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"Spring 1909"

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TURKISH HORDES POUR WESTWARD

The following Turkish moves were, by an oversight, not printed among the "Fall 1908" moves in GRAUSTARK #108: A Bul-Ser; F Con-Aeg; F Gro holds.

ENGLAND (Peck): A Liv-Mos; A St.P S A Liv-Mos; A Lon-Wal; F Bal-Den; F Liv-Iri; F Mid & F Tan S F Wes; F Wes S F Tun; A War S A Liv-Mos.

FRANCE (Brannan): A Gal-Ukr; A Tyr-Vio; A Ber-Sil; A Pru S A Ber-Sil; A Ruh-Mun; A Kie S A Ruh-Mun; A Bel-Bur; A Bro-Pic; A Spa-Mar.

ITALY (Koning): F Tyr-Lyo; A Ven-Tri; A Rom-Ven; A Pic-Tyr; A Mun S A Pic-Tyr; A Vie S A Pic-Tyr.

RUSSIA (D. Smith): No moves received. A Mos dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (Wells): A Ser-Tri; A Bud S A Ser-Tri; A Ukr holds; A Rum & A Sev S A Ukr; F Ion-Nap; F Gre-Alb; F Aeg-Ion; F Sny-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian army in Munich and the French army in Tyrolia are both dislodged. The only province open to either is Bohemia. Since neither may retreat there, both are annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 1966.

LINE, AUSTRIA (30 April 1909): Today several thousand curiously clad "tourists" with Russian accents passed through town on foot, asking directions to Liechtenstein. These men were clad in lederhosen and claimed to be Germans, but it is believed that they are the remnants of the Third Army of the Russian Technocratic Republic. Although the army was disbanded in Silesia following a defeat in Poland, the men are apparently intent on following General Count Obloff's origi-

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AUSTRO-TURKISH ATTACK SWAMPS ITALY

ENGLAND (Koning): A Liv-Pru; A War S A Liv-Pru; A Mos S A War; F Sued-Norway; F Edi-North Sea; F Norwegian Sea & F Lon S F Edi-North Sea; F North Atlantic-Iri.

FRANCE (Whalen): F Por-Spa(n. c.); A Mar S F Por-Spa(n. c.).

GERMANY (J. Smythe): A Bur-Mar; A Gas S A Bur-Mar; A Bro-Pic; F Eng-Mid; A Mun-Kie; F North Sea-Norway; A Boh-Tyr; A Ber-Sil.

ITALY (Berman): F Tan-Tyr; F Nap-Tyr; A Rom-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (K. Pattee): A Ven S TURKISH F Tyr-Rom; F Adr-Apu; A Tri-Tyr; A Gal-Boh; A Vie S A Gal-Boh.

TURKEY (Kuch): F Tyr-Rom; F Ion-Nap; F Org-Ion; A Con-Sny; F Bla-Con; A Sev & A Run hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The following retreats take place:

FRANCE: A Mar-Pic.

GERMANY: A Boh-Mun; F North Sea must retreat to Bel, Hol, Hol, Den, Ska, or Yor. The direction of this German retreat must be submitted with the "Fall 1910" moves. Other players may make their "Fall" moves contingent upon the direction of this retreat.

ITALY: A Rom-Tus.

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CONSTANTINOPLE: In 1900, this message was sent to the King of Italy: "If you do not ally with me, you will see turbaned janissaries on the streets of Rome." He didn't ally.

LONDON (TWE): The second decade of the war opens on a grim note, with England at war with her powerful former ally Germany. Much speculation at home and abroad

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1966B

FRENCH RETAKE BELGIUM AS GERMAN FORCES MOVE EAST

ENGLAND (Davidson): No moves received. , , A St.P, F Ave, F North Sea, F Lyo, F Wes, and F Eng hold.

FRANCE (Dygart): A Ruh-Bel; A Pic S A Ruh-Bel; A Bre not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (Swenson): A Ber-Pru; A Liv S A Per-Fru; F Bal S A Liv; A Mun-Sil; A Bel-Ruh; A Kie-Ber; A Par holds.

ITALY (Ward): A Mar S ENGLISH F Wes-Spa; A Tyr holds; A Ven-Apu; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gline): A Vic-Cal; A Ser-Bul; A Tri-Bud; F Alb-Gre.

TURKEY (Pournelle): F Gre-Ion; F Eas S F Gre-Ion; F Adr-Apu; A Smy-Arn; A Mos S A War; A Ukr & A War S A Mos; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Belgium must retreat to either Burgundy or Holland. This move should be submitted with the "Fall 1905" moves, which may be made conditional on the direction of the retreat. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 1966.

Players in 1966B are particularly asked to pay attention to the deadline dates of moves. Deadlines are strictly observed in GRAUSTARK. Your move should be sent in by regular first-class surface or air mail, as this passes through fewer hands en route to me, and is less likely to be garbled in transmission. The necessity for prompt mailing of moves is particularly important at this time of year, owing to the heavy use of the mails at election time and Christmas.

TRIESTE: The Army upon arriving here from Budapest had to be given free beer and kept drunk in order to prevent them from continuing their march against the Turkish fleet currently in the Adriatic. Some casualties were suffered in the unopposed march when the soldiers, upon hearing the Turks had occupied Greece, grabbed hacksaws and swam to the Turkish fleet. Their motions are understandable as they vacated Budapest in anticipation of the first Austrian gains since Fall 1901. This was especially disheartening as the Turks promised specifically before this move that they would not occupy Greece. This betrayal coupled with a dispatch just received demanding the vacation of Serbia and Budapest has put our forces in such a rage they can no longer be restrained.

ROME: Fiorello la Guardia today corrected some misconceptions about the supposed damage to Trieste by Austrian forces. "Actually it turns out that the damage was done by pledges of Iota Chi fraternity ((sic)) as the College of the Adriatic. The early evacuation of the city by the Italians was to protect Venice from a similar fate."

ROME: The Senate and People of Rome elected Roberto Reali as Tribune to replace Romulus Reagani who has emigrated to California. The new Tribune's first act was to declare war on Turkey and announce a mutual assistance pact with Austria. "There is no doubt that Turkey could conquer at will either us or Austria. Only by mutual effort, with hopefully some help from the occupation force in Russia, can we endure. Citizens, to the front!"

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concerns the attitude of the Austro-Hungarian-Turkish alliance towards this nation, since the English front in Russia faces the Turkish lines there. Prime Minister Koning expressed his hope that the Turks and the Austrians would seek their separate destinies in the Mediterranean and in southern Germany, while leaving our valiant nation free to rid the world of the arrogant Germans. What course England would pursue

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NOW IT'S ITALY'S TURN IN MUNICH

In the "Spring 1905" moves reported in GRAUSTARK #110, the Italian fleet in the Tyrrhonian Sea was not ordered, and holds.

ENGLAND (Latiner): F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic; A Yor-Lon; F North Sea-Bel;
F Hol S GERMAN A Kie-Hol.

FRANCE (Berman): A Boh-Sil; A Bur S ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Ruh-Kie; A Hol S A Ruh-Kie;
F Bel S A Hol; F Eng S F Lon; F Mid-North Atlantic; F Lon not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (Lebling): A Kie-Hol; A Mun-Ruh; F Den-Kie.

ITALY (M. Thomson): A Tyr-Mun; F Ion-Gre; F Tyr S F Ion (sic); A Tri S A Alb;
A Alb S A Tri; F Adr S A Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Uhr): A Bud-Tri; A Vie S A Dud-Tri.

RUSSIA (Levinson): F Swe-Ska; A Sil-Boh; A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY (Wagner): A Sev-Bul; F Bla C A Sev-Bul; A Ser S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Tri;
A Rum S A Ser; A Gre-Alb; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The complex of moves in northwestern Europe deserves somewhat more explanation, so please follow this closely. First, the German move A Kie-Hol is supported by the English fleet in the Helgoland Bight, and is successful, since the French support from Belgium of its army in Holland was cut. However, since the French army in Holland was attacked from Kiel, it can still give valid support into Kiel. This support it gave to its army in Ruhr, which therefore enters Kiel despite opposition from the German fleet in Denmark. And, while we're at it, the French army in Picardy was not ordered, and therefore holds its position.

In Mediterranean climes the complications were almost as bad. Italy cannot simultaneously order a fleet from the Ionian Sea to Greece, and order another fleet to support it in the Ionian Sea. The Italian fleet in the Ionian Sea, which fails to get into Greece, is therefore dislodged and must retreat to Apulia, Naples, or Tunis. The Austro-Hungarian attack into Trieste is supported by two other armies, while the Italian army in Trieste has only one support uncut. This Italian army must therefore retreat to either Tyrolia or Venice. The dislodged French army in Holland has no way out, and is annihilated.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Nor, St.P. (4)	ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Lon, Kie, Mar, Far, For, Spa. (8)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Tri, Vie. (3)
GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol. (3)	RUSSIA: Mos, Sev, Swe, War. (4)
	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Smy. (7)

Austria-Hungary and Russia may each build one unit, and Italy must remove one. These builds may be made conditional upon the directions of the Italian retreats. The deadline for "Winter 1905" moves in 1966R is NOON, SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 1966.

PARIS: Ze Russians are to blame if Germany collapses.

MUNICH (5 May 1905, IGNA): We are now in the 3rd day of celebration - the German Empire has returned to Bavaria. To the people here, it means new hope for victory over the hated French, and normalization of relations with the outside world. Gen. Kronstadt has presented Gen. von Moltke with the key to the city, and officially declared German Pavarria a part of the German Empire, and declared a general amnesty (which means, if you look at the fine print, that Colonel Czyglo will not have to pay his gambling debts). I am going with Gen. von Moltke's army to try to retake the coal mines of the Ruhr. He does not expect to succeed, but he can disrupt French production enough to really slow down their industrial machine.

(10 May 1905): This addition to my dispatch: Von Moltke has received orders to leave at once. He has warned the citizenry that it may mean another French occupa-

tion, but in the words of Mayor Unterlindenstrasser, "Ye haf gone zru du or dree uf dem alreddy, und vun more gannod hurd us." - Robert Kirkbrite.

GENEVE (26 September 1905): "The Games of Zurich", in one of their more insurmountable moves, have frozen certain of the famous numbered accounts in Swiss banks. They announced that 357 accounts have been frozen indefinitely. Everyone here is wondering why. It is rumored that the move is a last ditch effort to stop the war. Such rumors say the accounts are those of such notables as the President of France, the Prime Minister of England, the President of Turkey, the Chancellor of Germany, and others. It is reported that at receipt of the news, ambassadors from every warring power swarmed into Geneva.

NEW YORK (27 September 1905): The Dow-Jones Industrial Average fell 117 points from its wartime high of 432 in heavy trading, as two and one-half million issues were traded. Some analysts trace the decline to the account-freezing of 357 numbered accounts. A special delegation has been sent to Geneva to look into the matter.

PEKING (5 October 1905, IRNS): China has been divided into four colonies by the victorious powers. Russia received Mongolia and Sinkiang and was permitted to make its sphere in Mongolia into a colony. Britain, who entered the war late, received Tibet, Yunnan, Kwangsi-Chuang, and Kwangtung, extending its Indian Empire to Hong Kong. The Americans received all territory north of that to the 32nd parallel, while the German territory runs from there to the Russian border.

The British colonial capital will remain in Hong Kong, as will that of the Russians in Port Arthur. The German capital will be in Peking and the American one in Shanghai.

BERLIN (8 October 1905): Chancellor von Kluck announced the extension of the Austro-Hungarian Non-Aggression Pact today amid heckling from the opposition. They said that to ally with Italy would be much more profitable, and besides, Austria no longer even borders on Germany. Von Kluck nodded, and spoke: "Ever since the beginning of this terrible war, there have been betrayals, double-crosses, shifts in the balance of power, revolutions, and other calamities. But I call your attention to the fact that the German Empire has yet to betray an ally, or even to infringe upon a single article of any of its agreements with other powers. We will honor our treaty with the Habsburgs until either we or they are swept into the dustbin of history. Only then will we consider other alliances." Von Kluck was questioned by reporters after the session ended. "Does this declaration mean you are opposed to an Italian alliance?" asked one. "Of course not," replied von Kluck. "We of Germany have always felt a great kinship with our southern neighbor. We recognize their aspirations, their ambitions, we merely are bound by our treaty with Austria not to aid them for the moment. I am sure Italy recognizes what folly it would be to aid the French: They would be in the position of the nut in the French-Turkish nutcracker. But now, our resistance to the French legions aids all the eastern powers, and I think the President realizes that the one being helped most of all is himself."

SEVASTOPOL (15 October 1905): The Crimea reverted to Russian rule today with a colorful ceremony conducted at the waterfront. On hand for the festivities were Turkish President Djemal Nasturtium and the new governor of the area, Lt. Gen. M. A. Parkayev, formerly of the Kiev Military District. Parkayev ceremoniously broke a bottle of vodka over the head of the last soldier of the Turk 3rd Army to embark for Bulgaria. Immediately following the departure of the ambulance, Nasturtium made the following statement to the press: "Now that I've gotten the war in the Balkans running smoothly, I plan to vacation for a few months, possibly in the Squiji Islands."

ATHENS (20 October 1905): Turk Army-Group HQ here has just released the news that the Turkish 1st GAS Corps attack into Albania was driven back by 14,000 Italian infantrymen fitted with nose plugs. Officials hint that a new, even more effective weapon is under development to replace the Giant Armenian Sunflower in the botanical arms race.

VATICAN CITY (31 October 1905): Pope Sylvester IV confirmed today that the Vatican City-State would share in the partition of China. The Pope's share, awarded him for his peace-making efforts, will be the port of Macao, overlooked by France when she seized the Portuguese Empire four years ago. The Pope soon plans an extended visit to his new domain.

WAR ENTERS LAST PHASE; IS RUSSIA THE ODD MAN OUT?

FRANCE (Latimer): Builds A Mar.

TURKEY (Berman): Builds A Ank.

RUSSIA (Aita): Builds F St.P(north coast), A Mos.

MOSCOW (28 December 1910): After his Viennese debacle, Czar Nicholas has abdicated. Two men have been announced as co-chairman of a new Anarcho-Syndicalist regime. They are Charlie Rimsky, formerly tea-stirrer for the Czar, and Pinky Korsakov, the ex-lemon-squeezer. Offers of peace will be sent to all belligerents, and a giant celebration has been started.

MOSCOW (1 January 1911): Today the celebration slumped to a halt, along with the participants. "Too much Rimsky?" asked one citizen. Said another, "Of Korsakov."

BROOKLYN COLLEGE (15 January 1911): Today former Czar Nicholas was discovered in exile here. He has enrolled in a natural philosophy course given by the Gamesmaster. "Who's czary now?" asked Nicholas.

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POPE DEPOSED, ITALIANS CLAIM

REPORT NOT CONFIRMED FROM SALONA

ROME (25 December 1904): In his annual Christmas message, the Pope excommunicated the English, Germans, and Austrians, and the army in Piedmont. "The barbarians are at the gates!" he said. "Kill a Kraut for Christ!"

ROME (2 January 1905): Today Italy awoke from the New Year's hangover to learn that Pope Innocent had been deposed by forces supporting the Empress Lucrezia. All units loyal to the Pope were disbanded.

When asked the reason for this coup, Lucrezia replied, "Diplomacy is no game for Innocents."

The Pope has fled to America, taking the archives with him.

Applications for Pope are now being accepted.

SALONA (3 January 1905): The bells of the capital city of Balkania rang today in celebration of the 1st birthday of His Imperial Highness, Prince Leopold-Innocent, heir of the Empire. His Highness, together with Her Majesty the Empress, appeared briefly on the balcony of the Imperial Palace to wave at the happy crowd. The city has been in a jubilant mood for several months, owing to the many signal victories over the forces of Kaiser Wormtongue of Germany. The Great Victories of Bohemia, Tyrolia, and Venice have done much to cheer the populace, although news reports that Balkania is surrounded by German forces to the north and west has dampened spirits somewhat. Still, Her Majesty, in a statement issued today, was optimistic. "Who can doubt that the Federal Empire of Balkania will triumph? Are we not the leaders of Europe in medicine and music? Does not the world dance to the strains of Strauss and sublimate to the strains of Freud? We alone, of all the ruling Powers of Europe, have attempted to bring some measure of peace and happiness to our people. In this Empire, all peoples have a voice (in German, of course) in government and are treated as equals under the law. Our economy thrives and our production figures continue to soar, bringing the blessings of prosperity to all. We are overstocked on both guns and butter, and everything these days is mit schlag! Dance, our people! Eat, drink, and be merry! It's always darkest before the dawn! Every cloud has a silver lining! Huns, go home!!!" Her Majesty also announced the conscription of a new army in central Balkania to meet the new emergency situation.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE (13 January 1905): Today Pope Innocent was discovered in exile at Brooklyn College, wearing a "Make love, not war" button. "I've enrolled in a natural philosophy course given by the Gamesmaster," he said, "and I should have excommunicated him too."

WIEN (15 January 1905): His Imperial Highness, Caesare Bordscha, Prince of Serbia, Duke of Naples, and brother of Her Imperial Majesty, today reviewed the new VI Army of Balkania. Fresh from his astounding and crushing victory over the hapless Germans in northern Italy, His Imperial Highness was jubilant and confident. "Soon," he said, "we shall deliver the Germans such a blow that they shall never recover. My father, His Holiness the Pope, has blessed our enterprise. His Holiness has further given me a Holy Bull, part of which I read to you now:

"Oh, hell yawns for traitors and backstabbers! Only this year the heathen Huns have dared again to set foot upon the holy soil of Italy. If they do not leave, we shall pronounce anathema upon them. Our patience is limited, for if the peacemakers are blessed, then the Germans are accursed. We therefore hereby excommunicate the German Kaiser, called Wormtongue, and call upon him to meet us at Canossa, there to do penance for his great and horrible sins against us and our people."

The title of the Bull is, of course, its first two words.

BERLIN: "We don't really understand our xenophobic neighbors to our south and east," said the Kaiser. "There was our peaceful band of boy scouts passing through Tyrolia when they are attacked by a ferocious Austrian Army. They seek haven in Venice and are then attacked by a combined Italian-Austrian force. Fleeing towards Rome to take refuge with the Pope they are again attacked, this time by a fleet of Italian warships steaming up the Tiber. They then escape to one of Italy's more notable areas.

"It is hoped that the Scoutmaster, Hans Abble, can hold out there until German punitive forces have wrought their vengeance upon the perfidious Austrians and Italians. Rumors to the effect that the scouts crossed the Alps on elephants are unfounded. It has been heard, however, that they are constructing small boats for a trip to North Africa."

SEVASTOPOL: At his winter villa on the Crimea, Tsar Andre I - formerly known as the Mad Satirical Monk - is enjoying the pleasures to be found in southern Russia. Interrupting his favorite pastime, he granted the following interview to your reporter:

Q: Your Highness, does Russian intelligence have any information concerning the Sextus Tarquinius scandal?

A: No, but I happen to know something about it. Actually, the stories carried in the British press were highly inaccurate. The crude attempts of the Balkanian government to deny that anything happened were equally ludicrous.

Q: What do you mean?

A: Simply this. First of all, Sextus Tarquinius did not rape Lucrezia. It is a well-known fact that the Empress - er - enjoys herself, shall we say. When Sextus threatened to disgrace her if Balkania didn't cooperate against Italy, Lucrezia laughed in his face. Sextus then carried out his "threat". He is reported to have looked alightly exhausted upon leaving the palace. Incidentally, my sources indicate that Lucrezia paid Sextus a number of nightly visits thereafter.

Q: Are you insinuating that Lucrezia's morals aren't too high?

A: Insinuating, heck! Did you notice that those "loose" dress styles of the Empress' came out just several months after my last mission to Austria?

Q: Lucrezia stated that the story was planted in the British press by agents of Kaiser Wormtongue-

A: - You mean Wormwood.

Q: Prince Caesare Bordscha is reported to have participated in the fighting on the Russian front-

A: I hope for his sake that the results in Italy don't resemble the results he achieved here!

WITH THE RUSSIAN BLACK SEA FLEET: Sailing out of port this morning, the Russian fleet encountered a Turkish force of approximately equal strength about three PM. The Russian fleet consisted of: two dreadnoughts of the Arakcheev class, each

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carrying three turrets of 11 mm guns, five cases of tear gas, and one dirigible; the Flagship Potienkin carrying the same armament except for the guns; fifteen triremes, complete with corvus; four razed liners of 1815 vintage; and one air mattress. After exchanging a heavy barrage of insults, the two fleets retired to port. Admiral Bayloov reportedly sustained the following casualties: twenty hangovers, five cases of sea-sickness, and one battered ego. The Ottoman casualties are estimated to have been at least as great (especially judging by the noise coming from Admiral Ibn ben Thomsa's cabin.) Admiral Bayloov is greatly encouraged by the fleet's showing, commenting, "With a little luck, we'd have trounced 'em!"

SEVASTOPOL: FLASH! An attempt has been made on the life of Tsar Andre I today! The attempt was made by a disgruntled French exile named "Bébé" Bélic. "Bébé," as he is nicknamed, easily slipped into the Tsar's villa, since he resembles a Russian peasant. The attempted assassination was apparently prompted by A. B. Svensonov's role in destroying Baron Münchhausen's war efforts. As he was led away to prison, Bélic screamed, "I'll get you yet, Svensonov!" The Tsar replied by ordering that Bélic be tortured with a treatment of his (the Tsar's) own design: Five young virgins, armed with ostrich plumes, are to tickle Bélic to death. Asked if it is true that those same feathers are the virgins' sole apparel when entertaining at Court, the Tsar chuckled, "You catch on fast, dontcha?"

"Winter 1904" retreats, builds, and removals are:

ENGLAND: Builds A Lon, F Liv.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds A Vic.

GERMANY: Builds A Ber.

RUSSIA: Removes A Ukr.

ITALY: Retreats F Tun-Tyr. Removes F Tus, A Bul.

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nal plan to advance upon the military brothel in Liechtenstein.

A tall, vigorous, slightly paunchy man marching at the head of this group is believed to be Oblowoff, though none of the presumed Russians will confirm this. The passage of the Russians has been attended by no casualties, except when a 20-year-old paperhanger named Schickelgruber broke his leg because his ladder was stolen by Oblowoff to use in entering the second floor of a girls' boarding school.

GRANDE CASINO, BEAUCOUILLON (3 May 1909): Count Avino officially announced on the floor of the Grand Ducal Bourse this morning that the Russian Technocratic Republic has ceased to exist. An immense commotion followed. Sir Oliver Mottke-Wrench, the English Ambassador, ordered champagne by the Jeroboam for the entire house in commemoration of the English victory at Moscow. The Chief Croupier wiped out the Russian odds, which during the last few days of trading had risen to 500-1. Baron Alexander Ozerny, the Russian ambassador, announced his intention of moving to Liechtenstein and applying for unemployment compensation. His wife and mistresses promptly deserted him, also bound for Liechtenstein to go into the employ of its owner, the Hon. Jasper Pike, American Ambassador to Beaucouillon.

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Owing to the length of the press releases in this issue, a number of features are held over until GRAUSTARK #112. These include the letter column, reports on the two trial "World War I" games (see GRAUSTARK #107), and comments on the various questions which have arisen about rule interpretation. An attempt is made to hold the size of GRAUSTARK down to no more than 10 pages, so as to have advantage of the one-ounce postage rate. This week, two of the allotted ten pages are turned over to Jim Sanders for the first issue of his postal Diplomacy bulletin Arvalia. The "World War I" games will be played by carbon copy among their participants, and will eventually be reported in GRAUSTARK.

Chapter XVII

The East Village headquarters of the Benedict Arnold Society, the American branch of the Society Committed to the Restoration of Absolute Monarchy, were humming with activity. Most of the people present were student volunteers from the Young Americans for Feudalism, who had been promised titles of nobility as rewards after absolute monarchy had been restored to America. Three youths were draping bunting on the wall, about a blank space on which would hang a portrait of the rightful Stuart heir to the throne. Two others were leafing through old issues of the Almanach de Gotha, trying to find out just who the rightful Stuart heir was. Sir Harley Davidson, O-O-Hate's Canadian sidekick, had taken one of the YAFF girls into the back room. Three girls were reading proofs for the forthcoming first edition of Langer's American Peerage, a reference work designed to stand as an equivalent to Burke's or Debrett's.

Secret Agent O-O-Hate, whose assignment was to start an American royalist movement to counteract the pernicious effects of the National Liberation Front of 1776, stopped at a desk where a shapely Columbia co-ed was opening mail. Most of the letters contained checks; some of them even spilled forth currency.

"How are the contributions coming, Miss Talia?" he asked her.

"Just call me 'Jenny'," she giggled. "Of course, after the counter-revolution it'll be 'Countess of Murray Hill'. Well, so far we've received orders for 65 titles of nobility, 339 knightoods, 217 other orders and decorations, and 1,029 tickets to the coronation."

"Excellent! At this rate, we'll be able to finance the counter-revolution on donations alone. How's the search for the heir coming, men?"

The students working on the royal genealogies looked up from their work. "It's pretty rough," one said. "So far we've found four possibilities - a petty German nobleman who served a term for war crimes, a defrocked Spanish monk, a waiter in a Parisian cafe frequented by Russian exiles, and a Scottish poacher. But we'll keep sorting them out."

The buzz of activity went on. Sir Harley brought his girl out of the back room and took another one. An artistically inclined girl drew up patents of nobility. Another girl went around measuring head sizes for coronets. The YAFF leader, Fred Turner, composed a Royalist Manifesto in which he pointed out that humanity had a natural affinity for monarchical rule, as exemplified by the kings in a deck of cards, the kings of chess and checkers, and the reference to a certain segment of Greenwich Village society as 'queens'.

Suddenly, this hive of activity was rudely interrupted by the entrance of a tall stranger. He fired two pistol shots into the ceiling to draw their attention, and then announced:

"See here, you-all. This-here has got to be stopped at once!"

(Who is the mysterious stranger? Why has he ordered the Benedict Arnold Society to stop their monarchist work? How will O-O-Hate meet this threat? Find out in the next issue of GRAUSTARK!)

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once Germany is eliminated, assuming England succeeds against her opponent, is still in doubt, but Koning has spoken of "securing a place in the world for the little nations....if any exist when the war ends". No one is sure just what the Prime Minister means by this, but it is reported that he is being heavily influenced by his aide, a young man named Neville Chamberlain.

GENEVA: Whatever happened to Spiro Preposterous?

NOTE that the dislodged German fleet might also retreat to the English Channel.