

FREDONIA

#7

"Winter 1902"

POPE LEO ASSASSINATED!

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY-SERBIA DECLARES WAR ON TURKEY

ROME: A nation mourns today. Not a petty nation bound by territorial lines, not by language, nor by politics or economics. Rather a spiritual nation, embracing half the civilized world, is mourning its leader. Pope Leo XIII is dead.

The soldiers of our nation go into battle today, determined not only to win a victory for their beloved Italia, but also for God. The Church must be avenged! For the Pope died from no physical infirmity -- though his stay on Earth had been long -- but from a gunshot wound inflicted by an oily French assassin named Billaud-Varenne.

Protestations of innocence from the French ministry are of no avail. The assassin, under interrogation in the dread laboratories of the Austrian Minister of Education and Public Information, confessed the complicity of the French in the assassination, although he expired before names could be named. By his action a nation stands convicted; we shall not rest until the Anti-Christ, Loubet himself, has been burned before the Cathedral of Notre Dame!

KRONSTADT (AP): Moldavia and Wallachia are in flames as Turkish mercenaries rape Roumania. The governments of Austria-Hungary-Serbia, Albania, Bulgaria and Greece convened here today to draft an ultimatum demanding the withdrawal of Turkish forces from Roumania and an explanation of the barbarous conduct of her forces. Failure to answer these charges and/or to comply to the demands will be considered an act of war against mankind and appropriate measures will be taken to ensure the elimination of the guilty parties.

MOSCOW (Reuters): Yesterday the leader of the Bolshevik or "Soviet" Russian Republic reviewed from atop the Nevesky Gate the massed troops that the Red revolutionaries sent through the capital on their way eastward towards the dissident "White" or Royalist troops and garrisons.

A neutral estimated that there were more than 120,000 Red troops in the city, most of them destined to stamp out the remaining Royalist areas in the Urals and beyond.

Lenin, Kraskin and Trotsky all proclaimed the invincibility of the New Russian Republic, armed with a Righteous Cause and British Arms. Lenin went on at great length about the fate that would eventually overcome all enemies of the proletariat. He called for a ruthless reduction of all class enemies and feudal overlords and continued and eternal friendship with the English nation in its war against the tyrannies of the world.

There is little doubt that the main bulk of Bolshevik effort will be continued towards the Linevich-Czarist forces at present occupying Poland and Eastern Germany.

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N Nerves

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Rumours have sprung up that the Tsar's family was not completely wiped out by the Bolsheviks and someone, usually the Czarina with one of the children, is in hiding in some Siberian Tsarist stronghold. The Bolsheviks continue to deny such reports and to such seditious elements that spread such rumours, death is usually promised.

HELSINGFORS (AP): The Finnish government today was handed a new ultimatum by the Bolshevik and British forces to either vacate Viiborg immediately or face occupation by the allied powers. A new demand, that of unlimited access for British troops and occupation of the Halgo peninsula by Red troops was added in a special midnight communique.

In the meantime mobilization has been ordered throughout the new republic, but a shortage of arms prevents full placement of the reserves into present and forming units.

If the Finns give in before this new demand, it is expected that the new Baltic republics -- Courland, Estonia and Lithuania -- will similarly knuckle under.

LODZ, POLAND (AP): Count Roman Dmowski proclaimed a new draft in the province, an in-gathering of all available man-power in an attempt to save the newly garnered independence from the threat of British occupation and re-attachment of the nation to the Bolshevik Russia.

Despite immense numbers of deserters and bandits wandering throughout all of Poland, most of them on their way back to Mother Russia, he said that for the first time in months, the number of crimes of violence was down per month in the province of Lodz.

The Count, as with most of the Polish nobility, has invested almost their entire fortune in arming the straggling population of the new nation. Despite the happy flow of ammunition from Germany for the captured German weapons which constitute most of the local arms, the new levies are pitifully ill-equipped and badly trained.

Against them are elite British troops and Bolshevik columns reportedly armed on a standard comparable to that of the Western European armies...a far cry from the old Tsarist armies.

KIEF, UKRAINIA (INS): Cries of Arson raged today throughout the Ukrainian Republic capital despite some proof that the destruction of Our Lady of Kief church was the result of some small accident in the east rectory of the structure.

Turkish troops and Ukrainian militia stood by while enraged mobs took the opportunity to smash a few more Jewish stores and hang a few suspected Tsarist sympathizers. Acting on some unknown scale of how much damage may be caused at any one time, the "Dust Blues" or police promptly broke up the demonstrations and probably a few skulls once they decided enough steam had been let off.

Rumours have reached here that the church fire resulted in a bloody pogrom in Uman and Odessa, and hangings of dozen of Tsarist prisoners by the white-tunicked Ukrainian armed forces in their POW camps.

Count Wyshenko called for peace and order in the capital but made the rioting an excuse for a new levy of able-bodied men to fight with the Turks in the Balkans and against Tsarist forces along the Volga River area. He also promised a mass massacre of Tsarist nobility and officers this spring to celebrate the re-

volt of the battleship Potemkin which is opinioned to have actually sparked the Ukrainian "revolution".

ST. PETERSBURG (AP): The cruiser Olympia returned to dock today showing extensive damage in the upper works and under a heavy cloud of censorship and roping off of the docks area from the public. Despite a long sojourn as rulers of the capital and most of European Russia, it is obvious that Kronstadt fortress still resists the presence and efforts of the Bolsheviks. Though at present out-off no one is under any illusions that the Bolsheviks control the balance of naval power in the Baltic. Which is why so much pressure is being put on the "republics" controlling the mouth of the Gulf of Bothnia. While the Tsarist fleet is unable to defeat the Reds on land, likewise as long as the fleet is fed from German and Swedish bases, the Reds cannot defeat the fleet.

As long as the German High Seas Fleet holds Göteborg and Copenhagen, it is considered doubtful if the balance will change.

WINTER 1902 MOVES

ENGLAND: No Moves Received.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Establishes
A Bud.

FRANCE : Establishes F Mar,
F Bre.

RUSSIA: Removes A Ber.

GERMANY: Establishes A Kie.

TURKEY: Establishes F Smy.

According to the rules, no new English units may be established until Winter 1903. THE DEADLINE FOR SPRING 1903 MOVES IS SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 1964.

To clarify the despatches: the Kronstadt which is the date-line of the Austro-Hungarian bulletin is located in Hungarian Transylvania. It should not be confused with the Russian naval fortress of the same name in the Gulf of Finland.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN A. McCALLUM, Apt. 103, 155 Dorval Ave., Dorval, P. Q., Canada: How many games of postal Diplomacy have been completed? If there have been 10 or 12 or so, wouldn't it be a good idea to start a new game sometime, entry to which would be restricted to winners of a previous game? More would be at stake in such a game than in the others, namely one's reputation as a skillful player, and I think it would prove interesting, not only to the players but to others of us as well. If you take up the idea, please put me down as a subscriber to its bulletin. (Suggested name of bulletin, Valhalla, the never-never land where the greatest joy of the heroes is to battle each other all day, and then to brag of their exploits over the flowing bowl all evening. Not so different from Diplomacy.) ((This is an interesting idea, but thus far only one game of postal Diplomacy has been completed. Four more are now in progress, and a fifth is being organized; see GRAUSTARK #31 for details.))

JAMES WRIGHT, 1605 Thayer, Richland, Wash. 99352: Why not make a Diplomacy game for Middle-Earth? Tolkien's maps show five main different areas: Eriador, Rhovanion, Rhun, Gondor, Mordor. The maps are complete enough to play, it seems. What do you think? Or I was thinking of another variation from Tolkien for three play-

ers: Sorcery Diplomacy, in which players take either Gandalf, Sauron, or Saruman, and their respective abodes (for Gandalf Rivendell would do) and fight it out. Or you could add Radaghost if there weren't enough players.

CORRECTION

By the deadline date for Fall 1902 moves (Saturday 8 August) all players had responded, so after the day's mail delivery FREDONIA #6 was duplicated and mailed. That evening Dick Schultz phoned with a change of orders; "A Sil-War" was substituted for "A Sil S GERMAN A Mun holding". The substitution was allowable, since it came on the deadline date, and the other players were informed.

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RUSSIA: Dick Schultz, 19159 Helen, Detroit, Michigan 48234, U. S. A. Telephone: 313-TW 1-3378. (Gamesmaster of 1964C.)

TURKEY: John A. McCallum, Meteorological Section, Suffield Experimental Station, Ralston, Alberta, Canada. (This change of address takes effect about the middle of September.)

Gamesmaster: John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218, U. S. A. Telephone: 212-HY 9-7686. (Also Gamesmaster of 1964A.)

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BULLETIN #1

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION September 1, 1964

Terrible and false are the accusations and whispered rumors describing the union of Austria and Serbia and the Imperial Government's manner of disposing with the Spring Government. If truth and justice are to be served an explanation of the transpired events is demanded.

When in 1891 the opposition of Stambolov resulted in the collapse of Tricoupis's Balkan alliance against Turkey, Serbia had just cause to fear Bulgarian violation of her sovereignty. In an attempt to forestall such an eventuality, King Milan initiated discussions concerning the 'Balkan' problems with Austria.

These informal talks (the first was held at Semlin on July 7, 1892) intermittently were continued for three years and ended with the signing of the Accord of 1895.

After the forced abdication of Milan in 1899, the government of the boy king, Alexander Obrenovitch, requested that the discussions be renewed. M. Pastitch's communication was unique, in that complete secrecy was the only condition. The delegates convened in Belgrade on the 7th of January, 1900. That evening the Belvedere was electrified by the Serbian proposal, unification.

The time was auspicious. Serbia was threatened from within and without. The Imperial Government beset from the left and right was faced with anarchy. The union presented to Franz Joseph the tool with which Körber could destroy Francis Kossuth and Luegar and Schöner. The coalition of the Imperialists and the Serbo-Croations would neutralize the forces of the Magyar Independence Party and the Socialists and Pan-Germanists. Enlightened government characterized by stability at last would be possible.

But before the peoples of Austria-Hungary-Serbia could enjoy the fruits of the union the revolutionary government of the radical Magyar Magnates would have to be disposed.

Upon being presented with a 'fiat accompli' the Hungarian Diet disintegrated into anarchy. During the first moments after learning of the union the Liberal Party led by Count Tisza and Andrassy attempted to maintain order and control, but Count Apponyi and his National Party joined with the Independence Party of Gabriel Ugron and Francis Kossuth to violently remove the Pro-Compromise elements from the Parliament Buildings.

Tisza, Andrassy and Kalman Szell managed to flee, but Györgyvölzye, betrayed by Victor Istoczy, was not so fortunate. Detained by Ugron, Györgyvölzye refused to co-operate with the rebels and was latter assassinated. So confused were these initial moments that Tisza had reported Györgyvölzye to be one of the leaders of the revolt.

With the radical Independence Party in control of Parliament, Kossuth ramed through a proclamation renouncing the Compromise Act XII of 1867 and proclaiming dissolution of the Empire and the formation of an 'independent' and 'free' Hungary.

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The rebels had called for the mobilization of the Honvéd and had ordered it to march on Budapest, but the regiments, except for the Budapest garrison, never marched. Though forced from the government buildings, the followers of Tisza and Andrássy (by now joined by the twenty-nine Croatian members of the Diet) managed to destroy and/or maintain control of the telegraph and wireless. By this means they effectively prevented the orders of mobilization and maneuver from being conveyed to the various Honvéd commanders and, thereby, localized the revolution.

When the rebels attempted to consolidate their positions fighting commenced. For the remaining hours of the morning of June 9th the two factions exchanged sporadic volleys. Two hours would pass before the Honvéd units of Budapest were to join in the fighting.

The Liberals were fortunate that Tersztyanszky de Nadas, a member of the Liberal Party, commanded the IV Corp. Even so, elements of the 31st and 32nd divisions of infantry declared for the Spring Government.

At 11:45 the rebels and loyalist's regiments clashed

Through the 9th and the early hours of the 10th of June, savage fighting continued with the Liberal forces being pushed from Pesh across the Duna to Buda. By now the populace had joined the fray, and the slaughter was horrible. So bitter had been the assaults and so determined the defense that by evening both parties were exhausted and unable to continue the fighting.

Kossuth and Ugron awaited the dawn and the expected reinforcements. The regiments were not to come. On the morning of the 11th, Conrad von Hotzendorff led the 4th and 49th infantry divisions into Buda while Archduke Ferdinand with the 25th infantry and the 3rd cavalry divisions surrounded Pesh.

General von Hotzendorff wanted an immediate assault with no quarter, but Tisza prevailed and persuaded Ferdinand to demand surrender. Instead of grapeshot and bayonet, the rebels were offered surrender and fair trial. The offer was refused. The Imperial forces began a siege which continued for three days. On January 13th, 1900, the Spring Government capitulated.

Budapest had suffered. Parliament and the Academy were ruins. In the sections bordering the Duna no house or building remained undamaged. Approximately 3200 citizens and soldiers had perished. It will never be possible to determine the exact loss of life for so many were carried down the Duna and/or destroyed by the fires caused by the fighting. The wounded were too numerous to be counted.

All the suffering could be accepted if the corrupting elements which had prevented an understanding between Austrian and Hungarian had been purged. Kossuth and Ugron had managed to flee and escaped capture. But even so, the purge was effected. The Austro-Hungro-Serbian Empire, surviving the turmoil of internal strife, is now better able to pursue its international policy of peace and prosperity for all peoples. For what State is better able to understand and appreciate a diversity of cultures than the Empire?

A sad sidelight to this sordid affair was the untimely and brutal

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death of a brave foreign correspondent, Jack London.

During the siege the Archduke's forces had orders not to return the fire of the rebels. Always caring for the subjects of his king, Ferdinand did not wish to inadvertently injure innocents.

It was during this period of desultory fire fighting by the rebels that Mr. London and his dog were killed. It seems that the fearless man, attempting to observe the rebel barricades, was shot through the brow and died instantly. His dog, apparently grief stricken, charged the entrenchments to tear the life from his master's assassin, only to be struck down by a fusillade of shots. A sad and terrible fate for a brave man and his faithful companion.

HOLY CRUSADE DECLARED

Abdul Hamid has failed to heed the reasonable and just requests of the Balkan League. Rumania remains occupied. Enver Pasha and his barbaric mercenaries have not been punished.

It is with great honor and pride that I, Dr Frued, report that the members of the Balkan League have taken the Cross and joined in Holy Crusade to punish the heathen and free the Holy Land.

All Christians are offered honored places in this Godly undertaking. May Christianity unite to destroy the heathen!

Belgrade (AP): It is believed by reliable sources that the leadership of the just announced Crusade will be offered to Edward VII, King of England. The choice is excellent one as England is famed for the ability of her monarchs.

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"Spring 1903"

6 September 1964

FRANCO-ITALIAN DETENTE

ENGLAND: A Mos-Ukr; A St.P-Mos; F North Sea-Norway.

FRANCE: F Spa-Mid; F Bre-Eng; F Mar-Spa; A Bur-Mar.

GERMANY: A Den-Pru; A Kie-Den; F Swe S A Kie-Den; A Mun holds.

ITALY: F Wes-Tun; F Tyr S F Wes-Tun; F Eas-Aeg; A Tyr-Boh; A Pie-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: No moves received.

RUSSIA: A War-Ukr; F Bal C A Den-Pru.

TURKEY: F Con-Aeg; F Smy S F Con-Aeg; F Bla-Con; A Rum-Ukr; A Sev S A Rum-Ukr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English fleet in the Skagerrak and the French armies in Gascony, Paris, and Holland were not ordered to move and therefore hold their positions.

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PSKOV (Reuters): The following cryptic words were found scrawled on an old destrier just outside Izborsk.

O	At
P	Great
E	Intervals
R	This
A	Appears
T	To
I	Inflame
O	Optic
N	Nerves

"What manner of jester be this fiend Merlin? Why have ye brought me and my good knights to this God forsaken land! A pox on you Merlin!

"Mount and ride men, and leave these strange women alone, there's fair ladies aplenty back in good green Englands where we belong! These deserts seem to go on forever but they'll not daunt us, will they. We'll take a boat from some of these infidels and get back to Englands somehow."

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The deadline for Fall 1903 moves is SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 1964.

England is now being played by ~~Steven V. Cartier~~, c/o Dan Brannan, Apt. 5, 106 S. Edgercott, Los Angeles, Calif. 90005.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN KONING, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509: The YUDC played an interesting game the other night, using a variation suggested by John McCallum. We drew our countries and had preliminary negotiations, then chose the arrangement of pieces we desired to begin with. England took 3 fleets, Germany and Austria 3 armies, Italy 2 fleets and 1 army, etc. It was most interesting. Smythe (Germany) and I (Italy) split the board, 17-17.

FREDONIA

#9

"Fall 1903"

20 September 1964

FRENCH ARMY LANDS IN ENGLAND

ENGLAND: F Nor-Swe; F Ska S F Nor-Swe; A St.P-Liv; A Mos S
TURKISH A Ukr-War.

FRANCE: A Hol-Ruh; A Par-Pic; A Mar-Bur; A Gas-Lon; F Mid & F Eng
C A Gas-Lon.

GERMANY: A Den S F Swe; A Pru-Liv; A Mun holds.

ITALY: No moves received.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Bud-Rum; A Gal S A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum;
A Bul-Con; F Gre S A Bul "in Bul".

RUSSIA: F Bal S GERMAN A Pru-Liv; A War S GERMAN A Pru-Liv.

TURKEY: A Ukr-War; A Sev-Rum; F Con-Bul (S. Coast); F Aeg-Eas;
F Smy S F Aeg-Eas.

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austro-Hungarian move "F Gre S A Bul in Bul" is illegal since the army in Bulgaria was not ordered to hold, but to move into Constantinople. The Russian army in Warsaw is dislodged and must retreat to either Prussia or Silesia. Since no Italian moves were received, the Italian fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean is annihilated.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers.

ENGLAND: Edinburgh, Liverpool, Moscow, Norway, St. Petersburg. (5)

FRANCE: Belgium, Brest, Holland, London, Marseilles, Paris,
Portugal, Spain. (8)

GERMANY: Denmark, Kiel, Munich, Sweden. (4)

ITALY: Naples, Rome, Trieste, Tunis, Venice. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Budapest, Bulgaria, Greece, Rumania, Serbia,
Vienna. (6)

RUSSIA: Berlin. (1)

TURKEY: Ankara, Constantinople, Sevastopol, Smyrna, Warsaw. (5)

England, France, Italy, and Austria-Hungary may each establish one new unit. Russia must remove one unit.

CORRECTIONS

In FREDONIA #6 (Fall 1902) the Russian move F Rum-Bla should be underlined. In FREDONIA #8 (Spring 1903) the name of the new English player was incorrectly crossed out. Steven V. Cartier is now in command of the English forces. In the Fall 1903 play, the French army in Spain and the German fleet in Sweden were not ordered, and therefore hold. New addresses are:

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John A. McCallum's new address, announced in FREDONIA #7, now becomes valid.

THE ALMANACH DE GOTHA

As a basis for their propaganda, many Diplomacy players have been using one of the most venerable reference works in the library - the Almanach de Gotha. This annual cyclopedia of Europe's royal and noble families was first issued in 1763 in the Thuringian town of Gotha, when the end of the Seven Years' War ushered in a new era with a new set of power blocs. The early issues are very rare, and at the beginning of the present century only the editorial offices had a complete file.

By the end of the 18th century, the Almanach de Gotha had roughly attained the form it was to keep for the rest of its existence. Each annual volume is a small red book over a thousand pages in thickness. They were illustrated with portraits of the monarchs of Europe. Both French and German editions exist, although the one you are most likely to find in the nearest large library is in "diplomatic French". Each volume is divided into two parts - one naming the members of the royal and noble houses of Europe, and the other giving diplomatic, official, and military information about the world's powers. The former part is divided in turn into three sections. The first of these sections lists the living members of sovereign houses, and their relationships to one another. (The "sovereign" houses include those which have been deposed since 1815.) The second section lists 56 "mediatized" German families which were deposed by the Treaty of Bratislava. The third section lists other princely and ducal families of Europe; in order to have been listed, such a family had to apply for admission.

Throughout its existence, the Almanach de Gotha has been extremely conservative in outlook. In 1808 it was still listing as sovereign the various German nobilities which had been deposed by Napoleon I. Furthermore, it listed the founders of these houses from several centuries back. Napoleon, who had founded his own house four years previously, was naturally aggravated by this, and during the remainder of his reign he took action to ensure that the publication conformed to his own views. However, in 1815 the former editorial policy was resumed.

Only European countries were at first listed in the Diplomatic Annual which makes up the latter half of the Almanach de Gotha. It was not until 1824 that the editors took cognizance of the United States of America. And the Mikado of Japan and other Asian monarchs were not admitted to the listing of sovereign houses until 1922.

During the First World War, the Almanach de Gotha briefly faced competition. French nationalists, bothered by the German origin of the volume, set up in Paris the Almanach de Bruxelles. This volume, whose name was a slap at the German occupation of Belgium, did not outlast the war.

The collapse of many European monarchies at the end of the war did not perturb the Almanach de Gotha in the least. The publishers, Justus Perthes, doggedly continued to list the survivors, although many names had to be followed by "Abdiqué" or "Renonce a ses droits a la couronne" or even "Fusilé par les Bolcheviques". Addresses listed in the volume ceased to be the ancestral castles and became instead Portuguese villas or American apartments.

Finally, like all other German institutions, the Almanach de Gotha fell under Nazi domination. The frontispiece of the 1941 edition shows one of the lesser Hohenzollerns in Nazi uniform. The 1942 edition lists the last new royal dynasty - a cadet branch of Savoy which the Axis Powers set up in Croatia. Finally, the fatal

blow fell, and like many other super-annuated institutions, the Almanach was swept away in the debris. A new world with no use for hereditary distinctions marched into Gotha with the armies of the Soviet Union, and the Almanach de Gotha was no more.

Both sections of the Almanach can be helpful in making up your Diplomacy press releases. From the first part you can find who was ruling your country and its neighbors in 1901, and who are their heirs. For example, in 1964C, as England, I have decreed the deposition of the King of Sweden as King of Norway, and have replaced him with a suitably chosen member of the British royal family. With my French ally I made note of the death of Pope Leo XIII in 1903, and have elected as his successor a suitably pliable French cardinal. (For this purpose the list of cardinals in part two of the Almanach was most helpful.) Other players have done such things as restoring the French monarchy or slightly democratizing the Russian Empire. The second part of the Almanach lists the ministers in control of the various powers, and names their major military forces and their commanders. These can also be useful in setting up the chain of command and giving verisimilitude to press releases.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

STEVE CARTIER, c/o Brannan, Apt. #5, 106 S. Edgemont, Los Angeles, Calif. 90005: It may be very tempting to publish game 2½ of last year's LASFS games (Tuppence Ha-Penny) ((see GRAUSTARKs #21 and #26)) because it's the only LASFS game that I won and nothing was ever published after the first issue. LASFS games are always odd for one reason or another. For that reason they may not be very interesting... In game two ((WitDip)) I played Austria-Hungary and allied with France and Italy. I figured France versus England, Italy versus Germany, and me against Russia and Turkey was a fair and equal conflict. I pulled my first and last doublecross by offering to support both Russia and Turkey into Rumania and supporting myself in instead. On the same move I had to persuade both Italy and Russia to stand each other off in Vienna so Austria-Hungary went to six units in Fall 1901...

I was out of it soon and then the game ended because the players left in the game all suffered from paranoia and few of them could write a move until they saw everyone else's. The game is not for cowards. I won game 2½ (I built Russia up to 8 units and everyone else resigned). In the third game everyone jumped me right away and then it ended for similar reasons as game 2.

((You might try playing across-the-board Diplomacy with a Gamesmaster. This keeps arguments down to a minimum. Each player writes out his moves and hands them to the Gamesmaster, who reads out the possible moves just as he would in a postal game. We tried that at a party here on 5 September, for a six-handed game. It ended in the Fall of 1910 with Earl Evers, as France, triumphing over opposition which consisted principally of an Anglo-German alliance between Carl Frederick and Barry Greene.))

Change of Address: James MacKenzie, 362 Randolph, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

VIENNA (UPI): The Royal Family and multitudes of the Empire have completed a period of fasting and special worship in preparation for the coming struggle. During last Spring the material affairs of man and his creations were laid aside as this great nation communed with God. Spiritual preparation for the Crusade having been completed, the Empire again takes up its responsibilities for protecting Christian Europe from the Moslem. Surely, the righteousness of their cause will give the peoples of the Empire the strength to successfully complete the ordained task. If God wills it, the Anti-Christ will be overcome and the Holy Sepulcher will be freed from the infidel.

BEOGRAD (AP): In Serbia a great reformation is sweeping the provinces. The Up-Lift Society of the Serbian Orthodox Church reports that in excess of 100,000 Moslem Serbians have received baptism. The baptismal rites must be extremely arduous. The Up-Lift Society's report stated that 15,000 souls departed to their maker as they received the rites.

SOFIA (AP): As if by command of the Lord the Turkish forces did not molest Bulgaria. This country lay open to invasion. The Bulgarians had laid down their arms and ignored the material needs of existence as they prepared their souls for God's task.

Another sign of the Divine Will was the wandering of the army of Envar Pasha into the wastes of the Ukraine. So disorganized is the deployment of the infidel's armies that Rumania was freed with little loss of Christian life.

GENEVA (AFP): The second of a strange series of British despatches arrived here today. It began "In which it is told of how King Arthur must suffer many trials and tribulations and how he is sorely betrayed for he cannot keep the Gascon hordes out of Londinium and how he must support a heathen army into a Christian city and how his attacks are futile and how Merlin warned him of the Italian move into Silesia".

"The end of the fight is a tombstone white with the name of the late deceased,

And the epitaph dreads: 'A Fool lies here who tried to hustle the East.'"

"We know the war prepared on every peaceful home,
We know the hells declared for such as serve not Rome-
The terror, threats, and dread in market, hearth, and field-
We know, when all is said, we perish if we yield."

- Kipling

"A wise gamester ought to take the dice
Even as they fall, and pay down quietly
Rather than grumble at his luck."

- Sophocles

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NEW GOVERNMENT TAKES CONTROL IN ITALY

After making a move for Winter 1903, John Koning resigned Italy to another player: James Thomas, 1133 S. R. 44, RD 1, Atwater, Ohio. Mr. Thomas will begin plan with "Spring 1904".

The correct address of John W. Smythe Jr. (Austria-Hungary) is 621 East Prospect, Girard, Ohio.

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After the fighting in Fall 1903, the Russian army in Warsaw was dislodged. It retreated into Silesia where, for lack of a supply center, it ceased to exist. Winter 1903 moves are:

ENGLAND: Establishes A Liverpool.

FRANCE: Establishes F Brest.

ITALY: Establishes A VENICE.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Establishes A Budapest.

RUSSIA: Removes A Silesia.

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In "Spring 1903" the French army in Portugal received no orders, and consequently was assumed to have maintained its position. The Gamesmaster recorded this as "A Por", but transcribed it incorrectly as "A Par". The order "A Par-Pic" in "Fall 1903" is therefore incorrect. This is the correct present disposition of French forces: F Mid, F Eng, F Spa (south coast), A Bur, A Lon, A Por, A Ruh, F Bre.

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REVISION: James Thomas, now playing Italy, orders that the new Italian unit be an army in Venice rather than a fleet in Naples. This information was received just prior to publication, and replaces the new unit assignment given above.

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VATICAN CITY (30 November 1903): Three puffs of white smoke drifted skyward just after dawn this morning. This simple sign, centuries old, renewed the faith of the people of Rome and of Christians throughout the world. A new Pope has been elected! Cardinal Gian Carlo Menotti, age thirty-seven, a simple Italian peasant from Apulia will reign as Pontiff under the name of Gian I. After blessing the populace gathered in the square, His Holiness made, as his first official act, a proclamation excommunicating Emile Loubet of France.

The Pope closed his remarks with the wish that the Faithful of France will be granted liberation from this cruel and evil despot.

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CAMELOT: King Arthur who has returned to England in her hour of trial has thrown the former British Royalty out. King James I was a pretender so none of his descendants have any claim to the throne of England. King Arthur has ruled that the church of England is now that same church of Mohammed the Prophet. Any person who objects to this may have himself shriven and approach King Arthur or one of his goodly Knights with drawn sword to discuss the matter in true English fashion.

THE DEADLINE FOR SPRING 1904 MOVES IS TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 1964.