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1983HF "Spring 1904"

WHO'S NEXT?

ENGLAND (Follmer): A St.P-Mos; F Swe-Bal; F Den-Kie; F Hol S F Den-Kie; F Bel S F Hol; F Mid-Bre; F Edi-Nth; F Lon-Eng; A Liv-Lon((sic)).

FRANCE (G. Baker): A Bur-Ruh; A Pic-Bur;
A Por holds.

ITALY (Galicia): F Wes-Mid; A Pie-Mar;
A Spa S A Pie-Mar; F Tyr-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): A Gal-War;
A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser; A Vie-Gal; A Ber-Kie; F Smy-Aeg; A Mun-Ruh;
A Ven-Rom; F Nap-Rom; A Sil-Mun; A Ser-Gre.

RUSSIA (London): A War-Mos((sic; no such unit exists)); A Ukr S A War-Mos; A Arm-Ank; A Mos not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Schembari): F Con-Aeg; A Bul-Con; A Ank S A Bul-Con; F Rum-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984. Paul Schembari's new phone number is 212-232-0037.

RUSSIA to WORLD: I would like to respond to a question posed by the Sultan last season. The reason for my vendetta is that each move since this war began the Sultan has written a letter to me saying that he would do this and that, and would help me. He has also written a corresponding letter to the Austro-Hungarian nation saying that he would do two other things and help him. And without exception he has done what he said he would do to Austria and has lied to me. He has back-stabbed me more times than Lizzie Borden back-stabbed her parents. That is why I will not rest until each and every Turkish center is annihilated, even if it means the collapse of the Russian Empire.

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1984B "Fall 1902"

DREI-KAISER-UND-EIN-KÖNIG-BUND MARCHES ON

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): F Bar-Nrg; F Ska-Den; F Nth S F Ska-Den.

FRANCE (Weinstein): A Mar-Gas; A Par-Pic;
A Bre S A Mar-Gas; A Spa S A Mar-Gas;
F Por-Mid.

GERMANY (Goldman): A Den holds; F Pic-Bre;
A Gas-Par; A Bur S A Gas-Par.

ITALY (Schembari): A Pie-Mar; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; A Tyn-Tus; F Tyr C A Tun-Tus.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): F Alb-Ion; A Ser-Bul; A Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Vie-Bud; F Aeg S RUSSIAN F Bla-Con.

RUSSIA (Downs): A Nwy holds; F St.P(n.c.) S A Nwy; F Swe S GERMAN A Den; A Rum S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Bul; A Ukr S A Rum; F Bla-Con.

TURKEY (Willey): A Bul S F Con; A Ank & A Smy S F Con; F Con S A Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Par and the Turkish A Bul are dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)
FRANCE: Bre, Por, Spa. (3)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Kie, Mun, Par. (6)
ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (6)
RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (7)
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

Germany may build two new units, and Russia, Austria-Hungary, and Italy may each build one. France must remove one unit. The deadline for these Winter 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984. For Paul Schembari's new phone number see the report of 1983HF.

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WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING

GRAUSTARK is only one of two postal war-gaming 'zines which I publish. The other is EMPIRE, which will be ten years old this fall, and which carries the postal play of games other than Avalon-Hill's Diplomacy. In the past, EMPIRE has carried postal games of SPI's Sorcerer, Crusades, World War II, Russian Civil War, Fall of Rome, A Mighty Fortress, and Conquistador, and Avalon-Hill's War at Sea. Currently, games of Avalon-Hill's Civilization and SPI's A Mighty Fortress are in progress in EMPIRE. Game openings are available for SPI's PRESTAGS series (Chariot, Spartan, Legion, Viking, and Yeoman) and also for Frigate and Dreadnought.

Only a few GRAUSTARK readers also receive EMPIRE, but I feel that more would be interested in reading it, following its games, or even playing them. Recent issues of EMPIRE have included the following features:

#185 (7 January): The most ambitious postal game I've ever tried to run, a 700-year scenario of Empires of the Middle Ages, approaches the middle of the 11th century with Syrian Moslems giving the Byzantine Empire a hard time, while Heresy breaks out in French-occupied England. The Lutherans, Habsburgs, and England jockey for position as the fourth postal game of A Mighty Fortress draws to a close. I review Nova Game Designs' "two-book" gaming system, which you may know from their Ace of Aces, but which has just been adapted to a fantasy combat system among warriors, goblins, trolls, dwarfs, and such things. A method of playing this game, Lost Worlds, by mail is proposed.

#186 (28 January): The schedule of game fees is announced for postal games of Dreadnought and Frigate, including some scenarios designed by EMPIRE's readers. I review two good short games from Mayfair Games, Family Business and Encounters. Two readers have designed their own scenario from PRESTAGS, which pits Portuguese conquistadors against an Indian army of the Moghul period, complete with what prove to be not awfully effective elephants. (The Portuguese win after 8 turns.) The fee schedule for these games is given.

#187 (18 February): The Lutherans win A Mighty Fortress under the direction of Dick Trtek. I review Avalon-Hill's interesting new fantasy combat game Titan, and a postal game of Lost Worlds begins, setting a troll against a goblin. A new roll-your-own PRESTAGS scenario begins, setting a Greek army of the Hellenistic age against a Greek army of the Byzantine Empire.

#188 (10 March): A tentative set of rules for the postal play of Civilization is announced, and the Lost World troll takes three turns to bash in the goblin. Dick Trtek sends the 5th part of his pastiche of George MacDonald Fraser's "Flashman" books, in which Flashman is precipitated into the middle ages!

#189 (31 March): Two postal games of Civilization begin, and I suggest names rather than algebraic designations for the areas in that game. In the 6th part of the "Flashman" pastiche, Sir Harry finds to his dismay that he has awakened in the year 840, with the Emperor Ludwig the Pious newly dead and all hell about to break loose. The man has taken on the troll, and has lasted four turns but is weakening fast.

#190 (21 April): The first City is built, on Crete, in one of the Civilization games in the third turn. First blood is drawn in the battle between the phalanx and the cataphracts, with the Byzantines having a bit the advantage. While some rulers of medieval Europe conquer and re-convert the Heretics, other heresies break out elsewhere. The man just barely makes his escape from the troll, who then takes on Lost Worlds' newest character, a wraith armed with the traditional scythe. Robert Sacks begins a series of reviews of the Civilization games, and I review Joel Rosenberg's The Sleeping Dragon, a book that will have every Dungeons-and-Dragons enthusiast out for the author's hide.

#191 (12 May): In the next instalment of the "Flashman" pastiche, Sir Harry begins to realize just what a dreadful mess he finds himself in. The troll finds a way to deal with the formidable wraith, and France and Germany are at war as the 11th century ends, over possession of the Low Countries and England. A sequel to The Sleep-

1982HI

"Fall 1911"

"WIR FAHREN GEGEN ENGLAND..."

Following "Spring 1911" moves Germany retreated F Swe-Ska.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Nrg-Edi; F Nth-Edi; F Iri-Liv; F Mid-Nat; F Nwy-Swe; F Bal-Ber;
A Par-Bre; A Hol S A Kie; A Kie S F Bal-Ber.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Ska-Swe.

ITALY (D. Schwartz): F Spa(s.c.) holds; F Tun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Ion; A Rom S
AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): A Mun S RUSSIAN F Ber; A Ven & A Nap S ITALIAN A Rom; F
Ion-Tyr; A Pic-Bar; A Mar-Gas; F Wes-Mid; F Por S F Wes-Mid; F Lyo-Wes.

RUSSIA (Goode): F Aeg-Ion; F Cly-Edi; F Ber holds; A Bur S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Pic-
Par; F Swe-Nwy; A St.P & A Fin S F Swe-Nwy.

Underlined moves are not possible. England must retreat F Nwy-Ska or -Bar; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1911" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon. (8)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (11)
GERMANY: Swe. (1)	RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bul, Con, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (10)
ITALY: Rom, Tun, Spa, Mar. (4)	

Russia may build three new units, and Austria-Hungary may build two. Italy would have a build but no home supply center is available for it. England must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984.

LONDON: The Admiralty is ordering all the fleets to land for shore leave neglected to take into account the strike at the Edinbrew docks.

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"Fall 1910"

FRENCH FORCES THROWN BACK

ENGLAND (Ticossi): A Par-Gas; F Bre S A Par-Gas; F Eng S F Bre; F Iri-Mid; A Bur S
AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Pie-Mar; A Ruh S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Sil-Mun; F Ber-Kie; F
Hol S F Ber-Kie; A Nwy-Fin; A St.P-Mos; F Nth-Den.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): A Ven holds; F Adr S A Ven; A Mun-Kie; A Den S A Mun-Kie; F Gas-Bre;
F Mid S F Gas-Bre; F Por S F Mid; F Mar holds; F Bul(s.c.) S F Gre; F Gre S
F Bul(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Vie-Tri; A Sil-Mun; A Ser S A Vie-Tri; A Pie-Mar; A Tyr
S A Vie-Tri.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A War holds; A Mos-St.P; A Bud-Ser; A Rum S A Bud-Ser; F Bla-
Bul(s.c.); A Con S F Bla-Bul(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Gas-Spa(n.c.), F Mar-Lyo, and either A Mun-Boh or A Mun-Ber. Austria-Hungary retreats A Ser-Alb. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Par, St.P, Swe, Ber; (12)
FRANCE: Bul, Den, Gre, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (9)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mar, Tri, Vie, Mun. (5)
RUSSIA: Ank, Con, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, War. (8)

If France retreats A Mun-Bur, then Berlin is a French rather than an English supply center. England has a build unless France retreats to Berlin. France must remove

one unit unless the French retreat took Berlin. Russia may build one new unit; a second build is not possible because only one home supply center is open. The deadline for these "Winter 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984.

ENGLAND to RUSSIA: What do you have to gain by NCT communicating?

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ITALY to WORLD: Units for rent. Good rates, nice location. No experience necessary. No reasonable offer refused. No pets, no children.

GROVE CITY to CEDARHURST & BROOKLYN: Every day it looks more and more like I'll be working in New York City. Will you guys be there for Kan:ekon?

ITALY to FRANCE: Everyone keeps telling me what a threat you are and that I should attack you. Why should I bother when you go and stab yourself?

CEDARHURST: Ah, the trials and tribulations of a puppet. An ode to an unresponsive Italy and a most persuasive Russian. Onward and upward for a Russian solo. With that in mind I propose a concession to Russia as this result is probably achievable anyway.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

With the approaching end of the academic year, a number of GRAUSTARK readers will be changing their addresses. Please keep me and the other players in your game informed about your changes of address and telephone number, and the dates on which they become effective.

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There'll be a Diplomacy tournament at Marycon, which will be held at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia on the weekend of 1-3 June. For information write to Marycon 84, P. O. Box 1254, College Station, Fredericksburg, Va. 22401. "Variants \$30 Friday; Regular \$40, Sat.-Sun." Accomodations are available.

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Origins 84, a national gaming convention, will be held in Dallas on 21-24 June. Membership is \$15 until 1 June and \$20 thereafter. For information write to Dallas-Fort Worth Gamesters, Origins 84, P. O. Box 59889, Dallas, Tex. 75229.

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It's not officially a gaming convention, but a lot seems to go on at Unicon, a science-fiction and fantasy convention which will be held this year on 20-22 July at the Sheraton in Silver Spring, Md. Membership is \$10 before 30 June or \$15 at the door. Write to P. O. Box 263, College Park, Md. 20740.

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About a year ago I discovered what looked at first glance like a lively war-gaming club in the Washington area, Fantasy Teknics. However, their irregularly published bulletin Castle seemed mainly to be a vehicle in which FanTek's president, Bruce Evry, would blither on about the "Planet Teknis" (of which he claimed, how seriously one cannot say, to be a native). However, the latest (April-May) issue of Castle announces that Evry has been eased out of the leadership. CantCon, an overly ambitious convention planned by FanTek, has been cancelled, the theoretical publication schedule of Castle has been cut back, and in general the organization seems to be getting its act together.

For details on the New Dispensation, write to FanTek at P. O. Box 128, Aberdeen, Md. 21001.

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Persistent rumors are around that Diplomacy is being adapted for computer play. I would very much like to publish an article about computerized Diplomacy. This article could either be about programs for adjudicating Diplomacy, or the more complex program that would be necessary actually to play the game on, through, or against a computer. A suitable article would be worth a free entry in a postal Diplomacy game.

MARE QUORUM?

ROME to PARIS: Sorry for not trusting you, but I just don't trust you. You'll hear from me soon.

NAPLES: Research Team Dispatched: A research team, headed by the famous Russian scientist Dr. I. N. Stikky-Mirsky and Prof. Paul Gonad of Harvard University, has been sent to the Ionian Sea to investigate the extent of contamination of that body of water by otneys. "Until their findings are in," said a spokesman, "we would advise people not to eat fish caught in the Ionian, swim in the Ionian, cross the Ionian in ships, fly over the Ionian in planes or to come within 20 miles of the Ionian without protective clothing."

WOGASTISBURGER-NEUSTADT, GRAND DUCHY OF WOGASTISBURG-SCHLAMPEN-BÜTTTEL (United Rabble Rousing Fress): Retired actress Brigitte Bar-Nothing, a representative of the ecological protest movement Green Gang, said their rowboat, the Ned Ludd, would soon be off to the Ionian Sea to "protest the clubbing and skinning of innocent otneys by the scientists and militarists of Italy." The Ned Ludd will put to sea as soon as someone can figure out a way of getting it from this landlocked nation to the sea-coast.

BERLIN to WORLD: First, England decides to fight me, not France. Now Russia decides to mattle me, not a stabbing Turkey. Such is the fate of just nice guys.

BERLIN: Ninety nine luftballoons are flying eastward. Moscow is in sight! The Kaiser is very happy, and celebrated by eating his favorite dessert, creamed otney over an orange-wine puree

VIENNA: He who asks shall receive.

FRANCE (Brawner): A Pie-Ven; A Mar-Pie; F Tyr-Tun; F Wes S F Tyr-Tun; F Edi-Yor; A Lon-Yor; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Bur not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (Kaplan): A Hol-Bel; F Nth-Nwy; F Nwy-Bar; F Swe S F Nth-Nwy; A Tyr S FRENCH A Pie-Ven; A Mun S A Tyr; A Pru-War; A War-Ukr; A Sil S A Pru-War.

ITALY (Cameron): F Nap-Tyr; F Rom S F Nap-Tyr; F Ion-Tun; F Gre-Ion; A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Ven; A Ser S A Tri.

RUSSIA (Henricks): No moves received. A St.P, A Fin, A Mos & A Gal hold.

TURKEY (Heuer): No moves received. A Pul, A Bud, F Bla & A Arm hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy must retreat A Ven-Tus, -Apu, or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by MONDAY 7 MAY; all players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984. Stand-by moves should be sent in by the following people:

RUSSIA: Chris Downs, 742 Spring, Alton, Ill. 62002; 618-465-5687

TURKEY: Eric Verheiden, #2, 200 S. Azusa Ave., Azusa, Calif. 91702; 818-334-3149

ENGLAND (Zaiz): Builds F Edi.

RUSSIA (Cooper): Removes A Arm.

GERMANY (Jordan): Builds F Ber.

TURKEY (Hardiman): Builds F Ank.

ITALY (Swinger): No build received.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984. For Paul Schembari's new phone number see the report of 1983HF. Stand-by moves for Italy should be sent in by Mark Follmer, 51 Biltmore Dr., Mastic Beach, N. Y. 11951; 516-281-8715. Press releases are postponed to the next issue.

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"Fall 1901"

AUSTRIA GOT HUNGARY AND BROILED TURKEY IN GREECE

TURKEY to ENGLAND: Are you sure that Germany's on your side?

TURKEY to ITALY: I guess there was nothing else you wanted to do.

TURKEY to GERMANY: And are you sure that England's on your side?

ITALY to WORLD: Let the Eastern stalemate begin!

ITALY to RUSSIA: The Eastern stalemate will be maintained until you decide to jump on the Austro-Italian bandwagon. We will welcome your inevitable participation in the "carvation" of Turkey.

ITALY to GERMANY and FRANCE: The fate of the Turkish-Russian coalition is in your hands. Concentrate your interests in the West; the Russo-Turk duo will remain motionless. Disrupte the Eastern equilibrium by harassing Italy and/or Austria; expect to witness the Turkish-Russian alliance annex Europe.

ITALY to GERMANY: Pete, I did not mean to hurt your feelings. I felt the "thank you" in my request was sufficient. Although I think it already has to some degree, let's not pollute 1984V by including personal aversipns in the press. If you have a personal bone to pick with me, why not give me a call or send me a note?

BERLIN to WORLD: Call me at 301-363-6303 from 10 to midnight weeknights. Let's make this game a fun one, guys!

LONDON: The Prime Minister announces that what has been mistaken for English Expansionism is, in reality, a simple attempt to protect English Medical students in French schools.

This, combined with the efforts to flatten French cow pastures to make suitable runways for 'Jennies' & Spads, makes it clear that our attempted invasion of France is a timely, well reasoned act of self defense.

ENGLISH MAGAZINE & NEWS RACK - Typical Headlines: "Turks Jump from Foot to Foot Knowing Someone is Out To Get Them."

ENGLAND (Tallman): A Wal-Bel; F Eng C; A Wal-Bel; F Nth-Nwy.

FRANCE (Drakert): A Gas-Spa; F Mid-Por; A Pic-Bre.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Ruh-Hol; A Mun-Ruh; F Den S RUSSIAN F Bot-Swe.

ITALY (Sims): A Tri-Bud; A Ven holds; F Ion-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lally): A Vie-Gal; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Kutta): No moves received. F Bot, A War, A Ukr & F Rum hold.

TURKEY (Galicia): A Bul-Gre; F Con-Aeg; A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5) RUSSIA:

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

ITALY: Bud, Nap, Rom, Ven. (4)

England, France, and Germany may each build two new units, and each other player may build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAT 1984. Stand-by moves for Russia should be sent in by Vincent J. Manna, whose address appears on page 8.

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PALTER to QUIRK: Thanks for the good wishes. Perhaps there will yet come the day when we can work together. Until then good fortune and good hunting.

NY - PA: Maybe I'll catch you in next time.

PALTER to BOARD: I propose a concession to Russia.

PALTER to WILSON: Great last move. Perhaps sometime again.

TV VIOLENCE TEACHES KIDS THE FACTS OF LIFE

by Ed Anger

((This installment of its authors column "My America" appeared in Weekly World News of 8 May 1984. It is reprinted here because some of GRAUSTARK's readers have doubted whether our own beloved imperial nation, the Great Big United States of America, has in its subjects or even in its armed forces the will to continue the glorious task of subjugating the whole world to America's mastery. Anger shows that there is found among us the will, as well as the skill and the means, to turn the entire world into a perpetual American Empire. And he identifies one of the training mechanisms by which this will is being instilled into the American people. - JB))

I'm prouder than a toddler with his first cap pistol at the eight U. S. soldiers who had the guts to support violence on TV.

These soldiers had the wisdom to point out in their letter to the military newspaper Stars and Stripes that:

"Our children need the capacity for violence...to ram a bayonet in their enemy's throat...to be able to rip a man apart with an automatic weapon...to set off explosives and destroy the enemies of our free society."

These brave soldiers are DEAD RIGHT! Yet for some buzarre reason their letter, which appeared in last week's edition of The NEWS, unleashed a storm of protest from bleeding heart wimps in the military.

Can you believe it? Other soldiers had the nerve to complain. I'd hate to go into battle knowing half the guys in my squad were yellowbellies who cry at the sight of blood and are too chicken to pull the trigger.

If the officers had any sense, they'd locate the pansy soldiers who wrote against violence and kick their sissy behinds out of the service.

I know one thing: It was the cowboy an war movies I saw when I was a kid that taught me how to tough it out when growing up and how to survive in Korea.

And thank God for old Duke Wayne.

A few of the battlefield stunts he pulled in his World War 2 epic Sands of Iwo Jima actually saved my butt on Pork Chop Hill.

You know - sometimes I can still hear the blood-curdling screams of those crazed commies as they charged my foxhole.

Thank God for all those violent movies I watchdd as a kid. Those movies taught me to be tough. They taught me not to freeze up. They taught me to keep pulling the trigger and mowing down those dirty Reds even when the smell of death was so sickening it would've made a maggot puke.

Our kids need to know that violence is part of the world and that they may have to kill to survive someday.

We need TV to teach our kids that life isn't always an afternoon tea party.

WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING (continued from p. 2)

ing Dragon, entitled The Sword and the Chain, is reviewed.

For game fees, see the indicated back issues of EMPIRE. EMPIRE subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6.00. Back issues are available from #168, as well as a few earlier issues with postal rules of various games in them. Back issues are 10 for \$1.50.

The postal Lost Worlds combat scenarios are free with a subscription to EMPIRE, as are one or two of the PRESTAGS and Frigate scenarios. Write for details.

1982IM

"Winter 1909"

ENGLAND (Corbin): Defers one build. RUSSIA (Bragdon): Defers one build.

GERMANY (Ellis): Builds A Mun, F Kie. TURKEY (Chafetz): Removes F Eas.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984.

ENGLAND: If the Great Smyrna Sweepstakes are still on, my entries are heads & tails.

SEVASTPOL to CONSTANTINOPLE: The Sultan is quite correct; the object of the game is to win. But you can win in a group. Too bad you weren't in the game earlier - perhaps you could have joined us.

1983CW

"Winter 1904"

FRANCE (Wallick): Removes F Cly. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Palter): Builds A Tri.

ITALY (Stone): Builds A Rom. RUSSIA (Jordan): Builds F St.P(n.c.).

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984.

ITALY to WORLD: Units for rent. Write for details. Supplies are limited, so act today!

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ITALY to TURKEY: Good luck on your peace mission. Maybe a lollipop, ice cream cone, or a trip to the circus will change the tsar's mind.

ITALY to RUSSIA: Are you trying to match Germany's stunt? If not, why are you acting like an Austrian doormat?

ITALY to FRANCE: Thanks for being so friendly. I'll return the favor by making it painless.

CONSTANTINOPLE TRIBUNE: The last report from our inside source says that the Sultan has had a nervous breakdown. He keeps repeating, "Who will help me fight the red scum?" Anyone with any information that can solve this mystery call (212) 232-0037.

1984B (continued from p. 1)

RUSSIA to TURKEY: It was too late when you built the army in Smyrna.

ROME: The press secretary of Il Duce has the following comment to all the powers of the world:

"I ignore all anti-Austrian propaganda."

RADIO FREE VATICAN: The Pope may be dead, but I, Giorgio Bennedettino, his bishop, still live. I repeat the Pope's last statement to the heads of state of Europe. Stop the war. It's not worth it. You will all lose in the end.

ROME: Our glorious leader, Il Duce, confident that his troops will capture the port town in France (what's its name again), has returned to his city. After a parade down 'La Via Appia' he marched to Livorno to meet his African troops and prepare them for the western war. In Livorno he had some words for the French President: 'Presidente, give it up. Sei finito. Ifa you want, I leta you liva in Corsica. But, tella me now, before my men arrive in Parigi."

NEW BLOOD

The following people have written in for information about postal Diplomacy. Gamesmasters with game openings should get in touch with them.

Doug Baker, 726 Seward, Evanston, Ill. 60202

Simon Fleishaker, 1742 53rd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11204; 212-854-4315

Marshall Kline, 901 San Benito, College Station, Texas 77840

Mike Levine, Apt. T-3, 217 Lakeside Dr., Greenbelt, Md. 20770

Vincent J. Manna, #1, 2217 West St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11204; 212-336-1156

Craig Mills, #G-4, 535A E. Gundersen Dr., Carol Stream, Ill. 60188; 312-260-0932

David Postilion, 610 Oxbow Lane, Barrington, Ill. 60010

Michael Taylor, 1820 N. Rojo, Hobbs, N. M. 88240; 505-397-7218

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"Winter 1915-Spring 1916"

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF NAPOLEON

No "Fall 1915" retreat or "Winter 1915" removal came from Russia, so the Gamesmaster removed A Tyr and the dislodged F Swe. France built A Par, F Bre & F Mar. All players were informed. The French player need not worry about the timing of such "Immediate Return Mail" and notification; his "Spring 1916" moves arrived on Wednesday. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity, and under the circumstances will not be submitted to the players again unless a substantial change becomes evident.

FRANCE (Martin): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; F Mar-Lyo; A Tus-Rom; A Sil-War; A Liv-St.P; A Mun-Sil; A Kie-Ber; F Ska-Nwy; F Nrg & F Nth S F Ska-Nwy; F Den-Swe; F Wes-Tyr; A Pru S A Sil-War; F Swe-Bot.

RUSSIA (Kaplan): A Ukr-Gal; A War-Ukr; A Mos S A War-Ukr; A Bud-Tri; A Vie S A Bud-Tri; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Bar-St.P(n.c.); A Tyr S A Bud-Tri((sic; no such unit exists)).

TURKEY (Cooper): A Sev holds; A Arm S A Sev; A Ser-Bud; A Rum S A Ser-Bud; A Gal-Vie; A Tri S A Gal-Vie; F Bla S A Rum; F Ven & F Adr S A Tri; A Apu-Rom; F Ion-Nap; F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Nrg, A War & A Bud are dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1916" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984.

MOSCOW to ANKARA: I may be considered "most boring" in 1982-83, for not writing sufficiently, but your non-efforts cannot be surpassed.

1983AJ

"Spring 1907"

ATLANTIC OCEAN CLOGGED

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A War S GERMAN A Ukr; A Pic-Bel; F Nth S A Pic-Bel; F Nat-Mid; F Iri & F Eng S F Nat-Mid.

FRANCE (Jordan): A Bre-Pic; A Far S A Bre-Pic; A Bur-Bel; A Gas-Bur; F Por S ITALIAN F Wes-Mid.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Mos S A Ukr; A Ukr S ENGLISH A War; A Ber & A Mun S A Sil; A Kie, A Ruh & A Sil S A Mun; F Swe-Bal.

ITALY (Ezzio): F Gre-Aeg; F Wes-Mid; F Naf S F Wes-Mid; F Mid-Eng; F Nap-Tyr; A Pie S A Tyr; A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): A Sev-Ukr; A Rum S A Sev-Ukr; F Bla-Sev; A Bud-Gal; A Vie & A Boh S A Bud-Gal; A Ser-Bud.

Underlined moves are not possible. Note that the English F NAT and the Italian F Wes each tried to get into the Mid-Atlantic with two supports, so neither succeeds, and the Italian F Mid remains where it is. The proposal for a draw has been put forward again, and players should send in their votes with the "Fall 1907" orders. The deadline for these orders is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984.

ROMA: Cartalina di Sforza has been appointed Italy's ambassador to the German Empire. She was visibly disturbed, on her first visit up North, by the highly militaristic Teutonic culture. "I can hardly believe," she remarked to an acquaintance, "that the German armies are well equipped and trained, while the wives of even the commanding generals live in simple tarpaper shanties, with no lights, running water or other amenities."

Meanwhile, the illustrious Benito Mussolini has stated emphatically (how else?) that the militaristic orientation of the German leadership continues to impede a dip-

lomatic solution to the current world struggle. With characteristic simplicity, the illustrious chairman has stated the Italian government's position on this problem: "We shall match them noddle for noddle and meatball for meatball. Ther' sa no way they can beata us at thisa game."

1983L

"Winter 1907"

ENGLAND (Ticossi): Builds F Liv, A Lon, A Edi.

FRANCE (London): Removes the dislodged F Mid and F Por.

ITALY (Rauterberg): Builds F Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): Defers two builds.

There has been a proposal for a concession to Austria-Hungary. Players should send in their votes on this proposal with their "Spring 1908" orders, which are due by NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984.

SILESIA (Habsburg Press): Count Otto von Spritzen and Yuri Andropov have reportedly been sighted passing through Silesia on their way to western Europe. The Austro-Hungarian government has warned its fellow governments to beware of the bloodcurdling duo and to take appropriate action if they are apprehended.

ENGLAND to AUSTRIA: Now what??

ENGLAND to FRANCE: The game would have been totally different had you kept your word.

ENGLAND to ITALY: " What's happened?

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE:

Proposals to end some games have been put forward, and it seems that an end to 1981IQ cannot be far off. Subscriptions to GRAUSTARK end for the following people with the indicated issues. If your name is followed by (IQ), (L), or (AJ), then your subscription ends if that game ends in GRAUSTARK #491, the next issue. If this does not happen, then of course your subscription will continue until the game does end.

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...AS FOR THOSE NEW GAMES

Two new postal Diplomacy games are presently being organized in GRAUSTARK, and at the rate they are filling up, the announcements will probably go out in the next issue. If a game fills before Saturday 12 May, players will be notified by mail of their country assignments, and a "Spring 1901" deadline of Friday 8 June will be set. If the game fills between 12 May and 2 June, the "Spring 1901" deadline will be Friday 29 June.

The entry fee for a postal Diplomacy game is \$18. This entitles you to a subscription as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee, send in a list of the countries you'd like to play, in your order of preference. If you do not yet have a copy of GRAUSTARK #437, in which the postal rules for Diplomacy are published, let me know, and I'll send you a copy. GRAUSTARK subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6. The reason these game openings are being delayed is to ensure a good geographical spread of players, so you don't get stacked up against an alliance of two people who've been in the same neighborhood or college war-gaming club for years.

1983AX

"Spring 1906"

STEAMROLLER ENTERS SERBIA

ENGLAND (Peart): F Eng-Nth; F Nwy S F Eng-Nth; F Pic-Eng; F Iri S F Pic-Eng; F Swe-Den; A Liv-St.P.

FRANCE (Bragdon): F Bre-Eng; F Wes-Mid; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Gas-Par; A Bel-Pic; A Bur S A Bel-Pic; F Hol-Nth; A Ven-Tyr.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Den-Kie; A Pru not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Murray): A Mun-Kie; A Vie-Tyr; A Tri-Ser; F Apu-Ion; F Eas S F Apu-Ion; F Rom-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A Rum-Bul; A Ukr-Sev; A Bud S ITALIAN A Tri-Ser; A War-Liv; A Ber-Pru; F Ank-Con; A Mos S A War-Liv.

TURKEY (Follmer): F Aeg-Con; A Smy S F Aeg-Con; A Ser S A Bul; A Gre S A Bul; A Bul S A Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Ser-Alb. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984.

PARIS to LONDON: Well, I've only so much time to devote to each game. Writing press is easy - negotiating and planning tactics isn't. I hate to just NMR out, so I flail mindlessly until put out of my misery. At this point, your keeping me around is pure sadism on your part.

PARIS to LONDON: Well, you seem to have so much fun boating, I thought I'd try nautical activities, too.

1983IE

"Winter 1902"

Following "Fall 1902" moves France retreats A Bur-Pic. In the "Fall 1902" moves Italy took Marseilles from France, so Italy has two rather than one builds, and France still has a removal.

FRANCE (Rauterberg): Removes A Por.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): Builds A Vie.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): Builds A Ber.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): Builds A St.P.

ITALY (Bragdon): Builds F Rom, F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 18 MAY 1984.

PARIS to ROME: Greed does not become you, but it does make you bigger. Spoilsport.

PARIS to LONDON: You should have supported yourself into the Mid, dummy. A try for Norway wouldn't have hurt either. You're up against a strong I/G alliance and you're still kicking me. Smart.

PARIS to BERLIN: How did you capture England's brain so totally?

BALTIMORE to BROOKLYN: I may dip out of key, but I get by, I get by...

BERLIN to ROME and LONDON: THANKS! Solidarity is the theme of the month!

BERLIN (DAMN): The Foreign Minister announced today that Kaiser Mark was in Vienna, holding meetings with the Emperor John. When asked if topics included defeating the Slavic threat to Teutonic civilization, the FM denied any such conversation would take place.

"We are only interested in der destruction ov der Gallic toad, und ve seek der aid ov der Osterreich navy in dis task."

ISTANBUL (DAMN): The military attachees office at the German embassy recently received 200 new staff members, and conferences with the Ottoman military have become frequent. Denying rumors of aid from the Kaiser to the Sultan against the Czar, Col. Fritzsh stated, "We're just playing wargames for fun, dat's all."

ST. PETERSBURG: The Czar while reviewing his new recruits was heard to say that his cousin the Kaiser must think that he is a complete fool.

THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME

by Marc Hurwitz

XVI - George Johnson (Fall 1905)

"Hello, Joe?"

"Yeah, Mr. Johnson - What's up?"

Humph! As if the dummy didn't know.

"Well, Joe, I thought you and I might want to talk about the game. You do know about the game we're in, don't you?"

"Loosen up, George! Don't be so tense all the time."

"TENSE! Listen to me, you little pollock bastard, if it weren't for your idiocy in the first place we'd be on easy street! You pothead, you had to go along with that British bastard from the start. First he kills Gottlieb, then he stabs you - doesn't even need to physically threaten you, you just fall apart - now he's after me and did you listen? Oh nooooo! You were so confident in the beginning, weren't you, you moron, so trusting in the..."

"GOODBYE, GEORGE." click

Oh you moron Johnson you've lost your damn temper! DAMN! Well, he better judge me by my actions, rather than my words.

ENGLAND (Manochi): F Ska-Nwy; F Wal-Lon; A Ycr-Edi.

FRANCE (Smith): F Nth S ENGLISH F Ska-Nwy; F Nrg S ENGLISH A Yor-Edi; F Eng-Lon; A Mun-Ber; A Kie S A Mun-Ber; F Liverpool holds; A Bur-Mun; A Ruh S A Bur-Mun; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid.

GERMANY (Macy): F Edi-Kie. (sic)

ITALY (Johnson): A Ven-Tri; A Apu-Alb; F Ion C A Apu-Alb.

RUSSIA (Wills): F Nwy holds; F Den & F Bul hld; A Swe S F Den; A Sil-Gal; A Boh-Tyr; A Vie-Tri; A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser; F Rum S F Bul(e.c.); A Arm-Ank; A Smy S A Arm-Ank.

TURKEY (Godowski): A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul; F Aeg-Con; F Bla-Arm; F Ank S F Bla-Arm.

Turkey retreats F Ank-Bla. Russia retreats F Nwy-Bar. The last German piece is eliminated.

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