

GRAUSTARK

#219

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29 August 1970

1970E

"Spring 1905"

HEAVY FIGHTING ON ITALO-GERMAN FRONT

ENGLAND (Gletty): F Norway-Swe; A Edi-Norway; F Norwegian Sea C A Edi-Norway; F North Sea S A Edi-Norway; F Liv-Iri.

GERMANY (Tang): F Eng-Mid; F Ska S ENGLISH A Edi-Norway; A Bre-Gas; A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; A Ber-Pru; A Mun S A Sil; A Sil S A Mun; A War-Liv.

ITALY (Becker): A Pie-Mar; A Spa S A Pie-Mar; F Wes-Mid; F Por S F Wes-Mid; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr-Mun; A Gre holds; F Nap-Tyr; F Ton-Eas; F Aeg S RUSSIAN F Bul (e.c.)-Con.

RUSSIA (Burley): F Bar S F St.P (n.c.); F St.P(n.c.) S F Bar; A Ukr-Mos; A Rum-Sev; A Ser-Rum; F Bul(e.c.)-Con; A Arm-Smy.

TURKEY (Amling): F Smy holds; A Con S F Smy; F Bla-Bul(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Con-Ank. See pp. 4 and 10 for changes of address. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 1970.

BERLIN: After a long period of silence, the Kaiser today made an important speech to the press of the world. "You gave it to my allies and now I'm going to give it to you." When asked to whom this threat was directed, the Kaiser replied, "To the Green Slimies who butchered Austria and to the Russians who are now in the very process of attacking the Yellow brethren to the east. Germany will never tolerate a world ruled by these two astronomical disorders."

LIVERPOOL (1 Feb. 1905): In a speech, made at the launching of the Fourth Fleet today, the King stated
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GERMAN MARINES TAKE RUSSIAN CAPITAL

The following moves were incorrectly underlined as impossible in GRAUSTARK #217:

RUSSIA: A Ukr-Rum.

TURKEY: A Rum-Bud.

In addition, Austria-Hungary's "A Vie S A Bud" failed. Italy's attack on Vienna succeeded: A Tyr-Vie; A Tri S A Tyr-Vie. The Russian unit in Sev-as topol, listed as a fleet in #217, is actually an army. Following those moves, Rumania was not Turkish but Russian, Budapest was not Austro-Hungarian but Turkish, and Vienna was not Austro-Hungarian but Italian. In "Winter 1905" Germany failed to build, Italy built A Ven, F Rom, & F Nap, Turkey built A Con, and all Austro-Hungarian units were removed.

ENGLAND (R. Miller): No moves received. A Edi, F Lon, & F Eng hold.

FRANCE (Locke): F Mar-Pie; F Gas-Mid; F Mid-Wes; A Bel-Hol; A Ruh S A Bel-Hol; A Bur S A Ruh.

GERMANY (Berman): A Sil-Ber; A Hol-Kie; F North Sea-Hol; F Bot-St.P (s.c.); F Norway S F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A Liv-Mos.

ITALY (Comber): A Vie S TURKISH A Bud; A Tri-Ser; A Ven-Tri; F Adr-Ion; F Gre S F Adr-Ion; F Rom-Tus; F Nap-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Grayson): A War-Mos; A Rum holds; A Gal S A Rum; A Sev S A Rum; F St.P(n.c.) holds.

TURKEY (Aita): A Arm-Sev; A Con-Bul; F Aeg S A Con-Bul; A Ser-Rum; A Bud S A Ser-Rum; F Bul(e.c.)-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats F St.P(n.c.)-Bar. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 1970. See pp. 4 and 10 for changes
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of address.

PARIS: C'est la guerre! or vie?

(NOTE: Since Richard Miller as England missed moves, the first stand-by, Ray Amling, should submit "Fell 1905" moves for England.)

1970W - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS (Oct. 1903): Will the Russians never learn the lessons of history concerning Russo-German relations?

ZURICH (Oct. 1903): The Anglo-Franco-Italian broadside will soon rule the world - speaking Chinese?

1970M - PRESS RELEASE

ST. PETERSBURG: The Czar regrets the strategic necessity of the reduction of England and has hopes for the survival of the new Italian government. Hang in there Marty!

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that "since Russia is now under our control and St. Petersburg is doomed, we are free to help rid Iberia of the 'Green Slime'." He then left hurriedly to send off the British Expeditionary Force leaving from Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH (2 Feb. 1905): The Ming, today, turned over command of the BEF to John French and promoted him to Field Marshal. In a speech to the men of the BEF he said, "I wish you a smooth trip to Norway and a happy six months in Finland. Remember to wear your gas masks at all times upon crossing the Russian border. This may be uncomfortable, but it will save your life if you run into any of the Russians." He then expressed sympathy to the people of Edinburgh for the atrocities they were subjected to during the stay of the Russian garbage scows and praised their perseverance.

LONDON (1 Mar. 1905): The Minister of the Navy said that, "due to increased iron production, we should have our Fifth Fleet constructed by Christmas of 1906."

WOGASTISBURGER-NEUSTADT (URRP): Flushed with the success of her campaign to remove chemical additives from the drinking water, Grand Duchess Pristina announced another ecological success: her campaign to save the Bob-tailed Brown-bottomed Bobolink from extinction in the provinces of Heufuss and Strohfuss is an unqualified success. These songbirds, once in danger of extinction by farmers who fought their inroads on the barley crop, are now off the list of endangered species.

As a regrettable side-effect of this successful campaign, the Grand Duchess observed that the farmers had taken to eating Lesser Horny Owls when the growth of the bobolink population endangered the barley crop. This led to a great growth in the numbers of Hamiltonian Field Mice, which finished off the barley crop.

Efforts to obtain the reactions of the farmers of Heufuss and Strohfuss to these developments have failed, since the ones that haven't starved to death have emigrated to Coconino County, Arizona.

ROMA TEMPORARIA (URRP): Nausius Effluvius, High Priest of Jupiter, announced that the Kalends of July would be celebrated with the usual gladiatorial games in honor of the 1,837th anniversary of the escape of the Emperor Nero from the conspiracy and revolution which the rest of

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GERMANS GIRD FOR ENGLISH ONSLAUGHT

In GRAUSTARK #218, the French move "A Bur-Par" should have been underlined as impossible.

ENGLAND (Wells): F North Sea-Hol; F Hel S F North Sea-Hol; F Ska-Swe; F Pic-Bel; F Eng S F Pic-Bel; A Bre-Par; A St.P holds; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes.

FRANCE (Salcedo): A Bur-Par.

GERMANY (Prosnitz): A Kie-Den; F Swe S A Kie-Den; A Sil-Ber; A Mun S A Sil-Ber; F Hol S A Bel; A Bel S F Hol.

ITALY (White): A Mar-Gas; A Tyr-Pie; A Ven holds; F Apu-Adr; F Nap-Ion; F Tyr-Tun.

RUSSIA (Barber): No move received. A Ber dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (Grayson): F Ion-Apu; F Adr S F Ion-Apu; A Tri-Tyr; A Vie S A Tri-Tyr; A Ser-Tri; A Bud S A Ser-Tri; A Sev-Mos; A Mos-War; F Aeg-Ion; F Eas S F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; F Bla holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian F Apu is dislodged and annihilated. By pre-arrangement, Germany retreats A Bel-Ruh, F Hol-Kie. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers.

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Liv, Ion, Nor, Por, St.P. (9)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (6)

FRANCE: Par. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre,

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Mun, Swe.

Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Vie, War. (13)

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England, Italy, and Turkey may each build one new unit. Germany must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 1970. See pp. 4 and 10 for changes of address.

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the world believes to have resulted in his suicide. At the height of the festivities two Christian missionaries, Father Innocent Schüldig of Wegas-tisburg-Schlampenbüttel and Father Pantalcimon Pantzoff of the Pravoslav-nian Patrimony of Polykarp. "We had planned to throw them to the lions," the High Priest told the press, "but we found that each regards the other so bitterly as a heretic that we have decided to let them fight it out with croziers and guided missals."

Skandalutz reporter Klark Muttonhoof of the Daily Skandal asked the High Priest how his persecution of Christians could be reconciled with the state religion of the Temporary Roman Empire, Syncretic Polytheism. "We are perfectly willing to tolerate, and even to admit to our Pantheon, religions compatible with ours," Nausius Effluvius replied. "For example, your country's Mother Goddess and the centaur-god of the pagans of Punsch-druk are worshipped among us. But Christianity does not grant existence to any other gods, and this intolerance poses a clear and present danger our way of life. In order to preserve the freedom of religion in which the Temporary Roman Empire takes such great and justified pride, it is necessary for us to suppress ruthlessly any manifestation of the International Christian Conspiracy wherever and in whatever form it may show its head."

"Besides," added Rodnius Pedestrius, High Priest of Mars, "it's so much fun to see them run and yell in the arena!"

FRANCE THREATENS TURKS' HOMELAND

Following "Fall 1909" moves, Turkey retreated A Sev-Arm and removed F Eas.

ENGLAND (Lasky): No moves received. A Lon, A Edi, F Ska, F Norway, A Mos, & A Ukr hold.

FRANCE (R. Miller): F North Sea S ENGLISH F Ska; F Eng S F North Sea; F Tyr-Wes; A Adu-Tri; F Adu C A Adu-Tri; F Ion-Aeg; F Alb-Ion; F Tun holds; A Bud S GERMAN A Gal-Rum; A Tri-Ser; A Gre-Bul; A Mun-Boh; A Ruh-Mun; A War-Gal; A Kie holds.

GERMANY (Latin vice Shuldiner): A Gal-Rum; A Sev S A Gal-Rum; F Den S F Swe; F Swe S F Den.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kimmel): A Ser S TURKISH F Aeg-Gre.

TURKEY (Becker): F Aeg-Gre; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre; A Rum-Sev; F Bla & A Arm hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Gre is dislodged, and since France refuses to retreat it is annihilated. The Turkish A Rum is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 1970.

1970W

"Winter 1903"

Following "Fall 1903" moves, Russia retreats "F Den-Ska". One player observed that had Russia wished, this unit might have been retreated to the Helgoland Bight. However, that space was not open since a German fleet has been there since "Spring 1902". In the only required builds, Germany built armies in Munich and Berlin, and Italy established an army in Venice. The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 1970.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Still more changes of address have come in since pp. 9-10 were printed. With their effective dates, they are:

- (nOw): Bob Van Andel, 21520 Audette, Dearborn, Mich. 48124
- (1 Sept.): Richard Locke, Box 665, Park Coll., Parkville, Mo. 64152
- (10 Sept.): Bruce E. Gletty, Room 8, 910 W. California, Urbana, Ill.

"The mortgage held by organized labor on the Democratic Party will hardly commend that party to a young man whose most intimate contact with unionism was to be beaten and kicked by half a dozen goons on the steps of the New York City Hall." - the Ripon Society, New York Post, 27 August 1970

The U. S. Post Office, incredibly, will soon issue a stamp commemorating the Stone Mountain, Georgia, memorial to the leaders of the Slaveholders' Rebellion (1861-5). This stamp depicts the sculpture on the mountain, which was begun by Ku Klux Klan member Gutzon Borglum. The mountain has since been a frequent rallying place for the KKK, whose heroes it honors. Needless to say, Spiro Agnew went there a few months ago for the dedication of the memorial, and gave fulsome praise to the racist traitors Davis, Lee, and Jackson.

I'm keeping the faith. No letters franked with the Stone Mountain stamp will be accepted or acknowledged. The same is true for the stamps honoring the Nazi collaborator Gustav Mannerheim and the anti-Jewish propagandist Henry Ford.

Late additions to the new address file:

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Ted Pauls he say: "Bangkok, man scream with pain."

STILL STANDS THE PROUD TOWER

"Jede Seite ein Sieg
 Wer kochte den Siegeschmaus?
 Alle zehn Jahre ein grosser Mann.
 Wer bezahlte die Spesen?"
 - Bertolt Brecht

In an early issue of GRAUSTARK were once published the names of the rulers and high officials of the seven powers of the Diplomacy board. The monarchs, heirs presumptive, prime ministers, and ministers of foreign, military, and naval affairs could be worked into press releases by those players who strove for realism. These names were published as of 1901 for maximum verisimilitude.

The less knowledgeable in history might have asked themselves, as the more well-read would have known, what sort of men were these who presided over the glittering courts and pullulating slums of Europe, making policies whose full fruition would become evident in 1914. Was the Marquess of Salisbury able to see the way things were going in Europe? Was Kaiser Wilhelm II really that nut that Entente war propoganda was to make of him? Could the Imperial Russian court really have been that inefficient?

Barbara W. Tuchman, whose The Guns of August gave a vivid picture of the opening of World War I, describes in The Proud Tower the era that produced the war: the "Gilded Age" of 1890-1914. Her study of this age is of particular worth now that some popular historians have selected it as a golden age on which to look back as a period of glory and stability. They regard it much as the historians of the Middle Ages regarded a Roman Empire that never existed save in their imaginations. They see it as a time of general peace and content, free from Communism, threats of war, social unrest, labor unions, paper currency, anti-colonialism, and the particular bugbears of today's conservatives.

In repudiating this myth, Mrs. Tuchman follows an interesting approach. Instead of writing a straight narrative, she selects eight controversies or social milieux and examines each of them as a key to the spirit of the age.

The first two of these vignettes contrast the glittering nobility that ran Great Britain in Salisbury's premiership with the miserable poverty that produced the anarchist movement. If our own time is supposed to be stigmatized by political assassination, what shall we say of the period 1880-1914? In that time were assassinated a President of France, two Presidents of the United States, a King of Italy, an Empress of Austria-Hungary, a Tsar of Russia and his son, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, two Premiers of Spain, one Premier, two Ministers of the Interior, and one Minister of Education in Russia, a King and Queen of Serbia, a King of Greece, a President and Vice-President of Mexico, Governors of Idaho and Kentucky, and a Mayor of Chicago. Some of these, like Wenzel von Plehve ("We must drown the revolution in Jewish blood") and the Grand Prince Sergei, richly deserved their fate; others, like the Empress and President McKinley, were slain almost on impulse by men unattached to any political faction save in their own disordered minds.

And there was enough to disorder a man's mind in the world of the Gilded Age. The young socialist and labor movements seemed unable to ameliorate the frightful living and working conditions in the slums, and their leaders seemed more concerned with the contents of premiers' cabinets than with those of workers' cupboards. The futility of working within the system in the quasi-democracies, and the rigor of repression in the frank autocracies, persuaded some fighters for social justice that

all organized effort was futile, that a state could only oppress, and that purity of motive and deed resided only in acts of individual terrorism against the persecutors. Since men of considerable intelligence, persuasive talents, and mechanical ingenuity took this view, the results were likely to be fatal not only for the people who lived and prospered off the sweatshops, but also for members of the so-called "silent majority".

So dedicated to Anarchism were these men that they surrendered leadership of the labor movement to the better organized and better trained Marxists, and could seldom work in concert even with one another. The type was the Frenchman Ravachol, whose career is covered in detail. Another Anarchist, Vaillant, was avenged after his execution by a bomb planted in a petit-bourgeois cafe, directed expressly at the "silent majority" of the day, "all those who are satisfied with the established order...all that mass of good little bourgeois who make 300 to 500 francs a month, who are more reactionary than their masters, who hate the poor and range themselves on the side of the strong". (Thus the bomber, one Emile Henry, at his trial in 1894.)

If the general poverty produced Anarchists at one end of the spectrum, it maintained men and women of fantastic wealth and extravagance at the other. One chapter discusses in detail, with many selected specimens, the insufferably pompous Tory aristocracy of England; another tells how their counterparts in France took the guilt of Dreyfus as an article of faith; and a third tells of the rotten brilliance of German court circles and their pet artists and writers under Wilhelm II. Little now is told in the chapter on Dreyfus; the curious reader might be better advised to turn to Nicholas Halacz's Captain Dreyfus. Neither Halacz nor Tuchman, nor for that matter anyone else, has yet told the full role of the Church of Rome in the Dreyfus case. But both authors point out that the real hero of the case was not Dreyfus nor Zola, but the dull, honest, stuffy Colonel Georges Picquart, who had no use for Dreyfus as an individual but revolted at the army's concerted attempt to prove an innocent man guilty. It is when a system of oppression revolts men like Picquart from within its ranks that its days are numbered. We may yet hope that some conscientious police official, who would balk at the idea of a Negro moving onto his block, will reveal the huge tangle of lies, beatings, and bribery upon which is built the "case" against the Panther 21.

Richard Strauss is discussed in detail in the "German" chapter as a specimen of the artists officially sponsored under Wilhelm II to put the German people in the proper mood. The applicability of this chapter is not limited to the period 1890-1914, particularly now when a musical inspiration given by the lunatic Nietzsche to the Nazi Strauss has apparently become the anthem of the U. S. space program. (Strauss's socio-political views came to full fruition in 1933, when Hitler made him director of the Reichsmusikkammer.) Incidentally, people who profess to find an analog to the art, music, and politics of today's rebels in Weimar Germany might do better to inspect the Gilded Age.

This aristocracy could react cruelly and brutally when its ascendancy was threatened. This happened in England in 1911, when the Whigs at last clipped the powers of the House of Lords. These powers were the last ditch against Home Rule for Ireland, and the Tories knew it. The vicious snarls of the "Last Ditchers" helped muster the votes of their opponents.

In France they could do worse. When it seemed, even after the murder of the Archduke and the ultimatum to Serbia, that the French Socialist leader Jean Jaures might muster the workers of France against war, a young royalist set out with a pistol to cut down the "pacifist traitor". To this day popular history in Europe regards this murder, and not the Archduke's, as the one that made war "inevitable". The chapter that dis-

cusses Jaures's career and death also tells the shameful story of how most of Europe's Social Democrats, after a generation of slogans about pacifism and internationalism, gave raucous support to the armies of their own countries. The shabby opportunism of the German "revisionist" Eduard Bernstein and his counterparts in other countries created a split in socialism that endures to this day; it put Norman Thomas into the Reader's Digest and his Socialist Party into the trashbasket.

And could no one see this catastrophe coming? Yes - some could see it, looked forward to it, and did all they could to hurry it on. There were the American imperialists of the 1890's, who saw nothing less than the Pacific Ocean as Mare Nostrum. In their time they were the bright young men, who scorned the old fuddy-duddies who believed that America's dedication to democracy shouldn't stop at the water's edge or among only white-skinned men. They dared to dream the dreams of Pacific empire which are now, after 70 years, falling apart in the mud of Vietnam while another generation of bright young men looks to the anti-imperialists of 1898 for counsel.

But it is the chapter on the Hague Peace Conferences, and the futile efforts at "disarmament", which best shows the Gilded Age in the light of the coming thunderstorm which ended it. None of the statesmen who promoted or attended the conferences really believed in them. It appears that the whole idea was an attempt by Russia to buy time while its arms could be built up to match those of Austria-Hungary. In this elaborate camouflage, in which other chancelleries joined for their own purposes, the hopes of a generation for peace were not merely betrayed, but stifled in the cradle. Some governments foredoomed the conferences by packing their delegations with military men who screamed for war even as the multitudes dreamed of peace. It is difficult to read the speeches of England's Admiral Fisher, America's Captain Mahan, or Germany's Baron von Stengel without the impression that we do not here have to do with sane men. Nor is it any comfort as an American to realize that the most vigorous fight against the banning of dumdum bullets and poison gas was made by the American delegates. Indeed the United States still refuses to sign international treaties against them.

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Though The Proud Tower is a thick book, the inclusion of yet more material on this era would have been valuable. Of the major European combatants, Russia, Italy, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey are scarcely touched. A chapter on Rasputin might have salvaged the memory of that unjustly condemned man. He was, granted, a lecherous charlatan. But he was the only voice of the Russian people that penetrated into the gilded court of St. Petersburg, and had his advice been followed, Russia would have remained at peace in 1914 - with all that this implied for the country's future. The nationalist movements of the Balkans might have been worth a chapter, since after all the proximate cause of the war rose out of them. What was there about Italy that caused its southern peasants to emigrate by the tens of thousands to America? Does the Zionist movement have common roots with Balkan nationalism? We all know that Turkey was "the Sick Man of Europe", but why? How could a nation generally regarded as a slovenly tyranny strike hammer-blows at Gallipoli and Smyrna?

While no one can quarrel with Mrs. Tuchman's descriptive passages, her theory of history remains vague. Anyone who can describe Anarchism as "the last cry of individual man, the last movement among the masses on behalf of individual liberty" is severely deficient in an understanding of the historical process. She may have correctly identified the vil-

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THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

This letter column is devoted to a number of letters from John Beshara, many of which have waited unduly long to see print.

(12 July): At Mil Con II there were only three Diplomacy games "completed".

1. Pete Comber won Game 2, the one you were in, and I've given him all the moves to bring to you. ((This was done, and the moves were printed in GRAUSTARKs #216 and #217.)) He won with 18 units on the board in 1912. It took 7 hours to complete the game.

2. Game 1 ended Saturday, before our game, in a "negotiated draw" which the Gamesmaster accepted. Austria and Turkey each had 11 units but a stalemate did not exist. The players wanted to quit so they all agreed to the "draw".

3. Game 3 was started Sunday afternoon. Pete Comber was England. He was immediately attacked by France, and it was not very long before he was down to 1 unit. (I was not there and did not gamesmaster the game.) Comber came to an agreement with Russia and allowed Russia to take his supply centers before France could get them; for this Russia allowed him to survive the game until it ended. Unfortunately the same two players who were the "winners" in the "negotiated draw" in Game 1 were in Game 3 also. They allied again and again the game was "concluded" without a victory or stalemate with the same two players having an equal number of units (more than anyone else) and being declared the winners in a "draw".

So how they will decide the winner of the Diplomacy event I am not sure...

((Eventually Pete Comber was declared the winner, with the other two players tied for second place.))

Analysis of Game 2: I thought Pete played rather well, particularly in the early stages before fatigue set in... In his negotiating Pete did outstandingly. Austria did not display any gumption. He took a defeatist attitude from the beginning of the game. He had a couple of opportunities in my opinion to effectively stab Turkey, but their alliance remained firm throughout. Any conflict there might have been in their later orders simply reflected fatigue. I kept them to the 10-minute time limit.

Except for Linden and Sepulveda who came in as substitutes, the other players were pretty bad. (Including you!!!! - that F Rom was too much.) Unfortunately, John, you don't have the killer instinct!

((Yes, I know. War queers of the "natural instinct" school like Smolik, Duggan, and Turner have already told me.))

England made the grand faux pas when he moved to the north coast of Spain rather than the south coast ((in "Fall 1905")).

When Sepulveda came into the game, Turkey's rear was totally exposed to a decisive attack by Russia, and Sepulveda ((playing Germany)) made a deal with Russia to that effect. Russia foolishly went the other way, accepting Comber's offer ((as Turkey)) rather than Sepulveda's.

Austria ((Faubert)) made one brilliant set of moves. At one point he occupied Munich and Marseilles on a Spring ((("1908")) move and moved out to Burgundy and the Ruhr in the Fall to gain a critical position in the enemy's rear. Whether he or Pete were responsible for the moves, I do not know.

Comber blundered early in the game when he built two fleets (making a total of 6 in "1904") when he clearly needed at least one more army, if not two in preference to stacking up fleets that could not go anywhere.

(27 July) Concerning the "Battle of St. John's" I can contribute the following:

Spring 1903: Russia moved "A Rum-Sev", otherwise "A Bud-Gal" would not have succeeded. It is quite possible this was done at the last minute, verbally, and I forgot to change it. But that is the only explanation that would "put everything right up to that point".

Spring 1904: England did not get to Spain because no coast was specified, and because if a coast had been specified it would have stood off the French "A Mar-Spa". (Both England and France moved only ONE unit to Spain at this point.)

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The following people have recently expressed an interest in Diplomacy. Other Gamesmasters please copy.

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Why have all those red and blue mail boxes been repainted a dark blue? The Post Office Department says that it will save up to \$600,000 a year in maintenance costs (New York Times, 21 June 1970). But some radicals know better. For two or three years, they have been painting gold stars on the line that divides the red top of the mailbox from the blue base. This, of course, reproduces the flag of the Vietnamese National Liberation Front!

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Should movies be censored? Probably not. But impressionable Presidents ought to be kept away from such films as Patton, the new epic glorifying one of the most bloody-minded killers to hold command in any army in World War II. A couple of months ago, Life writer Hugh Sidney revealed that President Nixon had seen this film and been tremendously impressed by it. (Nixon particularly praised the scene where Patton decorated a chaplain after the reverend warrior had successfully prayed for good weather.) The President has seen this film so often that young White House staffers "were counseled to see the movie for a better understanding of Nixon". (New York Post, 15 June 1970.)

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In GRAUSTARK #202, Derek Nelson wrote about various plans that have been made in the past for a war between the United States and Canada. But, according to the Liberated Guardian of 23 May 1970, the United States has already been invaded from Canada. On 9 May, following President Nixon's precedent in Cambodia, a group including the NLF (Northern Lunatic Fringe) of the Yippies marched about 1000 irregulars past the Peace Arch on the Washington-British Columbia border. "In solidarity with the people of the Third World and with white youth, we make this symbolic invasion into the United States," they announced. "Of course we won't thrust into the U. S. more than 22.7 miles and will withdraw our forces by June 30."

The army marched on Blaine, Wash. They were met by the mayor, who brandished a .38 but did not fire it. There were unarmed skirmishes between the invaders and members of the White Servicemen's League.

True to their word, the invaders returned to the other side of the border. Total damage was estimated at between \$50,000 and \$100,000; a moderate amount, considering what has been done under similar circumstances in Cambodia. The marchers met a Washington state senator's demand for an apology from the Canadian government by replying, "We've withdrawn our troops...We will apologize for our invasion when the US withdraws its troops from Cambodia, apologizes, and makes full restitution to the people of Southeast Asia."

There have been no further developments on this suggestion.

"If any man has credentials, it is Richard Nixon. He is deeply qualified to lead us into trouble." - Thomas E. Dewey, Republican National Convention, 1960, quoted by Murray Kempton, America Comes of Middle Age, p. 280

Late addenda to the list of interested persons on the previous page are:

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Tabard #4 is now out, and like the previous issues is available for a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (See GRAUSTARK #218, p. 9.)

"Communists deplore 'witch-hunting'. It is not that they are scornful of belief in witches. They do believe in witches, complete with power from Satan. But the Communists are on the witches' side, and therefore do not want us to hunt them." - Medford Evans, American Opinion (John Birch Society), May 1970

At this time of year there are numerous changes of addresses. If you have one coming up, please send it to the Gamesmaster as quickly as possible, together with the date on which it becomes effective. So far the following changes have come in:

(now) Howard Latin, Apt. 12-D, 456 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027; (home) 212-749-5920, (office) 212-280-3221 or 212-280-3066
(now) Duane A. Leinhos, Box 1376, Wilson House, Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, N. Y. 13676
(1 Sept.) Charles Wells, 3021 Washington Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44118; 216-932-5931

Other new addresses will be reported as received.

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Under the terms of the new postal reorganization bill, the Post Office Department that we all know and love will be replaced by a Postal Corporation. According to Jack Anderson's column in the New York Post of 17 August, the Post Office sent out press releases to mark the signing of the bill. The releases were sent by private messenger service.

WASHINGTON (URRP): This morning President Nixon announced that he had acquitted Mr. Clyde Grannet of Twitch River, N. H., of overtime parking, and also acquitted Mrs. Ladybird Lipschitz of Fow Gardens, N. Y. of electioneering too near the polls. However, he found Mr. Rhett Coldeck of Possum Paw, Miss., guilty of gambling on a riverboat in interstate waters, and found Miss Linda Vulgarian of Brass Nugget, Calif., guilty of being a common scold.

A presidential verdict is expected tomorrow in 27 charges of short-weighting brought against Mr. Julius Thumheft, a butcher of Moose Tit, Minn. Meanwhile, White House action was deferred for yet another month on the war between Nepal and Spitzbergen, in which sixteen Himalaya mountains and half the Arctic ice cap have been blown to shreds.

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Recently in Manhattan I saw a car which bore a bumper sticker: "America - Love It Or Leave It". Next to the bumper sticker was a Québec license plate.

Richard Locke asks if the province of Kiel has a canal. It certainly does; a fleet in that province can move either east or west. In two successive moves a fleet can travel F Hol-Kie, F Kie-Bal.

The South Carolina delegation to the VFW convention wants the current U. S. flag stamp removed from sale. No - it's not for the reason you think. They object that the Stars and Stripes should be defaced with the ink of a cancellation every time a letter is franked with one of these stamps.

Any comments, Conger, Locke, Salcedo?

STILL STANDS THE PROUD TOWER (continued from p. 7)

lains at the Hague Conferences, but she seems to believe that war is an irremovable basic element in the human character, and denigrates "the premise that...wars came from quarrels susceptible of settlement by other means".

Most historians, including Mrs. Tuchman, seem to regard the Gilded Age as one quite different from our own. The superficial vista of full-length bathing suits, muttonchop whiskers, and carriages may make it seem so. But in our society very little has changed in the essentials. The proud tower of the immeasurably wealthy still looks down on the hovels and tenements of the hopelessly poor. The names of Cecil, Churchill, and Cavendish still loom large in British government and society. The grandsons of John D. Rockefeller, secure in the possession of economic power, now hold political power as well. There are still great acreages of miserable slums in our major cities, and the profits squeezed from those slums still maintain villas in Rhode Island and estates in the country. The bomb of the Anarchist still provides its imperfect revenge for the wrongs countenanced in the Proud Tower. World statesmen still plan bigger armaments and their use even as they talk peace; the United Nations is nothing but a Hague Conference in permanent session. The Heldenleben of Richard Strauss has evolved into a film glorifying the murderous George Patton, and Kiplingesque dreams of empire are still alive in Washington.

Around the turn of the century the cartoonist Boardman Robinson showed a group of elegantly clad and coiffed men and women, dancing on a parquet floor, rudely interrupted by a mighty fist which came crashing upward through that floor. This is still a fundamentally accurate picture of our society and its fears. We still have a tiny group of wealthy, separated from a great miserable abyss of the poor by a thin crust. Once the human material of this crust was clerks, coachmen, shopkeepers - Henry's 1894 victims. Now it consists of computer programmers, airline pilots, supermarket managers - the same sort of human material, still unwilling to believe in the existence of the huge and desperate class of the poor, still incapable of understanding their needs or their wrath. Both these people, and the rich whose cause they support, are unable to comprehend the warnings of the men who write on the subject of poverty and the poor these past ten years since Harrington made it fashionable. "Every time history repeats itself," some cynic has observed, "the price goes up."

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Three Russian moves were printed incorrectly in the last issue. These "Spring 1904" moves should have been: A Gal-Ukr; A Mos S A Gal-Ukr; A War S A Gal-Ukr. This last support is valid, since Austria-Hungary's A Ukr-War cannot cut it. Therefore, the Russian attack on the Ukraine succeeds, as does also the Austro-Hungarian attack into Galicia. The annihilated unit is not the Russian army in Galicia, but the Austro-Hungarian army in the Ukraine.

Other retreats and removals following "Spring 1904" moves are:

ENGLAND (Locke): F Wal-Liv.

ITALY (Kirkpatrick): F Ion-Tun.

FRANCE (Strayer): A Rom-Apu.

RUSSIA (Leinhos): F Edi-Norwegian Sea.

The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is re-set at NOON, SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 1970. The deadline for "Winter 1904" builds and removals is re-set at NOON, SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 1970. All players were informed of these new deadlines a week ago.

ST. PETERSBURG: The Czar regrets the strategic necessity of the reduction of England and has hopes for the survival of the new Italian government. Hang in there Marty!

BERLIN (SNP): The Kaiser reaffirmed the treaty with Austria, and will stand with it to the letter. Also the Kaiser noted that the Germans will stand with all Allies to the letter of the treaties we have made.

NAPLES: Giuseppe Yossarian, ruler of Italy, noted with interest the formation of a German "STEPPENWOLF" army. "The original 'Stoppenwolf', as Hesse fans will remember, was a schizophrenic; that is, he had a split personality," he pointed out. "What this has to do with the present situation in Europe cannot be said."

NAPLES: Premier Giuseppe Yossarian has been hearing rumors that there is a fine complex of capital buildings in Rome. He is therefore leading an exploration group to that distant northern province as his present quarters are rather cramped.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH (continued from p. 8)

Now, further, one of two things happened:

1. Because England was played by a novice, I warned him in the future he would have to specify the coast and if he failed to do so then no valid order was given for that unit and it would simply stand.

2. I might not have noticed that England did not specify the coast and thus allowed the stand-off.

Fall 1904: Since England did not specify which coast he was moving to, his moves were not valid and France was allowed to succeed into Spain. This I recall quite specifically.

((Further comments on the "Battle of St. John's" by Beshara will appear in #220.))

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