a bel-bur.

GERMANY (Jake Walters): f nth-LON; f ENG s f nth-lon; a DEN-swe;
a mun-SIL; a HOL hold.

ITALY (Paul Grosch): f aeg-CON; f GRE s RUSSIAN a ser-bul; a bud-SER;
a TRI s a bud-ser; a PIE hold; f tus-LYO; f tyh-WES.

RUSSIA (Doug Baker): f NWY-swe; f NWG-nwy; a ser-BUL; a gal-BOH;
a RUM s a ser-bul; f sev-ARM; f BLA s ITALAIN f aeg-con.

TURKEY (Steve Cooley): f eas-SMY; f arm-ANK; a bul*s f con;
f con*s a bul.

The English F Lon must retreat to Wal, Yor or oth. The Turkish
A Bul and F Con are annihilated. The supply center chart is below.

E - edi, lpl, lon	(2) remove 1
F - home, spa, por, bel	(6) even
G - home, hol, den, <u>lon</u>	(6) build 1
I - home, tun, tri, <u>vie</u> , gre, <u>ser</u> , <u>con</u>	(9) build 2
R - home, swe, nwy, bud, <u>bul</u> , <u>rum</u>	(9) build 2
T - ank, smy, lon , ser , rum , con	(2) even

The retreat, Winter and Spring moves are due together at 9:00 p.m.
on Sunday, December 16. Press follows.

LONDON: My enemies will achieve my defeat only at the expense of
their own.

TURKEY to GERMANY, FRANCE: Gee, I hope you guys weren't planning on
me saving you.

TURKEY to ENGLAND: Are we having fun or what?

TURKEY to ENGLAND: I'm organizing a tour of Moscow, wanna go?

***I guessed right in all the local, state and Federal elections. So
where's my prize? If politicians were horses, I'd be rich***

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If checked:

— Your sub expires
with this issue.

— Please stand by
in _____.

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Next deadlines: 11/29 & 12/16

New game forming - see p.5

