

# GRAUSTARK

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1982HI

"Fall 1912"

## CONCESSION TO AUSTRIA-HUNGARY FAILS

Following "Spring 1912" moves, Russia retreated A Bur-Ruh. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Bal-Den; A Kie S F  
Bal-Den; F Bar-Nwy; F E i-Nth; F Wrg  
S F Edi-Nth; F Cly-NAt; A Bel-Bur; F  
Liverpool not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Swe holds.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): F Adr-Ion; A  
Nap & A Ven S ITALIAN A Rom; A Tyr  
holds; A Mun S RUSSIAN A Ruh-Kie; F  
Bre-Pic; A Par-Bre; A Bur S F Bre-Pic;  
F Mid-Eng; F Wes-Mid; F Por S F Wes-  
Mid.

RUSSIA (Goode): A Liv-St.P; A Fin S A  
Nwy; A Nwy S A Fin; F Ska-Den; A Ruh-  
Kie; F Ber S A Ruh-Kie; A Sil S F  
Ber; F Ion-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible.  
England retreats A Kie-Hol. The High  
Combatant Powers now control the fol-  
lowing supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon.

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GERMANY: Swe. (1)

ITALY: Rom, Tun, Spa, Mar. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bre, Bud, Gre, Mun,  
Nap, Par, Por, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven,  
Vie. (12)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bul, Con, Kie, Mos,  
Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (11)

Russia may build three new units, and  
Austria-Hungary may build one. England  
must remove two units. (Italy would  
have a build, but no center is avail-  
able.) The deadline for these "Winter  
1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY  
1984.

1982IM

"Winter 1910"

## WAR SLOWS DOWN, PRESS RELEASES DON'T

After "Fall 1910" moves, England elected  
to remove the dislodged F Nap & F Bel, while  
Russia elected to remove the dislodged A Con.  
England therefore has two builds, and Russia  
has one.

ENGLAND (Corbin): Builds F Lon, F Edi.

FRANCE (Ferguson): Builds F Bre.

GERMANY (Ellis): Builds A Ber, F Kie.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): Builds A War.

The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is  
NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984. One player claims  
thzt the French fleet, ordered "F Mid-Eng" in  
"Fall 1910", was actually in Brest. An in-  
spection of the last few issues of GRAUSTARK  
shows that the fleet actually was in the Mid-  
Atlantic.

MOSCOW to PARIS, BERLIN, MARSEILLES,  
KIEL, GREAT NECK & KAISER: The Tsar would  
like to make the following responses to the  
many questions (in order of their appearance)  
in your recent press releases: yes, it de-  
pends; no; perhaps; and - I'm thinking it  
over. These elucidations should make Russian  
policy crystal clear to all. By the way, the  
Tsar is also flattered by the Berlin script-  
writer who called him "honest".

ENGLAND to FRANCE & GERMANY: My congra-  
tulations on a well planned & perfectly  
timed stab. Honors are also due for your ex-  
cellent performance in the difficult art of  
maintaining falsehoods through phone conver-  
sations. Again my congratulations.

It now looks as though all obstacles to  
your continued occupation of Europe have been  
overcome. If you can trust each other. My  
own prediction is that 1982IM will be the  
first game in Diplomatic history to be won by  
a player with 9 NMR's on record.

IT'S YOUR LIFE, KEN CORBIN (Berlin):  
When we left our last exciting episode, a  
very irate French player had taken a swing at  
Ken Corbin's head. We now continue our exci-  
ting story:

Ken Corbin ducks as Ferguson's swift  
sword flies through the space which was oc-

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ANTHONY CHRISTOPHER PEREZ

At 5:21 AM on Sunday 24 June 1984, my daughter Deirdre Boardman Perez gave birth to the first child of her and her husband, Corporal Christopher Perez. My wife and I thereby become grandparents. Anthony Christopher Perez weighed in at 4.1 kilograms. The mother and daughter will be staying with us while the new father is on duty, now at Camp Pendleton and soon on a tour of sea duty in the Pacific. Chris will fly in today to spend two weeks with his wife and firstborn.

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cupied by Ken's face 1 second earlier. At this point, Bob "Bruiser" Bragdon gets up and grapples the fanatical Ferguson to the floor. Ken, still reeling from his tangle with John, is stabbed in the shoulderblades by his one-time puppet, Randy Ellis. Lawrence Chafetz stands upon a chair, holding a hand grenade, and yells.

LAWRENCE: "Cease chaos or die, morons!"

Randy, Ken, John and Bob all freeze and slowly turn towards Lawrence, who has an evil grin on his dark face. Wink Martindale, the MC, strolls onto the set after re-setting his face into a more heat-resistant plastic. His hair gleams of animal fats and wastes.

WINK: "Haay. I'm back, folks! Now, it's time..."

Wink is interrupted as Lawrence throws the hand grenade at Wink. Ragged and tattered pieces of flesh and plastic explode all over the set. Smoke fills the studio and all is quiet. Please tune in again next month for our new show replacing the faltering "It's Your Life, Ken Corbin!" Look for "As the Smoke Clears..." Playing at all local galaxies and even beyond.

KIEL to LONDON: OK, maybe you did deal honestly with me and I just got paranoid. I'm really surprised that both Belgium and Budapest were left unsupported. Just goes to show you...

BERLIN to MOSCOW: If you retreated your army off the board, I hope you were wise enough to build here rather than in Warsaw.

MUNICH to SMYRNA: Why do you refuse to acknowledge my letters?

MUNICH to CONSTANTINOPLE and GENERAL DRAC: Couldn't agree more. 4-way draws are totally unreasonable. With what we did now, though, it's just like a freshly killed little girl's blood! Mmm!! So delicious and oh so satisfying! Why, it's even nutritious!

GERMANY to FRANCE: I'm glad that you're too busy writing sitty press releases rather than plotting to take over the world. That, after all, is a natural German tendency. Leave it to me!

BERLIN: Brushing aside rumors that Berlin is in imminent danger, Kaiser Von Ellis moved his governmental base to Munich today. An official close to the Kaiser was quoted as saying that the German leader enjoyed the Alps as well as the natural scenic beauty there. The Kaiser particularly enjoys inspecting the regiments of backline divisions consisting of busty, rural German girls. Asked for comment, Von Ellis smiled and said, "Our boys are fighting so well, I doubt we'll ever need to deploy these good, loyal troops. However, I feel it to be my duty to make sure they stay in shape. Oh the advantages of Munich!" The Kaiser has reportedly dumped nearly all of his administrative duties on his subordinates, saying, "I'm too busy for that kind of stuff!" Riots are imminent.

BERLIN to LONDON: Nothing personal, it's just that I felt that this would be beneficial to my survivability. If we had totally taken apart Turkey, you know it would have been F/G vs. E/R. I think E/R would have been victorious so, F/G had to start the war before Turkey's total demise. The Machiavellian mode of thought.

KIEL to ST. PETE: We can work it out, we can work it out. Well!

KAISER to Gamesmaster: Hmm, do you think someone will have 18 centers by 1920? It's now 1910 and someone has 9...

KAISER to PRAVDA: I changed my mind on stopping the Commie revolt. I think I'll support the revolt, in fact. Lenin, where are you? You're taking a long train ride!

## FRENCH AT BAY IN SWEDEN

ENGLAND (Ticossi): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Gas S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Bur holds; F Bre-Mid;  
F Iri S F Bre-Mid; F Hol-Kie; A Mun S F Hol-Kie; F Kie-Den; F Nth S F Kie-Den;  
 A St.P holds; A Fin S A St.P.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): F Adr-Tri; A Ven S F Adr-Tri; A Ber holds; A Den-Swe; F Wes-Lyo;  
 F Naf-Wes; F Spa(n.c.) S F Por; F Por S F Spa(n.c.); F Bul(s.c.) S F Gre; F Gre  
 S F Bul(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Boh-Gal; A Bud S A Boh-Gal; A Tri-Ven; A Tyr & A Pie S A  
 Tri-Ven.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P; A Ukr-Gal; A Ser-Bud; A Rum S A  
 Ser-Bud; F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Con S F Bla-Bul(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Bud-Vie, and France must retreat A Ven-Tus, -Rom, or -Apu. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1911" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mun, Nwy, Par, St.P. (12)

FRANCE: Ber, Bul, Gre, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Swe, Tri, Tun. (10)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Mar, Ven, Vie. (3)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bud, Con, Mos, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, War. (9)

Russia may build two new units, and England may build one. Austria-Hungary must remove two units. One of these orders is already in; the others should come in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL or phone call so that they arrive by MONDAY, 9 JULY 1984. All players will then be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984.

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"Spring 1907"

## PARTITION OF TURKEY IMMINENT

ENGLAND (Peart): A St.P holds; A Nwy S A St.P; F Swe-Den; F Den-Nth; F Lon S F Den-Nth;  
 F Iri-Wal; F Nat-Iri.

FRANCE (Bragdon): F Mid-Iri; F Eng S F Mid-Iri; F Bre S ITALIAN F Wes-Mid; F Hol-Hel;  
 A Ruh-Mun; A Tyr S A Ruh-Mun; A Bel-Ruh; A Pic holds.

ITALY (Murray): A Kie-Den; A Tri-Ser; A Ser-Gre; A Rom-Ven; F Wes-Mid; F Nap-Ion;  
F Eas-Smy; F Aeg S F Eas-Smy.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A Bul S ITALIAN A Ser-Gre; A Arm-Ank; A Bud holds; F Ank-Bla; A War-Gal;  
A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P; A Ber S ITALIAN A Ber((sic)).

TURKEY (Follmer): A Gre holds; A Smy S F Con; F Con S A Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Gre is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984.

ENGLAND to ITALY: You must be very trustful to be stretched out like a long piece of spaghetti between an alliance like the Russian-French one.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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## FOUR-POWER ALLIANCE DOES WHAT FOUR-POWER ALLIANCES ALWAYS DO

Following "Spring 1903" moves, Russia retreated A Nwy-St.P.

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): F Nwy S F Nrg; F Nth S F Nwy; F Nrg S F Nwy.

FRANCE (Weinstein): A Bre holds; F Mid holds.

GERMANY (Goldman): F Hol-Nth; F Eng-Lon; A Gas-Bre; A Par S A Gas-Bre; A Den holds;  
A Ruh-Bel.

ITALY (Schembari): F Wes-Tyr; F Nap S F Wes-Tyr; A Mar-Spa; F Spa(s.c.)-Por; A Pic holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Tri-Ven; A Tyr S A Tri-Ven; F Ion-Nap; A Apu S F Ion-Nap;  
A Bul S RUSSIAN F Con; F Aeg S RUSSIAN A Arm-Smy.

RUSSIA (Downs): F Bar-Nwy; A St.P & F Swe S F Bar-Nwy; A Arm-Smy; F Con S A Ank-Smy;  
A Ukr-Rum; A Rum-Ser.

TURKEY (Willey): A Smy-Syr; A Ank holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Bre-Pic, Italy retreats F Nap-Rom, and England retreats F Nwy-Ska. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Lon,  
Ber, Mun, Par. (9)

ITALY: Mar, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Nap, Tri,  
Ven, Vie. (7)

RUSSIA: Con, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev,  
Smy, Swè, War. (10)

TURKEY: Ank. (1)

Germany and Russia may each build three new units, and Austria-Hungary may build one. Italy also has a build if the dislodged F Nap is removed. England and Turkey must each remove one unit, and the last two French units are also removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984. Joshua Weinstein's new address is on page 3.

VIENNA: Today in our capital the entirely mediocre ruler of Austria, King Fred announced to an uncaring, but well-behaved, crowd of dozens that an Austrian army had landed on the eastern shore of Italy. King Fred, or is it Ralph, commented, "I'm not sure exactly what they're doing there but I'll find out sooner or later." The King has requested that the individuals responsible come forward.

ANKARA: Goodbye, I'm splitting for the Middle East for a long tour. Someone get those damn Austrians!

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Perceptive readers may notice that page 10 of this issue is printed upside down. This happened because it was printed last Saturday, at which time my daughter Deirdre was in labor and I was therefore rather distraught. The happy outcome is reported on page 2 of this issue.

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"I foresee the day - probably not in my lifetime but perhaps in yours - when the question of money versus guns as the seat of power will be given its decisive test. The conglomerate corporations, which are already interindustrial and international, will eventually begin to think of themselves as having formed a new kind of social structure making national boundaries obsolete. Those whose survival depends upon national boundaries, such as generals and senators, will naturally reject this idea, and the inevitable result, it seems to me, will be a new kind of war. Between, say, the Chrysler Corporation and France." - Donald E. Westlake, I Gave at the Office (1971)

Now here's a real challenge to war-game designers!

1983IE

"Winter 1903-Spring 1904"

## EASTERN POWERS ASSAIL GERMANY

In "Winter 1903" Russia builds A Sev and Italy builds A Rom. No order was received for this dislodged Turkish A Smy, which is removed. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Wienczek): A Bel S GERMAN A Bur; F Eng-Nth; F Nwy-Nrg; F Iri-Nat.

FRANCE (Rauterberg): F Mid-Eng; A Pic-Bur; A Par S ITALIAN A Mar-Gas.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Liv-Pru; A Sil-Ber; A Bur-Par; A Swe-Den; F Bot-Bel; A Gas S A Bur-Par.

ITALY (Bragdon): A Mar-Gas; A Pie-Mar; F Spa(s.c.) S A Pie-Mar; F Wes-NAF; F Tyr-Wes; F Smy S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Aeg-Con; A Rom holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S A Boh-Mun; A Bud-Vie; F Aeg-Con; A Bul S F Aeg-Con; A Ser holds.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): F Ank-Bla; A Sev-Ukr; F Edi-Nth; A St.P-Liv; A Mos S A St.P-Liv; A Gal-Sil; A War S A Gal-Sil.

TURKEY (Bobker): "F Con sails into sunset"; is dislodged and retreats F Con-Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible. Owing to the difficulty of getting his mail on time, David Wienczek resigns herewith as England and is succeeded by Eric Verheiden, #2, 200 S. Azusa Ave., Azusa, Calif. 91702; 818-334-3149. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984.

ROME to LONDON & BERLIN: You guys were a bit too outspoken about the long-term alliance between you. This alliance means that, with every shovelful of dirt I heaped on France, I was digging my own grave. Loyalty to allies is fine, but it doesn't extend to assisting in one's own demise.

PARIS to BERLIN & LONDON: The only way that you can now get a share of the French spoils is to abandon your homelands, and to suicide out in the process. The principal shortcoming in your attack, thus far, has been the inability of the English to properly position their units in Spring seasons for supported attacks into French centers during Fall seasons. The failure of England to capture the Mid by 1902 sealed his fate.

You two are also apparently still suffering from grave diplomatic shortcomings. You both chose to ally with one another right from the start, but you have not retained any flexibility in your alliance structure. Thus, you've given all the other players no reason to help either one of you out. If I had been the German in Spring 1903, I would have dumped England in favor of a strong commitment to Italy. That would have given Bob incentive to NOT support the French, as he instead was obliged to do. You guys have got to learn to play the whole board, not just one corner at a time. Take your blinders off!

PARIS to MUNICH: It would appear that a certain Viennese corporal, formerly a painter on the streets of that great city, is preparing to enter Bavaria this Spring. Be aware that this corporal is open to anti-semetic influences....

BERLIN to World: My idiocy in not checking the due date of orders until I got the card with the builds is what led to my total silence. Since no-one wrote me, I assume I'm about to get creamed. Well, I deserve it for not writing enough. Take me - I'm yours!

BERLIN (DAMN): Baron von Mutendorf, ex-Foreign Minister, was executed today by firing squad after it was revealed that he had squandered the funds allocated for stationery on cheap wine and expensive women. Der Kaiser remarked, "Cheap women and expensive wine are okay, but dis vas too much."

1984AY

"Fall 1901"

## FRANCE GIVES IT AND GETS IT

ENGLAND (Levine): F Nrg-Nwy; A Edi-Den; F Nth C A Edi-Den.

FRANCE (Hurwitz): F Mid-Por; A Mar-Spa; A Bur-Mun.

GERMANY (M. Taylor): A Ruh-Bel; F Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Kie-Den.

ITALY (Kaplan): A Pie-Mar; A Apu-Ven; F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Downs): A Tri-Bud; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Quarto): F Bot-Swe; A St,P-Fin; F Sev-Rum; A Ukr S F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Swift): A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Ank-Bla.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

FRANCE: Bre, Mun, Par, Por, Spa. (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)

France, Italy, Russia, and Austria-Hungary may each build two new units, and England, Germany, and Turkey may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984. Press releases are postponed to the next issue.

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"Spring 1908"

## SOUND AND FURY, SIGNIFYING SOMETHING

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

FRANCE (Jordan): A Pic &amp; A Par S A Bur; A Bur &amp; A Bre S A Pic.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Ukr, A Sil &amp; A Mun hold; A Mos S A Ukr; A Ber S A Sil; A Kie &amp; A Ruh S A Mun.

ITALY (Ezzio): F Smy-Con; F Mid-Gas; F Wes-Mid; F Naf & F Spa(s.c.) S F Wes-Mid; A Pie-Mar; A Ven S A Tyr; A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): F Tri-Alb; A Ser-Tri; A Gal-Sil; A Boh S A Gal-Sil; A Vie-Gal; A Rum S A Vie-Gal; A Sev S ENGLISH A War-Ukr; F Bla S A Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984.

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"Winter 1906"

ENGLAND (Zaiz): No moves received; gamesmaster removes F Nwy.

GERMANY (Jordan): Builds A Mun, F Kie.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kline): Builds F Tri, A Bud.

RUSSIA (Cooper): No moves received; gamesmaster removes F Rum.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984. The following people should send in stand-by moves:

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

RUSSIA: Bob Lipton (see page 3 for address)

TURKEY: Ted London, 31 Saddle Club Road, Lexington, Mass. 02173; 617-862-6088

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"Spring 1906"

## DRANG NACH OSTEN

FRANCE (Brawner): A Pie-Ven; A Ven-Tri; F Mar-Lyo; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mär-Lyo; F Cly & A Mor hold; A Bur-Bel; F Wes S F Tun; F Bre-Mid; "F Tun builds pipe line to re-fill Ionian Sea."

GERMANY (Kaplan): A Tyr S FRENCH A Ven-Tri; A Mun-Boh; A Ukr-Sev; A Mos-Sev; A Ber-Pru; F Swe-Bal; F Bar-St.P(n.c.); F Nwy S F Bar-St.P(n.c.); A Bel-Bur; A Sil-Gal

ITALY (Cameron): F Tus-Rom; A Apu & F Tyr S F Tds-Rom; F Ion S F Tyr; A Tri S TURKISH  
A Bud-Vie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Chafetz): A Vie-Tri.

RUSSIA (Henricks): No moves received; A St.P dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (Heuer): No moves received; A Bud, A Bul, A Sev, F Bla, F Con, F Ank & A Smy hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Tri-Ser or -Alb, or removes it. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves, which may be made conditional on the direction of the Italian retreat, is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by John C. Quarto, Apt. 5, 23 St. Luke's Road, Allston, Mass. 02134; 617-254-6262. A press release is postponed to the next issue.

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"Spring 1906"

## TRUCE COUNTER-OFFER MADE

ENGLAND (Folmer): A Wal-Bre; F Eng C A Wal-Bre; F Pic S A Wal-Bre; F Bel & A Lon holds; F Hol-Hel; F Bal-Ber; F Kie S F Bal-Ber; A St.P-Mos; A Edi-Hol; F Nth C A Edi-Hol.

FRANCE (G. Baker): No moves received; A Bur holds.

ITALY (Galicia): A Spa-Gas; F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Mar-Pie; F Tyr-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): A Sil S A Ber; A Ber S A Mun-Kie; A Mun-Kie; A War-Liv; A Gal-War; A Rum-Ukr; A Rud-Rum; A Rom holds; A Gre-Apu; F Ion C A Gre-Apu; A Bul S A Bud-Rum; F Tri-Adr.

RUSSIA (London): A Arm-Ank.

TURKEY (Schembari): F Sev-Arm; A Ank S F Sev-Arm; F Con-Aeg; F Smy S F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Arm-Syr. The proposal for a concession to Austria-Hungary fails. It is again submitted to the players for a vote, as is a counterproposal for a draw. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984. Stand-by moves for France should be sent in by Bob Lipton whose address is on page 3.

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"Winter 1905"

FRANCE (Wallick): No moves received; game-master removes F Wes.

ITALY (Stone): Removes F Aeg, F Lyo.

No retreat came in for the dislodged English F Eng, which is therefore removed. The vote for a concession to Russia fails of unanimity; players are asked to vote again on this proposal, and also on a draw. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984. Terry Tallman, 820 W. Armour St., Seattle, Wash. 98119; 206-285-4374 should send in stand-by moves for France.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Palter): Builds A Bud.

RUSSIA (Jordan): Builds F St.P(n.c.), A War A Mos, A Sev.

1984V

"Fall 1902"

"YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT THIS MEANS WAR!"

In the "Spring 1902" moves, as most players observed, the Italian "F Ion-Aeg" should have been underlined as failing. Martin Lally resigns as Austria-Hungary, and is succeeded by Vincent J. Manna, whose address appeared in the last issue.

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Nwy-Swe; F Nrg-Nat; F Iri-Mid; A Bel-Pic; F Eng S A Bel-Pic.

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

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Bur-Gas; A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; F Den-Swe; A Kie holds.

ITALY (Sims): A Bud-Rum; A Rom-Tun; F Tyr C A Rom-Tun; F Ion-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Vie-Gal; A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul.

RUSSIA (Kutta): A Ukr S F Rum; F Bot-Swe; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Gal & F Rum hold.

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

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

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

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (5)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

ITALY: Bud, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)

Italy and Austria-Hungary may each build one unit. (Austria-Hungary would have a second build, but no home supply center is available.) The deadline for these "Winter 1902" builds, which must be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL or phone call, is MONDAY 9 JULY 1984. The players will then be informed of these builds. The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984.

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: ? ? ?

TURKEY to GERMANY: What 'ship'? Don't make the same mistake I made of believing anything Italy says. He has a nasty knack of making people say the wrong things to the wrong people, with his imaginary quotes from you and some others in this game, and some others who are not in this game. He probably quoted me in his letters, recently, but I haven't written him since last fall. I don't intend to start writing him again if he keeps this up, even if it means misfortune for the Turks.

TURKEY to ITALY: Don't push your luck, "King Larry". Apologizing? Again.

VIENNA to WORLD: Treacherous maneuvers shall only reveal your pernicious natures and expose you to the vituperations and wrath of the civilized world.

ENGLAND to GERMANY: Think they suspect yet?

ENGLAND to TURKEY: Does this begin to make a little more sense now?

ENGLAND to FRANCE: I agree with Germany's assessment, you made the right moves and offers but we were already headed elsewhere. I do, however, question the kraut's writing you off. No enemy is more dangerous than one who thinks he has nothing to lose.

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ROME: When Cartolina di Sforza returned from her trip to Germany, she found the Illustrious Chairman throwing a terrible fit. "Why did that Austrian dog build that fleet? Why, why, why? Don't he know that I told him he coulda noa build a fleet? I'ma going to stuffa his face a so fulla of my fista that he gonna look alike a fata man," an with these words the Illustrious Chairman was throwing noodles at the picture of the Austrian Monarch.

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FRANCE (London): Removes A Bur.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Cameron): Builds A Vie, A Tri, A Bud.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 JULY 1984. Much to my surprise, the vote for a concession to Austria-Hungary failed of unanimity; apparently they're going to make him fight for it.

ROME to VIENNA: Yeah, I probably would have done the same thing myself, were I in your position. Congratulations on a well played game.

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

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Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6.00. Back issues are available continuously from #467, with a few earlier ones such as #437. They are 75¢ each, or 10 for \$1.50. (This rather extreme quantity price is an attempt to clear out my back issue files. It is my custom, at the beginning of each year, to throw out back issues of the year before last, so that any unclaimed 1983 issues will be thrown out in January 1985.)

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A few issues ago I gave reasons for expecting a postal rate increase in September. To judge from unofficial noises now emerging from the United States Postal "Service", the rate increase will now take place in January 1985, safely after the election, and will be to 23¢ for the first ounce of domestic first-class mail. Since the U. S. P. "S." is in the custom of springing these increases on us hurriedly, you never know when you'll suddenly be needing lots and lots of 3¢ stamps. And, of course, when it does happen there will be on previous performance long lines in the post offices for these stamps.

I have just taken a step which I commend to GRAUSTARK's readers. The U. S. P. "S." has available a coil of 500 3¢ stamps for \$15. Buy a roll, and then you won't be caught at a loss when the increase comes. This stamp, incidentally, depicts a hand-pumped railroad handcar from about a century ago. This, presumably, will be the means by which the mails will be transported at the new rate.

The GRAUSTARK game fee has already been increased to allow for the new postal rate, and will not be further increased when it actually becomes effective.

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Another change coming in January will be the long-heralded change in the telephone area code for Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. Until 1 September 1984, the 212 area code is good for all five Boroughs. But then the "718" area code will become effective for those three. We will have four months to get used to this new state of affairs. Then, on 1 January 1985, the 212 code will be good only for Manhattan and the Bronx, while 718 becomes the sole area code for Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. This will be true even between these two areas, so that anyone wanting to phone me from Manhattan or the Bronx will have to dial "1-718-693-1579". Though an area code is used, this will not be assessed by our brand-new telephone company, NYNEX, as a long distance call. It says here.

After 1 September, I plan to publish in GRAUSTARK an up-to-date directory of players and other subscribers. This will include the new area code for residents of the affected Boroughs. If you expect your address to change this fall, then please let me know so I can publish it in this directory. The directory is tentatively scheduled for publication in GRAUSTARK #497 on 22 September 1984, by which time all those readers whose address changes with the new academic year can let me know where they can then be reached.

THE GREAT ALL-STAR DIPLOMACY GAME

by Marc Hurwitz

XIX - Jonathan Wills (Fall 1906)

I return to our hotel room after a delightful meal in the hotel restaurant, alone. My sense of taste isn't what it was, alas. When I open the door, my grand-nephew Peter greets me with a truculent stare, which soon turns into a morose grimace. "Sorry, uncle. The belboy's been snooping around again."

"No matter. I'll stay in now, you go out and have your fun."  
"I'll need the money first."  
"Very well. Hee hee! This is going to be good!"

"Yeah - very good indeed," chuckles Peter, his grimace becoming an evil smirk. He leaves quietly, with no more conversation. I do not need a crystal ball, merely my imagination, to see how he will spend the evening.

First, he walks the streets of Kingston, Jamaica, into the sailors' quarter, with cheap dives and cheaper "hotels" populated by a nocturnal society of whores, thieves, smugglers, and other trash. He approaches a likely "girl" in a seedy pub, and follows her to her bedroom. There he propositions her - she is surprised! But his money convinces the harlot; money is always a convincing argument. She will change her nocturnal habits and become a tourist - perhaps from Ireland. On the beach tomorrow, she will accidentally meet Mr. Godowski, and be fascinated by him. Mr. Godowski will proceed to have a very enjoyable weekend. He is, I feel, a likable enough American hoodlum, and deserves this present from me.

With his first errand complete, Peter will find an all-night poker game. He will affect the American accent that the family finds amusing. He will do quite well at first, then not so well. He'll begin writing IOU's and borrowing money. It's back at the hotel, he'll explain - ask any of the staff if good ol' Jim Smith isn't loaded. Lots of money - American lawyer! Of course, the room will be dark and smoky, and Peter will keep his hat on.

(Two days later)

"Gee, uncle, aren't you going to visit Mr. Smith?"  
"No pity for that man, Peter!" I sharply retort, as we eat breakfast on the balcony. "A barrister should be a pillar of the community - he should set a fine example. Instead, Smith is a gambler, a weecher (it's rumored) and a drunkard. Let him get the pity of the nurses!"

ENGLAND (Manocht): F Ska S FRENCH F Hel-Den; F Edt & F Lon hold.  
FRANCE (Smith): No moves received. F Hol, F Eng, F Bre, A Fru, A Ruh, F Wes, F Pie & A Liverpool hold; A Mun & F Nrg dislodged and annihilated.  
ITALY (Johnson): A Gre-Ser; A Ven holds; F Adr S A Ven.  
RUSSIA (Wills): F Den-Kie; F Bar-Nrg; F Nwy S F Bar-Nrg; A Boh-Mun; A Sil S A Boh-Mun; A Tyr-Ven; A Trt S A Tyr-Ven; A Arm-Ank; A Smy S A Arm-Ank; A Ukr holds; A Ser-Gre; A Bul S A Ser-Gre.  
TURKEY (Godowski): No moves received. F Bla & F Con hold; F Ank dislodged and annihilated.

The Italian A Gre refuses to retreat and is removed from the board. The High Combat-ant Powers now control the following supply centers:  
ENGLAND: Edt, Lon. (2)  
FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Liv, Mar,  
Far, Spa, For. (9)  
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3)  
TURKEY: Con, Tun. (2)  
RUSSIA: Ank, Bud, Bul, Den, Mos, Rum, St. P, Sev, Ser, Smy, Wwy, Swe, Trt, Vle, War,  
Gre, Mun, Kie. (18)

## THE REIGN OF SENILIO THE GREAT - XXIII

One of the most vexing historical questions associated with the 14th-century reign of the Emperor Senilio the Great over the Temporary Roman Empire revolves around the identity of his Prime Minister. While not often being carried to such lengths as the 1978 fistfight between Dr. A. Ohne Umlaut of the West German Institute for the Suitable Revision of the History of the Whole World and Soviet Academician Svetlana Golosyevovozhda, the correct listing of the many people who held this post has always been a matter for controversy among specialists in the history of The Four And A Half Kingdoms.

Most historians agree that by 1384, when the Emperor was in the fourth year of his reign and the 101st of his age, several of the earlier alleged holders of the Prime Ministry were no longer in positions of power. These included Allenius, who had been dismissed after an inquiry on who had admitted a whole troop of Mongol cavalry, and their horses, to the bedchamber of the Empress Nancia Poppaea Evita, and Wattus, who was sacrificed to the Furies in the ritual position of his left foot in his mouth. For a while it seemed that Clericius would occupy the Prime Ministry, but then he was suddenly banished to the depths of the forest, and never heard from again. Further complications were introduced by the fact that Senilio the Great would often forget that he had appointed a Prime Minister, and would name another one.

By mid-1384, two Prime Ministers seemed to hold power - Johanna Ecclesiae Patrici, a priestess of the goddess Bellona, and Pistorius, the Emperor's valet. By the Kalends of July, their disputes had become so bitter as to require the personal mediation of the Emperor himself.

The immediate cause of the dispute was the worsening military situation on the border with the Kingdom of Pundschruck. The Pundschrucki King Yurin VIII had recently died and been succeeded by, in the words of Senilio the Great, "a 69-year-old stripling" Prince Chertenko, who took the title of King Coprosthine VI. The border district of El Slamador was playing the two Balkan Massif powers against each other, and Senilio the Great was considering whether or not to send in the Roman legions.

The priestess Johanna was strongly in favor of this step. "The Roman people," she told the Emperor, "resent that their former territories, from Britannia to Aegyptus and from Mauretania to Pontus, have been occupied - albeit temporarily - by the barbarians. They will not stand for further defeats. The Roman people want us to restore, by force if necessary, our pre-eminent position in the world!"

"All this is true, O Senilio Augustus Septembris," Pistorius responded, "but it is also clear that the Roman people do not want another war. Trivial as it was, last year's conquest of the island of Pomegrenada elicited strong opposition among them."

"Is this true," the Emperor quavered, "that the populus wants us to stop losing territory to the enemy?"

"In veritate, est," replied Johanna Ecclesiae Patrici in the affirmative.

"And is it also true, the the populus does not want a war?" Semilio continued.

"Sic!" said Pistorius, knowing that this slangy modern affirmative was less than welcome to both his hearers.

The Emperor carefully considered these answers, his eyes closed in deep thought, for three hours. Then, as his councillors waited eagerly for his words, he spoke.

"Quis donat stercorem?"

"Quid?" they said as one.

"Who gives a volentam ventositatem what the populus thinks?" the Emperor snapped, himself providing an example. "If the Empire had been run by paying attention to what the populus thinks, we'd still be suckling she-wolves! You two put your heads together and come up with a solution that doesn't worry about popular opinion! If, afterwards, you want public opinion to support your decision, I'll send the Praetorian Guard and the Theban Legion into the forum and the Senate, and they'll give you all the public opinion you want!"

The two Prime Ministers abased themselves deeply before the Emperor, after first determining that his son Juniorius, commander of the Theban Legion, was not behind them. They then hastened to do his bidding, with results that are familiar to every scholar of the affairs of The Four And A Half Kingdoms.

## 1981IQ - GAME REVIEW

DICK MARTIN (France): This was one of the toughest games I've played anywhere. The quality of play was quite high from beginning to end, and it never degenerated into a mopping up exercise.

Why did I win? Two reasons that I can think of right off hand. First of all, France is a very tough country to eliminate. While I came under heavy attack most of the game, nobody ever ganged up on me and I was able to outlast my attackers. Second, and much more importantly, I kept writing to everybody. This opened up a few opportunities that I would not have had otherwise - for instance, Russia would have suicided out in Turkey's favor there at the end, but I just asked him not to. I am pretty sure that one letter from Turkey to Russia in 1914 would have won him the game instead of me.

Thanks to everybody for an outstanding game. I couldn't ask for anything more. Except, perhaps, another one....

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vacation. James Smith, accused an elderly Englishman, Jonathan Wills, of assault with intent to murder, and conspiracy. Police HQ said no action will be taken on these charges due to lack of evidence. Mr. Smith, however, is wanted in the United States on charges of grand larceny, mail fraud, and other charges stemming from accusations of embezzlement. Also, Mr. Wills is pressing a slander suit against Mr. Smith, who is currently in the Kingston General Hospital recovering from a mugging/kidnapping incident. Several men apparently forced Mr. Smith out of his hotel and down to the beach, where he was soundly thrashed.

Thomas Hague, manager of the ....

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The best laid plans of mice and men oft go astray.  
Never depend on hotel workers in your pay.  
Jonathan Wills and Peter have gotten their way,  
But it'd be different if Godowski were gay!

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