

GRAUSTARK

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New Game I "Spring 1901"

GERMANS AND ITALIANS INVADE NEIGHBORS

ENGLAND (Loiacono): F Lon-Eng; F Edi-Nth;
A Liv-Yor.

FRANCE (Chafetz): F Bre-Eng; A Par-Gas;
A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (Manna): A Mun-Bur; F Kie-Hol;
A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Clarke): A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Ven;
F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Schwartz): A Vie-Tri;
A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb.

RUSSIA (Schembari): F Sev-Bla; A War-Gal;
F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A Mos-Ukr.

TURKEY (London): F Ank-Bla; A Con-Bul;
A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON,
FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984.

ITALY to AUSTRIA: If you don't commu-
nicate, I have no choice but to attack.

PARIS: I hope the French Sp. maneuvers
prove interesting to the world.

NUMBER, PLEASE!

As of today's date I still have not
heard from Bill Quinn, the new Boardman
Number Custodian, concerning the Boardman
Numbers for the two new games which begin
on this page. Until further notice, they
will be "New Game I" and "New Game II". If
I don't hear from Bill by the publication
date of the next issue of GRAUSTARK, 29 De-
cember 1984, I will have to revert to a
practice which I used when Cal White was
giving out Boardman Numbers - or, rather,
was not giving them out. Games would in
that case be numbered in the order in which
they began in GRAUSTARK. If that should

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New Game II "Spring 1901"

ITALIANS INVADE DALMATIA; ~~THINGSIDOOK~~ ~~ORSETTY~~

ENGLAND (Larose): F Lon-Eng; F Edi-Nth;
A Liv-Yor.

FRANCE (Gratto): F Bre-Eng; A Par-Bur;
A Mar S A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Cameron): A Mun-Ruh; F Kie-Den;
A Ber-Sil.

ITALY (Stewart): A Ven-Tri; A Rom-Ven;
F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): A Vie-Gal;
A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb.

RUSSIA (Taylor): F Sev-Bla; A Mos-Sev;
F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A War-Ukr.

TURKEY (Hall): F Ank-Rla; A Con-Bul;
A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON,
FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984.

GERMANY to World: OK, guys. Who sent
me that bogus letter from "Russia". I'm not
an idiot, you know.

GERMANY to FRANCE: You'll hear from me
soon.

GERMANY to ENGLAND: And so will you.
((Earlier press releases appear on
page 10.))

NUMBER, PLEASE (continued from first column)

be necessary, then New Game I will be Game
CXXVI, and New Game II will be Game CXXVII.

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

Subscriptions of the following people
expire with the indicated issue of GRAUSTARK:

502 - John Weswig	513 - Don Del Grande
504 - Arthur Ticossi	519 - Ralph L. Morton
505 - Ken Peel	
508 - W. Elmer Hinton	519 - Eric Verheiden
511 - Gerry Thompson	

WHEN YOU SAY THAT, DRAW!

Several of the games now running in GRAUSTARK are reaching positions where draws seem a good idea to many of the players. Others have quite obviously reached the place where time could be saved by conceding victory to the player who is obviously going to win anyway in a couple more game years. There seems to be some misunderstanding as to what is involved in the vote of a concession or a draw.

Rule II states that "Players may terminate the game by mutual agreement before a winner is determined, in which case all players who still have pieces on the board share equally in a draw." This condition is sometimes called "DIAS" for "Draws Include All Survivors."

I have stressed this point because, in negotiations for draws in past GRAUSTARK games, some players have acted as if "DIAS" is a personal idiosyncrasy of my own, which I have arbitrarily imposed upon Diplomacy. This requirement for a negotiated draw is as much a part of Diplomacy, as forward Pawn moves are a part of Chess. It is as if, before or during their current match for the world championship, Anatoli Karpov or Gary Kasparov had proposed that Pawns be allowed to move backwards, and had held up play until the opponent's unreasonable prejudice against such a rule had been overcome by much argument.

(Perhaps I shouldn't press this analogy too hard. Bobby Fisher and Viktor Korchnoi would both have been capable of making such a stipulation.)

If, in the negotiations for a postal Diplomacy draw, some players feel that others should not share in the draw, their mode of procedure is clear - eliminate the unwanted players on the board, if they can.

If a proposal for a draw is offered in a game, Postal-Rule 21A requires that all players must vote for it for the draw to become effective. An abstention counts as a negative vote. The vote must be for that turn only; "A player may not give a vote which is good for more than one move at a time."

Usually the inevitability of a draw dawns, sooner or later, on the players. However, in the event that it does not, there is Postal Rule 21B:

"If three full game years go by, beginning with a 'Spring' move and including 'Winter' moves, without a piece being built, removed, or annihilated, and if no power gains or loses a net number of supply centers" then the game is declared a draw among the surviving players.

This rule is modeled after Chess's "fifty-move rule", which provides that a game is a draw if 50 moves go by without a man being captured or a Pawn being moved. "A net number of supply centers" is provided so that two allies do not delay the draw by swapping a pair of supply centers back and forth. In the history of GRAUSTARK games, this rule has never been invoked. However, such a situation seems to be shaping up in 1983AJ. "Spring 1910" was the beginning of a period of deadlock such as that described in Postal-Rule 21B, and that deadlock has now gone 1 1/2 of the necessary 3 years, as the players refuse to vote a draw.

People who have played in over-the-board Diplomacy tournaments know that rather different criteria are used for settling draws under those circumstances. These tournaments are played under time limitations, and cannot afford to wait out a tangled board situation as we can in postal play.

Any GRAUSTARK reader who would like a copy of #437, in which the postal rules for Diplomacy were last published, should send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope. For other available back issues, see the information on page 11 of this issue.

In five of the fourteen Diplomacy games currently in progress in GRAUSTARK, one player has at least fourteen of the necessary eighteen supply centers. While there have been many close-fought games in the past where such a lead did not bring about a victory, players in those games should at least consider proposing and voting on a concession to that leader.

1982IM

"Spring 1913"

VIVE LE QUELQUECHOSE!

ANKARA: The Sultan is crying crocodile tears at the news of the demise of the German Cheese Kaiser.

TSAR to SULTAN: I think I've finally found the Kaiser. Had to turn a lot of rocks over, but there he is."

MOSCOW to VIENNA: Blarney aside, Randy, good luck in future games & thanks for being a good sport in this one. Too bad you NMRed once too often...

RUSSIA to ENGLAND: We do have an excellent chance to pull it off, so let's do it.

THE KAISER to THE SULTAN: The Tsar is looking for me, eh? Please send my apologies to the Russian leader but I have been in Marseilles; overseeing the construction of my new home which should prove much safer than my current capital in Vienna. I hope you can understand.

GERMANY to FRANCE: You know, after last Falls moves I am really starting to believe that they can pull it off also. Oh well, I'm still trying if you are, OK????

VIENNA to MOSCOW: Thanks for the offer but I'm pretty suicide-minded at this point. I won't have much time for Diplomacy at Kansas University and all. I did, however, appreciate the gesture.

ENGLAND (Corbin): F Sol-Hel; A Den-Kie; F Adr-Tri.

FRANCE (Ferguson): F Edi-Nrg; A Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Ska; F Lon-Nth; F Eng S F Lon-Nth; F Bre-Mid; A Mar-Bur; A Par-Pic; A Tyr-Tyr; A Ven holds; A Mun-Ber; F Tun-Ion; F Nap & F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; A Ven S GERMAN A Bud-Tri.

GERMANY (Ellis): F Bot S FRENCH A Nwy-Swe; A Bud-Tri; FRENCH A Tri-Vie.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): F Kie-Bal; A Ber S ENGLISH A Den-Kie; A Pru-Sil; A War S A Pru-Sil; A St.P-Nwy; A Mos-St.P; A Ser-Bud; A Gal S A Ser-Bud.

TURKEY (Chafetz): F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eas; F Gre-Alb; F Ion-Apu; F Rum holds; A Bul*Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Bud-Vie. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984. Randy Ellis's new address is #12C, 905 Emery, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. The Turkish A

1984B

"Winter 1905-Spring 1906"

THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE BECOMES MORE SO

In "Winter 1905" Germany built A Ber & A Kie. All players were informed.

TYROLIA: As the Amperor of Austria spoke to his troops he had harsh words for the Kaiser: "He (The Kaiser) speaks of pricks and balloons while his troops, leaderless, are routed on all fronts. He babbles philosophy when his nation needs a good sword. He should be at the forefront of the battle, as I am; leading my people to our great and glorious destiny " The Emperor then led a calvary charge against the heavily entrenched German forces at Munich. The Emperor's body has not yet been found.

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): F Swe-Fin; F Bar S GERMAN A St.P.

GERMANY (Goldman): A Nwy S ENGLISH F Swe-Fin; F Bal-Liv; A St.P S F Bal-Liv; F Bot S F Bal-Liv; A Mun-Sil; A Pru & A Ber S A Mun-Sil; A Kie-Mun; A Bur S A Kie-Mun; A Bre-Gas; F Nth-Eng; F Mid S A Bre-Gas; A Edi-Yor.

ITALY (Schembari): F Gas-Mid; F Spa(s.c.) S F Gas-Mid; A Por holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr-Mun; A Bud holds; A Tri-Ven; F Tyr-Wes; F Lyo S F Tyr-Wes; A Pie-Mar; F Ion-Tun.

* - This corrects a misprint in GRAUSTARK #499.

RUSSIA (Downs): A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr-Mun; F Liv holds; A War & A Mos S F Liv;
F Fin-St.P(s.c.); F Bla-Rum; F Bul(e.c.)-Rum; A Ukr S A War.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Sil & F Fin are dislodged and annihilated. Germany must retreat F Mid-NAF, NAT, -Tri, or Pre, or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 1984. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984.

1984HB

"Spring 1902"

CHANCERIES IN CHAOS

ENGLAND (Martin): F Lon-Nth; A Edi-Yor; F Nth-Hel; F Nwy-Swe.

FRANCE (Palter): A Bur-Mar; A Mar-Pie; F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): F Kie-Bal; F Den S F Kie-Bal; A Mun-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; A Hol S ENGLISH A Yor-Bel((sic)).

ITALY (Budway): F Tur-Wes; A Pie-Mar; A Rom holds((sic; no such unit exists)); A Tus not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Boh-Gal; A Vie & A Bud S A Boh-Gal; A Ser & F Gre hold.

RUSSIA (Ticossi): No moves received. F Bot, F Sev & A Ukr hold; A Gal dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (Quirk): A Bul S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Rum; F Ank-Rla; F Con S F Ank-Bla;
A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. France must retreat A Bur-Bel, -Pic, -Par, or -Gas, or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat should be phoned in IMMEDIATELY, so that it arrives by FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 1984. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984. Stand-by "Fall 1902" moves for Russia should be sent in by Ted London, 1122 John Jay Hall, c/o Wallach Hall, New York, N. Y. 10027; 212-280-6295. A press release appears on page 10.

FRANK AND GERMANY: Thanks for your kind offer

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK has just gone over to a four-week publishing cycle while my other postal war-gaming 'zine, EMPIRE, remains on a three-week schedule. This means that, every 12 weeks, the two publications will come out on the same day.

The first such day will be four weeks hence, when GRAUSTARK #502 and EMPIRE #204 come out on the same day. The games run in EMPIRE take much more time to adjudicate than do Diplomacy games, but that will be a holiday week, so I'll be able to get both 'zines done. The next such coincidence of publication dates comes on 23 March, which will present more problems, and I'll have to see at that time how this matter is working out. Long-time readers of both GRAUSTARK and EMPIRE will recall that, for some time after GRAUSTARK went to a three-week schedule in March 1973, I tried to keep EMPIRE on a two-week schedule, with resulting complications every six weeks. Eventually EMPIRE had also to be put on a three-week schedule.

Meanwhile, APA-Q, an amateur press association to which I belong, will continue on its three-week schedule. APA-Q is also collated here, on every third Saturday, and these collations fell on the same day as GRAUSTARK was put together. Some APA-Q members have suggested putting this amateur press association on a four-week schedule, so it will again be collated on the same dates as GRAUSTARK is.

Meanwhile, if you'd like to drop around at 2 PM on the appropriate Saturday afternoons to help collate, you'll be welcome here. Give me a call at 718-693-1579 and I'll give you travel directions.

PLEASE STAND BY

When GRAUSTARK went to a four-week schedule with the 500th issue, I felt that at last the problem of late moves would be solved. Certainly everyone could get moves in for a four-week deadline, couldn't they? Couldn't they?

Well, what happened was that five people missed their moves in a total of six positions in this present issue - the most in many months. And here we get one of the problems with longer deadlines - people tend to forget that they have a deadline due for moves, if the deadlines are too far apart.

Of the five people who missed moves, two were replaced by stand-by players in 1983AS. A third should have been replaced in 1983HF, but I made a mistake in that game. The person I called on had already been in that game, which is against Postal Rule 5. Therefore, that player's moves are missed again, and a different stand-by has been called upon.

Below is a list of all the people who have volunteered to be stand-bys under Postal Rule 5. A stand-by who is him- or herself dropped from a game for missing moves is also dropped from the stand-by list. The number after each name indicates how many games that person is currently playing as a stand-by. A number in parentheses means that a person has been called on as a stand-by but will not take over a position if the present player gets his orders in for the next move. If you want your name added to or removed from this list, please let me know:

Jack Brawner
Lawrence Chafetz - 2
Chris Downs - 1
Ron Galicia - 1
Bill Hardiman - 1
John Jordan
Charles Kaplan - 1
Robert Bryan Lipton - 1
Ted London (1)
Vincent J. Manna - 1

Jim McCarthy (1)
John C. Quarto (1)
Michael Quirk
Paul ~~Paul~~ Rauterberg - 1
Nunzio Paul Schembari (1)
David E. Schwartz - 1
Alan Stewart (1)
Terry Tallman
Arthur Ticossi - 1
Eric Verheiden - 1

The article on page 2 of this issue is sure to raise the question about what happens if a draw or concession vote is under way when a player misses a move. In such a case, the stand-by player is invited to send in a vote also. If the present player gets the next move in, his or her vote is used. If the present player misses a second consecutive move, the stand-by's moves are used, and also the stand-by's vote.

1982IN

"WHEN THE LION'S AWAY..."

"Spring 1914"

ENGLAND (Ticossi): No moves received. F Iri, F Eng, F Mid, F Spa(n.c.), A Mar, A Bur, A Hol, F Nth, A Kie, A Den, F Bal, F Bot, A Fin & A St.P hold.

FRANCE (J. Schwartz): F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Por S F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Naf-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Pie-Mar; A Nap holds; A Tyr-Ven; A Mun-Ruh; A Vie-Tyr; F Tri-Adr.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): A Mos & A Pru S A Liv; A Liv S A Pru; A Sil S A Ber; A Ber & A Boh S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun; A Gal-War; A Bud-Gal; A Ser-Bud; F Bul(s.c.)-Gre; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1914" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984. Stand-by moves for England should be sent in by Jim McCarthy, 44 Belmont Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K1S 0V1.

1983AS

"Spring 1909"

DEUTSCHLAND, DEUTSCHLAND ÜBER ALLES

ENGLAND (Downs): F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Tri-Mid; A Edi-Yor.

GERMANY (Jordan): F Nth-Edi; F Nrg & A Liv S F Nth-Edi; F Eng-Lon; F Bel-Eng; A Mar-Bur; A Kie-Hol; A Ven-Tri; A Mun-Boh; A Ber-Sil; A Mos-Ukr; A Gal S A Mos-Ukr; A St.P-Mos.ITALY (Kaplan): A Pic-Bur; F Tyr-Wes; F Ion-Adr; A Rom-Ven; F Eas-Aeg((sic)); F Aeg S F Eas-Ion.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rauterberg): A Vie-Tyr; A Rum-Gal; A Bud S A Rum-Gal; A Ukr-War; A Sev-Rum; A Bul S A Sev-Rum; F Alb-Tri; A Gre-Apu.

TURKEY (Hardiman): A Arm-Smy; F Con S A Arm-Smy; F Bla S F Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Gal-Vie. Chuck Kaplan is now playing Italy, and Paul Rauterberg is now playing Austria-Hungary. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984.

1983HF

"Spring 1908"

KLEINER MANN, WAS NUN?

The Austro-Hungarian move "F Ion S F Alb-Gre", which failed, was omitted from the report of the "Fall 1907" moves in GRAUSTARK #499.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Edi-Nth; A Liv-Yor; A Lon-Pic; F Eng C A Lon-Pic; F Bre S A Lon-Pic; A Bur-Mun; A Ruh & A Ber S A Bur-Mun; F Bal & F Kie S A Ber; A Liv-Mos; F St.P(s.c.)-Liv; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Por-Mid.

FRANCE (Lipton): A Par holds.

ITALY (Galicia): A Gas-Mar; F Tyr-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brawner): No moves received. F Ion, A Syr, A Arm, A Nap, A Rom, F Nap, A Ser, A Rum, A Tyr, A Sil & A Pru hold; A Mun dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (Schembari): A Con-Smy; A Ank S A Con-Smy; F Bul(s.c.)-Con; F Gre-Bul(s.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984. Stand-by moves for Austria-Hungary should be sent in by Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1R2.

DON'T GET CAUGHT!

Shortly after President Reagan was first elevated to his awesomely powerful office in 1980, the liberal columnist James Wechsler complained in the New York Post that this showed a lack of compassion on the part of the American people towards the poor and the unfortunate. In the next several days many of the Post's other columnists landed on Wechsler for this, chief among them William F. Buckley and Joseph Sobran. Compassion, it seems, is one of the greatest evils of which humanity is capable. The mere desire to make government responsive to the plight of the unfortunate seems to be the gateway to totalitarianism.

These thoughts should be kept in mind during the current campaign for famine relief in Ethiopia. Numerous heart-rending pleas have been made for money and food to relieve the sufferings of the famine-stricken Ethiopians. Yet it should be kept in mind - indeed in the forefront of our consideration - that Ethiopia is a Communistic coun-

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ITALO-AUSTRIAN WAR HEATS UP

Following "Spring 1906" moves, Russia retreated F Nth-Ska. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Lon-Eng; F Nth-Den; F Nwy S GERMAN F Den-Swe.

FRANCE (Rauterberg): F Eng-Bre; A Mar S GERMAN A Gas-Spa.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Kie-Mun; A Sil S A Kie-Mun; A Gas-Par; F Den-Swe.

ITALY (Bragdon): F Mid-Gas; A Pie-Mar; F Spa(s.c.) S A Pie-Mar; A Tus-Pie; A Ven-Tyr;
A Tri-Ser; A Alb-Gre; F Ion S A Alb-Gre; F Smy-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Tyr-Ven; A Bud-Tro; A Vie S A Bud-Tri; A Gre-Alb; A Rum-Ser; A Gal-Rum; F Bul(e.c.)-Rum.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Swe-Nwy; F Ska S A Swe-Nwy; A Mos-St.P; A Ukr-Rum; A Sev S A Ukr-Rum.

TURKEY (Pobker): No moves received. F Con & F Bla hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Gre is dislodged and annihilated. Austria-Hungary retreats A Rum-Bud, France retreats A Mar-Bur, and Italy retreats A Tri-Alb. England must retreat F Nwy-Nth or -Bar or -Nrg, or remove this unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1906" moves, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon. (5) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)
FRANCE: Bre. (1) RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (6)
GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, Sve. TURKEY: Ank, Con. (2)
(6)

ITALY: Gre, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Smy, Spa, Tun, Ven. (9)
Germany may build two new units, and Russia may build one. France and Austria-Hungary must each build one unit. Italy and England each have a build if their respective dislodged units are removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 1985. Stand-by "Spring 1907" moves for Turkey should be sent in by John C. Quarto, P. O. Box 359, Boston University Station, Boston, Mass. 02215; 617-353-6089.

BERLIN: REICH REUNITED!! Yesterday, the glorious 7th of November, the triumphant troops of the 3rd army liberated Munich! With perfect timing, too, for that day was the birthday of our beloved Kaiser Mark, who turned 23.

The mood in Berlin was exhilarating. People thronged in the streets, laughing, singing, and stoning POWs.

MUNICH (DAMN): The mood in Munich today, Nov. 8th, is somber. Much work remains to be done in rebuilding the shattered city, razed, burnt, and looted by years of French and Austrian occupation. However, many students and workers are already flocking to Berlin, to enlist in a new army of vengeance.

The most surprising incident in the recapture of the city was the quick thrust by the Danube Flotilla, formerly the Vistula, formerly the Oder flotilla. Kaptain Karl Student, spokesman for the 4th army which assisted the 3rd in taking the city, commented, "I still don't understand the interest, especially the French interest, in this flotilla."

PARIS (DAMN): An Imperial flag draped the Eiffel? (I hate French words) - now the Hurwitz, tower today, as scores of Frenchmen cheered the arrival of the 1st army today, November 8th. Coming one day after the reunification of Germany, and the Kaiser's birthday, the victory is seen by many as the icing on the cake. Admiral Rauterberg was captured attempting to sneak out in a jet aircraft. He was unsuccessful, probably because there are no jet aircraft in 1960. Scheduled for summary execution, the Kaiser

ordered him committed to a mental institution instead. Asked for a comment, the Admiral (former head of French intelligence) (an oxymoron if there ever was one) said, "It's a fleet, damn it, it's a fleet!" See pg 11 of issue #489 for more information.

OWINGS MILLS to MILWAUKEE: Because it was there, Paul. Because it was there.

KING ALPHONSO (Rome) to KAISER MARC: You asked what's going on. Very simple. In the east, the Red menace is being contained. In the west, Marseilles, which had reverted to its historic Roman/Italian affiliation, has been ruthlessly assaulted by a motley collection of soldiers of fortune. Dear me, all that good Midi wine flowing in the streets.

ROME to BREST: Flattery will get you nowhere.

DON'T GET CAUGHT! (continued from p. 6)

try. This means that any food given to the government of that nation will be used by the government to secure its control over the country. It should further be noticed that several parts of Ethiopia are in revolt against the Communistic government - the provinces of Eritrea and Tigre in the north, and the Somali-claimed Ogaden in the east. These revolts, like the revolts against the pro-Communist government of Nicaragua, have American support. By not sending food to the rebellious provinces the Ethiopian Communistic government can use the help sent by soft-hearted and compassionate Americans as a weapon against movements backed by America.

This means that anyone supporting famine relief in Ethiopia is going to be in for considerable trouble in the future. If you send a check to some innocent-sounding relief program in 1985, by 1988 you may find yourself explaining to an unsympathetic investigative agency, during an election year, why you helped a Communistic government secure its control over rebellious provinces which had the support of the U. S. government. Don't get caught in this trap!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

P. Howard Dawson has sent along a copy of Yggdrasil Chronicle, which he has been publishing for the past year since it was turned over to him by John and Laurie van de Graaff. Diplomacy and several other games are in progress in Yggdrasil Chronicle. For further information, write to P. H. Dawson Jr., 938 Hampton Road, Groose PTW WDS, Mich. 48236.

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Pete Gaughan, 7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., Dallas, Texas 75236, sends along the first issue of his 'zine Ecotopia, which following a venerable postal Diplomacy tradition is named after an imaginary country. Ecotopia is "the official newsletter of the Dipcon Administrative Committee". (Other members of the committee are Rod Walker and Terry Tallman.) Dipcon XVIII is planned for Seattle, 23-25 August 1985.

Incidentally, while Pete Gaughan is in record as opposing the suspension of Bruce Linsey's GRAUSTARK subscription, he is not the man to whom I referred in the last issue. Linsey still hasn't apologized to Kathy Byrne for his conscienceless campaign against her, and so his subscriptions still is suspended. Most of us have had about enough of "Brux's" campaign against this valuable member of our hobby.

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I would like to wish all GRAUSTARK readers a happy holiday season, no matter what holiday it is that you're observing within the next month. Whether it is Christmas, Hanukah, the Winter Solstice, or a plain old secular New Year's, or any combination of the lot, I hope you have a good one. The next GRAUSTARK will come out while we're all still finishing up the Christmas turkey, and laying in hangover remedies for the forthcoming New Year's morning. Try not to let the activities of the season keep you from getting your moves in on time.

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This issue of GRAUSTARK will be going into the mail on the morning of Sunday 2 December, when I go out to get the Sunday papers. If it gets to you later than Thursday 6 December, please let me know.

1984V

"Spring 1905"

RING AROUND THE ALPS

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Edi-Nrg; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Eng S A Bre; A Bre S GERMAN A Bur-Par; F Iri-Mid.

FRANCE (Drakert): A Par-Bre; F Gas S A Par-Bre; A Mar-Bur; F Mid-Eng.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Bur-Par; A Pic S A Bur-Par; A Ber-Pru; A Sil S A Ber-Pru; F Bal-Bot; A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Sims): A Nap-Rom; A Tyr-Tri; F Adr S A Tyr-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Rum-Sev; A Bud-Gal; A Ven-Tyr; F Gre-Alb; A Vie S A Ven-Tyr; A Tri-Ven; A Ser-Gre.

RUSSIA (Kutta): F St.P(s.c.)-Liv; A War S F St.P(s.c.)-Liv; F Nrg-Nth; A Mos-St.P.

TURKEY (Galicia): F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; F Bul(e.c.) holds; A Ank-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English A Bre is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984.

GERMANY to TURKEY: We, too, look forward to the time when you will be able to aid the noble Frenchman. That will be shortly after the first good snowfall in the Inferno.

GERMANY to ITALY: A word about supports: It helps to write and ask for assistance while you still have units to assist!

TURKEY to ITALY: "Outwitted," true. "Outguessed," maybe. "Outmaneuvered" and "out-Psychoanalyzed," say what? Oh, you're talking to Austria. "Outplayed": it's only natural. By the way, if I die laughing, you'll have to pick up the tab.

LAWRENCE WELK to ENGLAND and GERMANY: Just so you don't stumble over each other again, I'll count it off: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 3, 5, 2, 5, 77, 15, a:2298/za199 ...Gee, did I mess things up for you? So sorry. And you were doing so well...

TURKEY to ENGLAND: House Pet? Sorry, we ate him. You must be smelling Italy's.

TURKEY to ITALY: A turkey in a boot? And for Christmas? What a horrible thought!!!

TURKEY to RUSSIA: Is no news good news?

GERMANY to 84V: Have we mucked this up enough to confuse you all?

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"Winter 1903"

ENGLAND (Levine): Builds F Lon.

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

FRANCE (Hurwitz): Builds A Bre.

TURKEY (Swift): Removes A Arm, F Eas.

ITALY (Kaplan): Removes F Apu.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984. Michael Taylor's address reverts to 1820 N. Rojo, Hobbs, N. M. 88240. The telephone number is 505-397-7218. Parry Swift's new address is Box 3040, Jersey City, N. J. 07303.

PARIS to BERLIN: AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE CHOSEN TO OPPOSE YOU TO THE LAST. MY DIS-TRUST OF YOUR PACT OFFER SEEMS WARRANTED BY YOUR ATTACK ON BURGUNDY, YOU HUMAN SCUM. I HAVE MET SOME VILE & LOATHSOME PEOPLE IN THIS GAME, BUT NEVER HAVE I MET A PERSON WHOSE ACTS LITTER THE LANDSCAPE LIKE THE VOMIT OF THE HILLS, WRENCHED FROM THE DISEASED HEART OF A WORLD OVERBURDENED WITH EVIL, SPEWED FORTH AND WRITHING IN SICKENING AGONY - until I met you.

But.....maybe we can be friends now?

PARIS to MOSCOW: Oh please, Great Bear, let me see three armies! Let me see the mighty army of Mother Russia increase by 150%, until it strikes fear and terror into the hearts of the evil ones (see above press). Be the Ice King! Sweep away the old order; establish a new Empire - a 3rd Rome! Get them 18 bad boys! I'll help by attracting Austrian and German attention as they slowly push me into the sea. If you don't, I'll delay you by attracting Austrian and German attention as they slowly push me into the

sea. As you can see, you have little choice while I can keep you guessing as to which option I'm going to take.

PARIS to LONDON: "ARRGGGGGGGGHHH!"

PARIS to ROME: I never really wanted to fight you, you know. Austria invited me to crunch you in Spring '01. By listening to him, you attacked me and sealed both our fates. Well, don't feel too bad - I'm going to suffer through the clockwork remains of the exceedingly dull game for several months longer than you.

ENGLAND to FRANCE: It looks like your going to have to face them alone.

ENGLAND to RUSSIA: Your idea of diplomacy is none.

ENGLAND to GERMANY: Nice trick.

ENGLAND to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Too little, too late.

ENGLAND to World: There will be no parting gifts.

GAME REVIEWS - 1983CP

CHARLES KAPLAN (Germany): First of all, this game showed the potential power of a Franco-German alliance. As Germany, I had to avoid the typical Anglo-French steamroller. Bill Hardiman (England) did not present a good case for his side so I formed a strong alliance with Jack Brawner (France), a very good player. As a matter of convenience, I worked with Roy Henricks (Russia) to gang upon England first. All was going well.

Then I started to get silly letters with multi-player distribution. I do not like negotiating with a group of countries in the semi-open. Negotiations should be one on one, with only a few exceptions. At that point my alliance with Henricks, who instigated much of this group letter policy, was shaky.

Once England was weakened, I went against Russia. I had no other avenue of growth anyway.

Despite some stubborn defense I made steady headway. Throughout the game I was helped by opponent NMRs. On the one hand these NMRs help, but they also detract from the satisfaction of the struggle. Many times Jack could have stabbed, but he did not. My appreciation was genuine, and my intention for a two-way draw sincere. If a vote for a two-way draw with other survivors was possible I would definitely have voted for it. However, in this 'zine it is not, and two-way draws are difficult to effect. Still, only when Jack NMRed did I decide to go for the win. Even then I could not lie to him and "telegraphed" my stab. With weak opposition in the east progress continued to the victory.

My thanks to you, John, for another enjoyable game and prompt distribution. Too had the 3-week deadline is no longer feasible, but I have the advantage of living in the middle of the country. My thanks to the other players, though I wish there were fewer NMRs.

BILL HARDIMAN (England): I'm not sure how I got into what was billed as a "veteran's" game. This was only my second game. My fate was sealed early when I couldn't establish an alliance with either France or Germany. As I was going down for the count, I tried to inflict some damage on Germany (he was closest). Congratulations to Chuck Kaplan on a quick and merciful victory.

NEW GAME II - PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: Dear General: I hope that you will not come to Spain or if your armies do come here that they will not blow up the castles, churches and villages and set the land on fire as FRENCH armies have done before.

MOSCOW to World: And they're off with a bang--or a whimper, as the case may be. Have a nice war. Very sorry about the paucity of my diplomatic communication. Things will get better.

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ENGLAND to GERMANY: Thanks for your kind offer to "protect" Sweden and Belgium. I'll see if I can't help you out some time as well.

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"Spring 1911"

DOES THIS LOOK FAMILIAR?

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

FRANCE (Jordan): F Bre-Pic; A Par-Pic.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Bir S ENGLISH A Pic-Par; A Kie S A Mun; A Ber S A Sil; A Mos S A Ukr; A Mun S A Bur; A Sil & A Ukr hold.

ITALY (Ezzio): A Mar-Bur; A Pie S A Ven; F Gas-Mid; F Wes & F Naf S F Gas-Mid; F Mid-Eng; A Ven, and & F Con hold.; F Tyr-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): F Bla S A Sev; A Rum & A Vie S A Gal; A Tyr S A Boh; A Bud-Tri; F Bul(s.c.) holds; A Sev, A Gal & A Boh not ordered, hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, **FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984.**

PARIGI: Cantolone Multomangare gave the best speech of his career in Paris today. In a rousing finish he shouted, "Back! Back, you black bandits and you bloody blueys!" The speech undoubtedly would have received tremendous applause except that all of Paris was empty as every man, woman or child that could walk, crawl or breath was off in Picardy fighting the invasion. "Ah, well," sighed Signor Cantolone, "what better opportunity to see Paris than when it is devoid of its customarily unappetizing inhabitants."

ROMA: Upon returning from abroad, Cantolone Multomangare was unexpectedly voted the chairman of the committee of twelve. Equally unexpectedly, his acceptance speech was short, consisting of the three words "Vive la France!" His first official act was to ask Cartalina di Sforza to interrupt the filming of "Patsy Cline on the Orient Express" and to go to Austria to confer with Emperor Rusnak. According to reliable sources, Cantolone told Cartalina, "If you want to finish that movie, you'd better come back with an agreement."

WOGASTISBURGER-NEUSTADT, GRAND DUCHY OF WOGASTISBURG-SCHLAMPEN-BUTTEL (United Rabble Rousing Press): Grand Duke Deutobold XI today had to cancel his vacation plans on the advice of his astrologer and ecologer, Leo Capricorn. "Your vacation on the Isle of Deбри," the seer told the Grand Duke, "has unfavorable astrological and ecological aspects. Mercury is in the Fish, Jupiter has just entered the Virgin, and the Mediterranean Sea is severely polluted with otneys. The otneys seemed to have leaked through from another continuum, and have rendered the sea uninhabitable to most life forms."

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the first bulletin for the postal play of Allan B. Calhmer's board game Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226. Games are open for an entry fee of \$18, which includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee, send me a list of the countries you'd like to play in your order of preference. The rules of postal Diplomacy were published with GRAUSTARK #437; if you do not have a copy, ask for one when you enroll in a game. Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6. Back issues are 10 for \$1.50, and are available from #467, together with a few earlier issues such as #437. But back issues from 1983 will be cleaned out in January, so if you want them, order fast.

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"Fall 1909"

PICKING ON THE LITTLE GUY

Following "Spring 1909" moves, England retreated F Nth-Lon. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Peart): F Mid-Por; F Lon-Eng; F Iri-Liv; F Wal S F Iri-Liv.

FRANCE (Bragdon): F Eng-Lon; F Nth S F Eng-Lon; F Edi-Cly; F Bre-Mid; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Gas S F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Mun; A Kie-Den; A Hol-Ruh; A Pic-Bur.

ITALY (Murray): A Swe S RUSSIAN A St.P-Nwy; F Tyr-Tun; A Tyr-Vie; A Tri & A Gre S A Ser; F Aeg S F Smy; A Ser & F Smy hold; F Liverpool holds; F Wes S FRENCH F Bre-Mid.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A St.P-Nwy; A Fin S A St.P-Nwy; A Ber & A Bud hold; A War-Sil; A Gal S A Bud; A Rum & F Con S A Bul; A Ank & A Bul S F Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Lon-Yor and Italy retreats F Liv-Nat. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Liv, Por. (2)	ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Swe, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (10)
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Lon, Mar, Mun, Par, Spa. (11)	RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Mos, Nwy, Rom, St.P, Sev, War. (11)

France and Russia may each build one new unit; so may Italy if the dislodged F Liverpool is removed. England must remove two units. These "Winter 1909" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 1984. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 1984.

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"Winter 1914"

ENGLAND (Chafetz): Removes F Bal.	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gratto): Builds A Bud, F Tri.
ITALY (D. Schwartz): Removes F Tyr & the dislodged F Spa(s.c.).	RUSSIA (Goode): Builds F St.P(n.c.), A Sev.

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