

FROBOZZ

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Welcome. This is the final issue of *Frobozz*. For 1985, that is. May the coming year bring the best to all of you. Happy hoildays!

We now have five players signed up for the new game: Petersen, Geryk, Holley, Early, and Springer.

As for WWIIb, no one else has volunteered to standby. This does not leave me in a particularly comfortable position. However, since this is a variant game, I see no reason not to allow former players of this game to take on another position, unless one of the current players objects. How about it, Lee? Jim? Anyone else?? May I add you to the standby pool?

While there seems to be waning interest in WWIIb, at least one of the newer players appears to be rather enthusiastic about it and has asked me to open another section of it. Frankly, my interest in GMing WWIIb has done its own share of waning; I do not plan to open any more such games. Paul Rauterberg runs WWIIb in his zine, *Midlife Crisis*. I don't know if he's planning to start any more games, but it can't hurt to ask him. Paul also has game openings in regular Dip, a fact I overlooked last issue. Write to Paul at his new address: 4158 Monona Drive, Madison, WI 53716.

Standby pool for regular Dip: Harris, Kay, Jensen, Howard Christie, Plummer, Peters, Holley, Fleming, Henry, Townsend.

1985V

The Ruby Yacht

Winter, 1904

Aus: Removes A tyo. Ger: Removes A gas.

Rus: Builds F STP(NC), A WAR. Tur: Builds F CON, F SMY, A ANK.

Spring, 1905

AUSTRIA (Dale Bakken, 1814 Cameron Drive #3, Madison, WI 53711) A ber-KIE.

ENGLAND (Paul Milewski, Box 256, Batavia, OH 45103) F eng-MID, F POR S F eng-MID, A lvp-YOR.

FRANCE (Mark Frueh, 4729 Morganford #6, St. Louis, MO 63116) A bre-GAS, F mid-BRE, F PIC S F mid-BRE.

GERMANY (Fred Townsend, 1715 N. Mohawk, Chicago, IL 60614) A bur-MUN, A PAR H, F bel-HOL, A yor-LON, F nth-den(d,r eng,bel,hel,sk,otb), F den-BAL.

ITALY (Jensen?) NMR. F TYN H, F ROM H, A MAR H.

RUSSIA (Howard Christie, P.O. Box 115, Millville, PA 17846) A BUD S F RUM, A vie-TYO, A gal-BOH, A war-PRU, A SIL S A war-PRU, A SWE-den, F RUM H, F stp(nc)-NWY, F edi-NTH, F NWG S F edi-NTH.

TURKEY (Stan Plummer, HHC — FMMC, LSU/MFO, Sinai, APO, NY 09677) F ion-TUN, F ven-APU, F tri-ADR, F con-AEG, F smy-EAS, A ser-TRI, A bul-SER, A ank-CON.

Deadline for Fall, 1905 is 9PM EST Friday, January 10, 1986. Will Mark Harris, 2813 Naples, Garland, TX 75040 please standby for Italy. An R-T draw is proposed.

PRESS — Austria-Hungary to Turkey: Any opinion on how long I can remain in exile in Germany?

England to Europe: Once again the German failed to take Brest, even though I cut all possible French support! Now that the Russian has noticed the naked German home centers, will Germany scramble to defend itself? Which unit will he remove? Tune in for Spring, 1905. Watch it with a friend. .

Dale to world: New Year's Eve party in Madison! Contact any Madlad for details.

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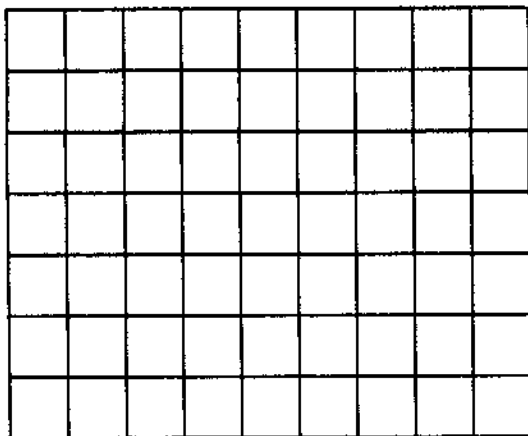
Puzzle Challenge

Here is last month's solution:

"No one in Austria...thought that...Franz Josef would have called his people to war unless from direct necessity.... We had taken up arms in self-defense against a villainous and a crafty enemy who had attacked peaceful Austria and Germany without the slightest provocation." — S(tephen) Zweig, *The World of Yesterday*.

Chuff Afflerbach, who composed this puzzle, thanks Gary Coughlan for publishing this quote as part of his ongoing series in *Europa Express* featuring World War I dates and quotes. And my thanks go to Chuff for allowing me to use his puzzle here.

This month's puzzles:



Word list:

AFTER
BEECH
ETHER
GUEST
LAPEL
LATER
RATIO
REBEL
ROGUE
SLEEP
STONE
UNCLE
UNTIL

Fill in some of the boxes in the diagram, one letter per box. This must be done such that every letter combination of more than one letter, both horizontal and vertical, forms one of the five-letter words in the word list. It is possible to fit all thirteen words in the diagram.

♠ 7 4 2

♥ 10 9

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ Q 6 4 2

Dealer South

East-West vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

♠ A K Q J 3

♥ 6

♦ K 7 2

♣ K J 10 9

West wins the first trick with the king of hearts and continues with the ace. This seems to be a fairly straightforward hand—simply draw trump and knock out the club ace. You lose only a heart, a diamond, and a club. There is a hidden danger, however. What is the danger, and how do you play to give yourself the best chance to take ten tricks? Deadline for answers to both puzzles is January 10, 1986.

Puzzle Champions

Last month's puzzle was solved by Melinda Holley, Steve Langley, Jim Lawniczak, Pete Kurucz, Len Kay, Joel Peacher, and Chuff Afflerbach. They all earn 100 points. The current standings:

1. Jim Lawniczak - 809 points
2. Chuff Afflerbach - 749 points
3. Len Kay - 678 points
4. Steve Langley - 474 points
5. Joel Peacher - 300 points

6. Bruce Linsey - 277 points
7. Pete Kurucz - 267 points
8. Pat Jensen - 225 points
9. Lu Henry - 172 points
10. Jack Brawner - 130 points

Who will be Puzzle Champion for 1985? We'll know next month.

1984CB

Arrakis

Endgame statement

Keaton Sheffield (Italy): Certainly my high point was the stab that took Jurgeleit out of the game. After that, I stupidly bungled my attack on Brawner and ended any real chance of getting anywhere. The rest of the game I spent stonewalling Brawner and generally trying to be a thorn in his side.

Throughout the game, I had terrible trouble in coordinating anything with my various "allies". I don't know if it was my fault in communication or just general paranoia.

Brawner played an excellent game and I think he should have gone for the win. But then, I wasn't in his shoes.

My thanks to Jeff for being a patient GM in explaining things to me when I made my amateurish procedural mistakes. I'm satisfied with just surviving my first game of postal Diplomacy.

1985CX

Isengard

Fall, 1901

AUSTRIA (*Langley*) F alb-GRE, A SER S F alb-GRE, A tri-VIE.ENGLAND (*Hugh Christie*) F eng-BEL, F NTH C A yor-NWY, A yor-NWY.FRANCE (*Kay*) F mid-POR, A SPA H, A PIC S English F eng-BEL.GERMANY (*Ross*) F den-SWE, A RUH-mun, A kie-HOL.ITALY (*Springer*) A TYO-mun, A apu-VEN, F ion-TUN.RUSSIA (*Kurucz*) F bot-BAL, A ukr-RUM, A sev-ARM, F BLA S A sev-ARM.TURKEY (*Bakken*) A BUL S Austrian A SER-rum(nso), F CON-ank, A arm-ank(d,r smy,syr,otb).

Deadline for Winter, 1901 is 9PM EST Friday, January 10, 1986.

1985CX supply center chart - 1901

AUSTRIA	vie,tri,bud,SER,GRE.....	5, +2
ENGLAND	lon,lvp,edi,NWY,BEL.....	5, +2
FRANCE	par,bre,mar,SPA,POR.....	5, +2
GERMANY	ber,kie,mun,HOL,SWE.....	5, +2
ITALY	rom,ven,nap,TUN.....	4, +1
RUSSIA	stp,mos,war,sev,RUM.....	5, +1
TURKEY	con,ank,smy,BUL.....	4, +1

PRESS — Vienna, October 22, 1901: Today the Austrian High Command ordered the First Army to return to Vienna for further map reading classes. Field Marshal Konstantin Kurapov was heard to say that the invasion of Trieste had been a textbook example and he didn't see why the High Command had to be so picky.

Moscow to Ankara: Hey, nyet problem with your A Armenia. We know that all you want to do is keep those dastardly Persians from crossing the border and entering this game.

Turkey: Yumping yiminy! What's a poor mensch to do? Will the search for the fabled Noah's Ark lead him to the same fate as the Ruby Yacht? Stay tuned for more Amazing Stories after a word from our sponsor.

Berlin to Rome: I smell garlic in the Alps. That smell better disappear by next turn. If Munich had ordered pizza delivered, it would have gone to Domino's.

Ice Cutter Minsk to German Fleet: Understand you don't believe Sweden should be one of the sovereign allies of Russia. That's too badsky.

England: The crew wanted to grab Brest, but the captain had promised his wife some Belgian lace and some Belgian breast for himself!

1984CC

Silverball

Winter, 1909

Eng: Builds A LVP. Fra: F nth r otb; builds A PAR, A MAR.

Ita: Removes F wes. Tur: A ven r APU; builds F SMY.

Spring, 1910

ENGLAND (*Peachner*) A EDI S A LVP, A LVP S A EDI.FRANCE (*Petersen*) A MAR-pie, A PAR S A BUR, A BUR S A BEL, A BEL H, F PIC S A BEL, F iri-ENG, F CLY-lvp.ITALY (*Rauterberg*) F NAP S F VEN-apu, F VEN-apu, A ROM S F NAP.RUSSIA (*Baker*) A rum-GAL, A VIE-tyo, A gal-SIL, A TYO-mun, A PIE-mar, F DEN-nth, F NTH-bel, F nwy-NWG, F nat-MID, A HOL S F NTH-bel, A MUN-bur, A RUH S A MUN-bur, F BLA H(U).TURKEY (*Harris*) A TUN H, F TYN-rom, F ION-nap, A APU S F ION-nap, F gre-ALB, F AEG-ion, A CON H, F smy-EAS, A TRI S Russian A TYO-ven(nso).

Deadline for Fall, 1910 is 9PM EST Friday, January 10, 1986.

COA: Paul Rauterberg, 4158 Monona Drive, Madison, WI 53716.

1984AU

Ragnarok

Winter, 1909

Aus: Builds A BUD, F TRI. Eng: Builds F LON. Tur: Builds F SMY.

Spring, 1910

AUSTRIA (Early) A ser-RUM, A BUL S A ser-RUM, A bud-GAL, A TYO-mun, A BOH S A TYO-mun, A SIL S A TYO-mun, F tri-ADR, F GRE-ion, A nap-ROM.

ENGLAND (Ross) A SEV-arm, A UKR S A WAR, F aeg-EAS, F TYN-ion, F WES-tyu, F spa(sc)-LYO, F bre-PIC, A MAR-bur, A WAR S A UKR, A yor-LON, F lon-ENG, F eng-NTH, F nth-HEL, F DEN S F nth-HEL, F BAL S F DEN.

GERMANY (Petersen) A BER S A MUN, A KIE S A MUN, A BUR S A MUN, A MUN H, A bel-RUH, A pic-PAR, F HOL-hel.

TURKEY (Rauterberg) F SMY S A CON, A CON H, A ARM-sev.

Deadline for Fall, 1910 is 9PM EST Friday, January 10, 1986. The proposals were defeated. An A-E draw is now proposed. The supply center chart printed last issue is correct. The Germans still control Vienna, for they were the last to occupy it after a Fall turn. A unit which passes through a supply center in Spring and leaves in Fall does not gain control of that center.

COA: Paul Rauterberg, 4158 Monona Drive, Madison, WI 53716.

PRESS — Austria to England: Don't get nervous. I'm just adopting a defensive posture to insure that this game ends in a draw, not an English win. You promised me a draw!

London to Constantinople: Abandon all hope! The Austrian-British alliance demands surrender!

Austria to all who are tired of this game: Vote "yes" for the A-E draw.

London to all present and past Ragnarok participants: Her Britanic Majesty wishes to convey to the world joyous tidings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. England looks forward to the promise of peace in the New Year under benevolent Austrian-British rule.

1985AC

Saint Cleve

Winter, 1902

Aus: Builds A TRI, A BUD. Fra: Builds F BRE, F MAR. Ger: Builds F KIE, A BER.

Ita: A ven r ROM; removes A pie. Tur: Removes F smy.

Spring, 1903

AUSTRIA (Peacher) A tri-APU, A VEN S A tri-APU, F ADR C A tri-APU, F ION S A tri-APU, A BUD-rum, A BUL S A BUD-rum, A GRE S A BUL.

ENGLAND (Harris) F ska-NWY, F NTH S F ska-NWY, A YOR H(U).

FRANCE (Peters) F bre-ENG, A pic-BUR, A bur-MAR, F mar-LYO, A por-SPA, F TUN S Italian F NAP-ion(nso).

GERMANY (Chen) F SWE S English F ska-NWY, F kie-DEN, F HEL S F kie-DEN, A ber-MUN, A SIL S A ber-MUN, A BEL H, A RUH S A BEL.

ITALY (Holley) A ROM S F NAP, F NAP S A ROM.

RUSSIA (Geryk) F bar-NWG, F nwy S F bar-NWG(d,r bar,otb), A STP S F nwy, A ARM-bul, F BLA C A ARM-bul, F RUM S A ARM-bul.

TURKEY (Kendler) A ANK H, A CON S Russian A ARM-bul, F AEG S A CON.

Deadline for Fall, 1903 is 9PM EST Friday, January 10, 1986.

Temporary COA: Bruce Geryk, 2751 Woodbine Drive, Pontiac, MI 48054; effective until January 5. After that, he will be back at his school address, but in a different room: 408 Bishop House.

PRESS — France to Italy: Thanks, Melinda, both for telling the truth, and for any hand you might have had in changing Matt's mind.

Italy to France: What's the matter? You never heard of originality?

England to Germany: Yes.

Paris to Czar's Tailor: Perhaps you have no rear pockets, but you certainly have a hole in your pants, for Germany has surely "split the seams" very nicely!

Australia: F cuba r GULF OF MEXICO. Canada: Builds A ONTARIO.
 USSR: Builds A SIBERIA. WAF: Builds A MALI, A NIGERIA, F GUINEA.

Spring, 2004

AUSTRALIA (*Rusnak*) A manchuria-HONAN, A kamchatka-MANCHURIA, A ASSAM-burma, A THAILAND-burma, A BANGLADESH-pradesh, A NEPAL S A BANGLADESH-pradesh, F GULF OF SIAM S F SUMATRA, F SUMATRA S F java sea-TIMOR SEA, F java sea-TIMOR SEA, F timor sea-WESTERN AUSTRALIA, F GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT-south indian, F ne pacific-CENTRAL PACIFIC, F honduras(wc)-MEXICO(WC), F GULF OF CALIFORNIA S F honduras(wc)-MEXICO(WC), F GULF OF PANAMA-caribbean sea, F GULF OF MEXICO S F GULF OF PANAMA-caribbean sea, F EAST PACIFIC-gulf of panama, F south pacific-DRAKE PASSAGE.

BRAZIL (*Rauterberg*) A LA PAMPA H, A VENEZUELA H, A mato grosso-BOLIVIA, A INCA S A ECUADOR, A ECUADOR S A INCA, A COLOMBIA S A haiti-PANAMA, F mouth of the amazon-BERMUDA TRIANGLE, F CARIBBEAN SEA C A haiti-PANAMA, A haiti-PANAMA, F CUBA S F CARIBBEAN SEA, A mexico-texas(d,a), A TEXAS-ohio valley, A DIXIE S A TEXAS-ohio valley, F NEW ENGLAND-nw atlantic, F greenland sea-UNITED KINGDOM, F north atlantic-BAY OF BISCAY, F LIBYA H, A BAHIA H.

CANADA (*Petersen*) A ontario-DAKOTA, A CALIFORNIA-mexico, F NW ATLANTIC-dixie, A OHIO VALLEY S F NW ATLANTIC-dixie, F LABRADOR SEA-nw atlantic, F greenland-GREENLAND SEA, F red sea-SAUDI ARABIA(WC), A OREGON-texas, A QUEBEC-new england, F ICELAND S F LABRADOR-nw atlantic.

UofSA (*Springer*) F italy-ADRIATIC SEA, F rumania-GREECE, A CHILE-la pampa, F santa cruz-RIO NEGRO, F drake passage-FALKLAND SOUND, F SOUTH INDIAN-sw atlantic, F se atlantic-GABON, F transvaal-SE ATLANTIC, F west indian-ARABIAN SEA, F mozambique channel-WEST INDIAN, A MAHARASHTRA-persian gulf(imp), A MADRAS-maharashtra, F PRADESH S F BAY OF BENGAL, F EAST INDIAN S F PRADESH, F BAY OF BENGAL S F PRADESH, A tibet-KASHMIR.

USSR (*Peters*) A YAMAL NENETS-kazak, A KAZAK-georgia, A kashmir-PAKISTAN, A siberia-SINKIANG, A szechwan-TIBET, A TSINGHAI S A szechwan-TIBET.

WARSAW PACT (*Jensen?*) NMR. A austria h(d, r italy, otb), A CZECHOSLOVAKIA H, A RUSSIA H, F BALTIC SEA H, F NORWAY H.

WAF (*Peacher*) A mali-ALGERIA, A nigeria-NIGER, F central atlantic-MID ATLANTIC, F guinea-CENTRAL ATLANTIC, F SW ATLANTIC S F guinea-CENTRAL ATLANTIC, A CORDOBA H, F GULF OF GUINEA S F guinea-CENTRAL ATLANTIC, F mid atlantic-PORTUGAL, F SPAIN(SC) S F mid atlantic-PORTUGAL, F FRANCE(SC) S F WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN, F WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN S F central atlantic-MID ATLANTIC, F EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN H, A GEORGIA S Warsaw Pact A RUSSIA, A west germany-AUSTRIA, A HUNGARY S A west germany-AUSTRIA, A YUGOSLAVIA S A west germany-AUSTRIA.

Deadline for Fall, 2004 is 9PM EST Friday, January 10, 1986. The proposed draw was defeated. The following draws are proposed: 7-way, A-B-UofSA-WAF, UofSA-WAF, A-UofSA, B-UofSA, B-UofSA-WAF, A-UofSA-WAF, A-B-C-UofSA-USSR-WAF, and a concession to UofSA. No standby will be called for Warsaw Pact.

COA: Paul Rauterberg, 4158 Monona Drive, Madison, WI 53716.

PRESS — UofSA to WAF: Rumania is yours for Greece. Don't attack me, and I won't attack you. Write me!

UofSA to Australia: I did as you suggested, basically. Hope you don't attack me. Write me!

Marc to Russ: A bet that ended well for you, indeed. And if K.C. was the best team in baseball, I'm the Czar of Russia.

UofSA to Russia: You're a nuisance. I hope me and Australia cooperate to sweep you from the board!

UofSA to Warsaw Pact: Bye bye...

The Cat

There was a man who had a pussycat that he greatly loved. When he went away to Europe, he left the cat with his brother and mother. While in Europe he called his brother and asked, "Michael, how is my pussycat?"

His brother replied, "Your cat is dead."

Broken-hearted, the man said, "How could you be so cruel? You know how I loved that cat. You could have said, 'Your pussycat is up on the roof, and we can't get her down.' Then in a few days you could have called me and said, 'Your cat is off the roof, but it has broken a small bone and is in the hospital.' Then a few days later when I was better prepared you could have called and said, 'Your cat has passed away in her sleep; she felt no pain.'"

"You're right," replied the saddened man's brother, "and I am sorry."

A week later the man once again called his brother from Europe. "Michael, how is Mother?" he asked.

"Well," Michael responded, "she is up on the roof, and we can't get her down."

_____ Your sub has expired. Please renew.

_____ Please standby in 1985V.

☒ Have a Merry Christmas!

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