

GRAUSTARK

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1984IC

"Spring 1904"

WESTERN ALLIANCE MARCHES ON

The "Fall 1903" Italian order "F Nap-Ion" did fail.

ENGLAND (Loiacono): F Liv-Cly; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Nwy-Swe; "A Nrg-Nor" ((sic)); F Eng-Nth; F Nrg not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Chafetz): F Cly-Nrg; A Spa holds.

GERMANY (Manna): A Sil-Pru; A Boh-Sil; A Mun-Boh; A Bur-Mun; F Bre-Mid; A Mar S ENGLISH F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Den S ENGLISH A Nwy-Swe; F Kie-Bal.

ITALY (Clarke): A Ven-Pie; F Adr-Alb; A Tri S F Adr-Alb; F Nap-Ion; F Tun S F Nap-Ion.

RUSSIA (Schembari): F Bla-Con; A Ank S F Bla-Con; A Rum-Bul; A Ser S A Rum-Bul; A St.P-Nwy; F Swe S A St.P-Nwy; A Mos-Liv; A Bud-Gal; A Vie S A Bud-Gal; A War-Pru.

TURKEY (Quirk): F Eas-Smy; A Bul-Con; F Aeg S A Bul-Con; A Gre-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Bul is dislodged and annihilated. France must retreat A Spa-Por or -Gas and Russia must retreat F Swe-Ska, -Fin, or -Bot. (Either or both of these dislodged units might also be removed.) These players should phone their retreats to the Gamesmaster IMMEDIATELY; they will be sent on to the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985.

A new game is announced on p. 11 of this issue. Since its players were informed of their country assignments two weeks ago, a Boardman Number has been assigned to it by Bill Quinn. This Boardman number is "1985CA". Players should use it in correspondence with one another and with the Gamesmaster.

1984ID

"Spring 1904"

EVERYBODY MARCHES ON

ENGLAND (Jordan): A Nwy-Yor; F Nth C A Nwy-Yor; F Eng-Bel.

FRANCE (Gratto): F Bel-Eng; F Bre S F Bel-Eng; A Liv-Edi; F Tri-Mid; A Pic-Bel; A Bur S A Pic-Bel; A Gas holds.

GERMANY (Cameron): A Pru-Ber; F Bal-Den; A Hol & A Ruh S ENGLISH F Eng-Bel; A Kie-Mun; F Bot holds.

ITALY (Stewart): A Vie-Gal; A Tyr-Vie; F Rom-Nap; F Apu S F Rom-Nap; F Tun-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooks): F Adr-Tir; A Bud S F Adr-Tri.

RUSSIA (Rauterberg): A War-Ukr; A Mos S A War-Ukr; A Ber-Sil; F Liv-St.P(s.c.).

TURKEY (Hall): F Nap-Ion; F Bla-Sev; A Sev-Ukr; F Aeg S F Nap-Ion; A Gre-Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French F Bel is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985.

ENGLAND to FRANCE: You should have listened to me!

VIENNA to Ally in Rome: Thanks for looking out for my interests partner. The only reason that I had a NMR last turn was that it took the Post Office over a week to take a letter from Va to NY - or is there more to it? Out here!! Over run by Italy's armies!

If they have not already received it, GRAUSTARK readers will be getting with this issue the first issue of my new war-gaming fanzine, THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE. This is the first 'zine for the postal play of Victory Games' new multi-player negotiation and war game, Pax Britannica. A game of Pax Britannica is now being organized; if you wish to join, send your entry fee of \$30 by Saturday 24 August 1985. See THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE #1 for rules and other details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PLAYERS IN 1985AG AND 1985CA

On p. 11, Dennis Walker's address is given incorrectly. Until 8 October 1985, his address will be: Captain Dennis A. Walker, PSC #1, SDS Class 85-E, Maxwell AFB, Alabama 36112.

1982IN

"Spring 1918"

ENGLISH TROOPS LAND IN ITALY

ENGLAND (McCarthy): A St.P holds; A Fin S A St.P; F Bal-Ber; F Hol-Kie; F Den S F Hol-Kie; A Kie-Mun; A Ruh & A Bur S A Kie-Mun; A Mar-Pie; A Spa-Tus; F Lyo C A Spa-Tus; F Wes-Tyr; F Tun S F Wes-Tyr; F Iri-Mid; A Lon-Bre; F Eng C A Lon-Bre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Rom-Apu; A Nap S A Rom-Apu.

RUSSIA (La Rocco): F Sev-Bla; F Ion-Adr; F Aeg-Ion; F Gre S F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; A Mos S A Liv; A Liv S A Pru; A Pru S A Ber; A Mun S A Ber; A Ber S A Mun; A Sil & A Poh S A Mun; A Alb holds; A Ven-Pie; A Tyr S A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Ven.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1918" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985. A vote on a draw is proposed for this move.

1984V

"Spring 1908"

ALL'S QUIET ON ALL THE FRONTS

ENGLAND (Tallman): F Eng-Mid; F Bre S F Eng-Mid; F Lon-Eng; F Liv-Iri; F St.P(n.c.) & F Nth not ordered, hold.

FRANCE (Drakert): A Spa S ITALIAN A Mar; F Por-Mid.

GERMANY (Caughan): A Den-Liv; F Bal C A Den-Liv; F Bot S A Den-Liv; A War holds; A Sil S A War; A Mun-Boh; A Pic-Dur; A Bur-Mar; A Gas S A Bur-Mar.

ITALY (Sims): F Eas-Ion; F Tyr-Lyo; F Nap-Tyr; A Mar-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): F Tri-Adr; A Vie-Boh; A Mos-Liv; A Ukr-Mos; A Sev S A Rum; A Rum S A Sev; A Bul holds; A Ser-Bud; F Bre S A Bul.

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Aeg-Smy; A Arm S F Aeg-Smy; F Cona-Aeg; F Bla-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985.

1983AJ

"Spring 1913"

WIRES CROSSED?

ENGLAND (J. Baker): A Mos-Sev; A Liv-Yor; A Lon-Gas; F Eng & F Mid C A Lon-Gas; F Bre S A Lon-Gas; A Bur S A Lon-Gas; F Pic S F Bre; F Bel-Nth.

FRANCE (Jordan): A Par-Gas.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Rum-Ser; A Tyr-Tri; A Mun-Tyr; A Boh-Vie; A Gal S A Boh-Vie; A Bud S A Rum-Ser; A Ukr-Rum.

ITALY (Wrobel): A Mar-Bur; A Vie-Tri; A Tri-Ser; F Ven S A Vie-Tri; F Tyr-Ion; F Tun S F Tyr-Ion; F Por-Spa(n.c.); F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Ion-Gre.

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1904B

"Spring 1908"

FOUR UNITS ACTUALLY MOVE

ENGLAND (J. Schwartz): F Tri S GERMAN F Eng-Mid.GERMANY (J. Goldman): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Eng-Mid; F Ivy-Nrg; A Mar S F Mid-Spa(s.c.);
A Gas & A Bur S A Mar; A Kie-Mun; A Mun-Boh; A Liv-Mos; A Mos-Ukr; A Pru-Sil;
A Sil-Gal; A War S A Mos-Ukr; A Ber S A Kie-Mun.

ITALY (Schembari): A Por S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Spa.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clarke): A Rum-Gal; A Vie S A Rum-Gal; A Boh S A Rum-Gal; A Tyr S A
Boh; A Pie-Mar; A Spa S A Pie-Mar; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; F Wes S A Spa; F Naf-Mid;
F Ion-Tun.RUSSIA (Sims): F Bul(e.c.)-Con; F Bla holds; A Ukr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum-Gal; A Sev
S A Ukr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985. A vote on a draw has been proposed, and players should send in their votes with these moves. As always, an abstention is equivalent to a negative vote. VIENNA to BERLIN: Why continue?

1904HB

"Winter 1905-Spring 1906"

TURKEY DINNER SERVED IN HOFBURG

R. J. Budway has resigned as Italy, and is succeeded by Paul Rauterberg, whose address was printed in the last issue. In "Winter 1905", Austria-Hungary built A Vie, A Bul, and F Tri, while Turkey removed F Aeg and England removed F Nwy. The last Russian unit, A Fin, was also removed. The vote on a concession to Austria-Hungary fails of the necessary unanimity, and is again submitted to the players.

ENGLAND (Martin): F Swe S A Den; A Den S F Swe; F Nth S A Den; F Lon-Eng.FRANCE (Sims): F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar; A Edi-Yor; F Eng S GER-
MAN F Hel-Nth; F Nrg S GERMAN F Hel-Nth.GERMANY (Hurwitz): F Hel-Nth; A Kie-Den; F Bal S A Kie-Den; A Mun & A Hol hold.ITALY (Rauterberg): A Mar-Pie; F Tus-Rom; F Tun-Ion; F Wes-Tyr.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Rum-Sev; A Smy-Con; A Bul S A Smy-Con; A Arm-Ank; F Eas-
Ion; F Gre S F Eas-Ion; A Bud-Gal; A Vie-Tyr; F Tri-Adr; F Apu-Nap; A St.P-Nwy;
A Ven-Rom.TURKEY (Quirk): A Con-Smy; F Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Con is dislodged and annihilated. England must retreat F Nth-Edi, -Ska, or -Bel, or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL; the French, German, and Austro-Hungarian players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985. Some press releases appear on p. 9.

ENGLAND to FRANCE and GERMANY: Too bad, if you guys were more enlightened, we might be able to avoid the now-inevitable Austrian win.

ENGLAND to AUSTRIA: Better go for it in a hurry, I don't know how long I can keep the wolves at bay.

BERLIN (DAMN): Der Kaiser left for an extended stay in the Holy Land today, near the end of the Fall campaigning season. He will not return till near the end of Spring. The Foreign Ministry has contacted all allies of the 2DRR (2nd Democratic-

Republican Reich), and as for the army & navy, "they have their orders".

GREATER AUSTRIA to the World: Edict 1: Greater Austria formally announces the annexation of the nation once called Italy, as well as Tunis. We have institutionalized the former leader - Budway, and do not recognize any claims to the leadership of Italy.

Edict 2: Greater Austria affirms the integrity & territory of the state of Germany. No country shall be allowed to subject the German people to any hostile actions.

Edict 3: The Isle of England rightfully belongs to its King - Martin. Emperor Manna wishes the entire island returned to King Martin by SPO7 or action will be taken to rectify the situation.

Edict 4: The area once known as Turkey will now be called "Ham" and the area known as Syria will become a parking lot & all Arabs living there will & currently are, being slaughtered.

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; A Gre-Bul; A Arm-Sev; A Ser S
A Gre-Bul; A Alb S A Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian A Vie is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1915" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985.

ROME to Everybody: What's going on here? Are we waiting for DIAS? Has Pozzo been here yet?

BROOKLYN (URRP): If we're in the Game Year, that joke hasn't been born yet. If we're in the Calendar Year, it died of old age long ago.

1985AG - PRESS RELEASES

ROME: The Italian government has issued a strongly worded protest condemning the misleadingly false orders that were published in GRAUSTARK #508 which placed the French fleet in the English Channel. According to a notice in GRAUSTARK #509, the French fleet was "supposed to have been ordered to the Mid-Atlantic. The English Channel order was a misprint and the British and German governments had been fully notified. Apparently, the editor felt that the other four powers had no interest in western fleet maneuvers. Foreign Ministry spokesman Luigi Scungili summed up the government's feelings - "Ay! Jussa because we hadda no boat there - that dozzena mean we arena interesed, you know?

FRANCE to RUSSIA: Death to the Kaiser!

FRANCE to Author of "Back to the Future": How about a contest for best science-fiction? By the way, was the rainstorm on 31 July 1985 from 1955?

FRANCE to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: You stink like a skunk at Diplomacy. Might as well give up and resign.

FRANCE to Jessey Owens: How about a marathon race?

PARIS to BERLIN: Sucker! Can't even con a 9-year-old into "alliance"! I swear in the holy book! You, sucker, are dead meat in '06! If not Sooner! Cross my heart and hope to die! Mark my words! Surrender peacefully, weekling, or be disposed of! I've got Russia, and England against you, and Austria-Hungary is too busy fighting Russia and Italy to help you!

FRANCE to ITALY: Keep up the good work.

1983AS - PRESS RELEASES

GERMANY to World: It has been a long war, but nobody can stop me now.

ROME: Ask and you shall receive.

1985L - PRESS RELEASE

VIENNA (AUSTRIAN*NEWS*TELEGRAPHIC*INTELLIGENCE*COMMISSIONS) (ANTICS): Emperor Hans Rottenpecker VII, suffering the final stages of syphillis (sick, sick, sic) has succumbed to madness, and his loyal forces strive to emulate him.

NO ATHEISTS IN FOXHOLES

Since Ronald Reagan ascended to the awesomely high office of President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of our all-powerful nation, the government has made new efforts to instill in the American people a feeling of devotion towards God, particularly as interpreted in Christianity. Our President made this quite clear in 1980 when, speaking from a platform of the Moral Majority, he told them, "While you can't endorse me, I endorse you." The Moral Majority's concept of a Christian Republic has come notably nearer to realization under Our President.

This became evident last week, when a California man, Gerald B. Leib, wrote to the U. S. Department of Education complaining about that Department's distribution of a speech that called America "a Christian nation". What Leib didn't know is that a Christian Activist has a standing order, under the Freedom of Information Act, "for correspondence dealing with Christian issues." Leib's card went, through this Christian, to Christopher Sundseth, an appointee of Our President in the Treasury Department. This network functions with admirable efficiency; Leib's card was mailed on 19 March, and Sundseth's reply came on 3 April. (Newsday, 7 August 1985)

Sundseth confirmed to Leib that "We are indeed, like it or not, a 'Christian nation', as more than 85 percent of adult Americans consider themselves 'Christians.'" This should settle the matter for anyone who might have had any doubts on the matter. True, the 18th-century Constitution claims otherwise in its First Amendment, but it has long been evident that document has little relationship to the realities of life in our imperial nation in the late 20th century. The Great Big United States of America is a Christian nation, by official proclamation of its government. Persons of other viewpoints can just keep quiet and hope that their dissentient notions are not noticed officially by Our President. Sundseth set the tone in his letter. "You," he told Leib, "are a truly amazing, pathetic creature." Non-Christians must learn to live with the traditional Christian view towards them, as enunciated, officially and on behalf of Our President, by Sundseth.

Meanwhile, at a much lower level of society, Atheists have learned that they are not going to be tolerated even in the Boy Scouts. In Shepherdstown, West Virginia, Paul Trout, 15, was up for promotion to the second-highest Boy Scout rank. But the review board of his troop asked him about his religious beliefs. When he told them he was an Atheist, he was expelled from the Scouts. National Boy Scout officials confirmed that "a person who does not believe in a Supreme Being cannot be a member of the Boy Scouts of America." (Bud Love, quoted, New York Daily News, 21 July 1985)

This has relevance well beyond this teen-age group. The Boy Scouts were founded as a way to teach boys to live in the rough, so they may be better soldiers. Lord Baden-Powell conceived the idea of Scouting during the South African War (1899-1902), when he found that many British youths were unused to the rough-and-ready conditions of the South African veldt. His ideas on how to turn young men into better soldier material have since spread throughout the world, with particular success here. Every man who has ever learned how to march in step to command, the foundation of the military art for 25 centuries, and who didn't learn it in the armed forces is certain to have learned it in the Boy Scouts.

The expulsion of Trout is particularly important because, of all fields of human activity, it is particularly important to keep Atheism out of the armed forces. A man who believes that his experience ends with death is not going to be as effective a soldier as will a man who believes that his death in battle for his cause or country will be immediately followed by either rebirth or a transportation to a life of eternal bliss. For example, during the First Arab-Israeli War, Druze soldiers charged straight uphill into an Israeli machine-gun nest - and took it. They were able to accomplish this feat because a Druze soldier believes that if he dies in battle he will instantly become a male fetus in the womb of a married Druze woman. Could Atheists have done this? To ask that question is to answer it.

Therefore, the reasons for keeping Atheists out of the Boy Scouts are of much

greater weight in also keeping Atheists out of the Armed Forces. Every Atheist now in the U. S. Armed Forces must be diligently sought out and discharged, and no more must be enlisted or drafted. The infection of one Atheist might be sufficient to persuade hundreds of his fellow soldiers that, after death, they will become totally extinguished. Such men would be unwilling to die for the Great Big United States of America, an act which is the supreme happiness for which human beings can hope. The Great Big United States of America is a Christian nation. Only Christians are entitled to the high privilege of defending, conquering, and dying for it.

1903AS

"Spring 1914"

ANOTHER MAN DONE GOING

ENGLAND (D. Schwartz): F Wes-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Jordan): A Liv S A St.P-Mos; A Gas S A Mar; A Mar S F Spa(s.c.); F Mid-Wes; F Spa(s.c.) & F Nar S F Mid-Wes; F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A St.P-Mos; A Gal-Ukr; F Bal S A Liv; A Pru-War; A Ber-Pru; A Sil S A Pru-War; A Mun S A Boh; A Boh holds.

ITALY (Chafetz): A Tyr-Boh; F Nap-Tyr; F Tyr-Lyo; F Lyo-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rauterberg): A War-Sil; A Ukr-Gal; A Bud S A Ukr-Gal; A Mos-War; F Gre holds; A Pie S ITALIAN F Lyo-Mar; A Vie S ITALIAN A Tyr-Boh; A Tri-Tyr.

TURKEY (Johnson): A Sev S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mos; A Rum S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ukr-Gal; F Aeg-Ion; F Ion-Tun.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Gal and the English F Wes are dislodged and annihilated. The Austro-Hungarian A War and A Mos are dislodged; one of them retreats to the Ukraine and the other is annihilated. Thomas E. Johnson is now playing Turkey. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1905. If, as seems probable, the game ends on the next turn, the subscriptions of Derwood Bowen, Dudley Kidd, Michael Kline, Grant Swinger, and David Zaiz will expire with the next issue. Press releases are on p. 4.

1905L

"Fall 1902"

THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL

ENGLAND (Bennett): F Nwy-St.P; F Nth-Ska; A Yor-Lon; F Edi-Nth.

FRANCE (Dawson): A Bel-Bur; A Par & A Gas S A Bel-Bur; F Eng-Pic; A Spa-Mar.

GERMANY (Schembari): A Hol-Bel; A Ruh S A Hol-Bel; A Bur S A Hol-Bel; A Mun holds; F Den S ENGLISH F Nth-Swe ((sic)).

ITALY (Jordan): A Ser S TURKISH A Rum-Bud; F Ion-Gre; F Apu-Ven; A Tyr-Vie; A Boh S A Tyr-Vie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hurwitz): A War-Pru; A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Rum; F Tri-Ven.RUSSIA (Cameron): A Gal-Vie; A St.P-Mos; F Swe S GERMAN F Den.TURKEY (McCarthy): F Bla-Rum; A Sev-Mos; A Rum-Bud.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Vie & A Bud, and the German A Bur, are dislodged and annihilated. Marc Hurwitz is now playing Austria-Hungary. Press releases are on pp. 4 & 9. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa. (4)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun.
(6)

ITALY: Gre, Map, Rom, Ser, Tun, Ven, Vie. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Tri, War. (2)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Swe. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Sev. (5)

Turkey may build three units, and Germany and Italy may each build two. France must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985.

1931E

"Fall 1909"

QUARTERED, BUT NOT DRAWN

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Bot S GERMAN A Mos-St.P; A Bre-Pic; F Bel S A Bre-Pic; F Eng-Mid; F Nat S F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Hol S ENGLISH F Pel; A Mun-Bur; A Mar S A Mun-Bur; A War-Gal; A Mos-St.P; F Ska-Nwy; A Gas S ENGLISH F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

ITALY (Bragdon): A Bur-Mar; A Pie S A Bur-Mar; F Tyr-Lyo; F Por-Spa(n.c.); F Wes-Mid; F Pic-Eng; A Tyr-Mun; A Bud-Gal; A Bul-Con; F Aeg S A Bul-Con; F Eas-Smy.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Ukr-Sev.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Nwy-Edi; F Nrg C A Nwy-Edi; A Boh S ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Gal-Sil; A Rum S ITALIAN A Bud-Gal; A Fin-Nwy.

TURKEY (D. Schwartz): F Con S A Smy; A Smy S F Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The F Con retreats; the German A Mar is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Liv, Lon, Spa, Swe. (7)

ITALY: Con, Gre, Mar, Mun, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven. (11)

GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mos, Par, St.P, War. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Sev. (1)

RUSSIA: Bud, Bul, Edi, Nwy, Rum, Vie. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Smy. (2)

Turkey must retreat F Con-Bla or -Ank, or remove it and make a build. England and France each have one build. These "Winter 1909" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 1985; they will be sent on to all players. The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985. Some press releases are on p. 11. The vote for a draw fails so resoundingly that it will not be submitted to the players on the next move.

LONDON: Congratulations to Bob Bragdon on his success thus far - he looks hard to stop at this point. Of course, it helps to have allies like Bragfetz and Bragenburg who are willing to throw one game in exchange for quid pro quo in another. (Mr. Schwartz's every-other-season order submittals haven't hurt either.)

HELSINGFORS: The Tsar exiled in Edinb or is it Vienna asks the following who has St Pete, Sweden and Paris or Munich.

The Tsarina was heard to ask will the Kaiser support the English as he supported A-H. If one base is good enough for the Emperor is more needed for the Queen.

HELSINGFORS: Ask and you shall receive.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the first bulletin for the postal play of Avalon-Hill's game Diplomacy, designed by Allan B. Calhamer, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. The game fee, including subscription, is \$20. I already have 4 entries in a new game. Subscriptions for non-players are 9 issues for \$6. Back issues as available are 10 for \$2.

GAME REVIEWS

1984AY (John Quarto, Russia): Although this was my first victory in a GRAUSTARK game, having played only one other game via GRAUSTARK previously, I must attribute my success to an unusual combination of luck and "teflonicity".

Initial negotiations were simple: Austria (Chris Downs) and I quickly cemented a partition plan for Turkey and I turned my attention to neutralizing Russia's northern front. Hoping for an alliance with Germany versus England or, even better, with England versus Germany, I found myself rebuffed somewhat by both, with Germany insisting on the establishment of a neutral buffer zone between us. Better than nothing, so I agreed.

By Fall '02 Turkey had been effectively broken and Germany was under siege by F/E. Germany was thus forced to accept my previous alliance offer just to survive. Thus I found myself in the curious (and enviable) position of having a complete buffer zone from the western powers provided to me (without asking) by Austria and Germany. The West could not attack me without going through my allies and my allies could not stab and attack me without opening themselves to attack from the West! This situation surprisingly continued throughout the game, although at the time (F '02) I think I was the only one who realized my advantage, provided I kept my mouth shut.

To further augment my luck, 1903 saw Austria offer his share of Turkey to me in return for help from my southern fleets and Germany, the same week, proclaimed his dis-interest in Scandinavia. France (Marc Hurwitz) soon realized my position and his danger and screamed viciously of a R/A/G alliance. Truly, none ever existed in any formal sense, and was certainly never discussed by us.

By the end of '03 the game was pretty much over. The only way for me to lose was to have an Austro-German stab of Russia, supported by France, England, and Italy. Since I had never seen or heard of a 5-way alliance that worked for more than a ~~sea-~~ season without a counter-stab, I felt very safe. France (Hurwitz) did his best to resurrect some sort of anti-Russian feeling, but to no avail.

My Turkish gains were put to use building northern fleets which quickly overran England. Then with the resignation of the original German and Austrian players in '05, I decided to force an early win. (I had originally intended to stall the game until my northern and southern fleets could hit France and so keep my allied intact.)

My thanks to all the players in the game, but especially to Chris Downs (Austria) and Marc Hurwitz (France). Chris is an honest, straightforward player and negotiator and by far the best ally I have ever had. Marc is a master salesman and plays the Pied Piper wonderfully - I wish I could be naive enough to blissfully follow his advice. Also, his press releases are always well-thought and humorous. I look forward to being allies with him next game.

1983HF (Lawrence Chafetz, England): I would like to credit this victory to superior strategy and brilliant diplomatic alliances. Unfortunately I can not. The credit unfortunately goes to the deadly NMR's.

I entered the game because Mark Follmer with 11 bases NMR's. The position was hazardous so I sent in moves that would consolidate my position and lose the least amount of territory.

Lo and behold Austria who I thought would shortly win NMR's. My position now became the equal to A-H if not better he had to worry about Turkey & Italy.

If memory is correct there was at least one more NMR by a country that could have damaged me.

After '07 I was sure that I had a winning position as long as everybody did not move against me. After '08 I was sure I could win even if everybody joined forces.

It is my personal belief that NMRs ruin a game. Alliances are formed assuming that all players will send in moves no matter how hopeless or good his position is.

I realize that mail delivery is not guaranteed but moves should be mailed in ample time to arrive on time.

PRESS RELEASES

1984HB

AMSTERDAM (DAMN): All elements of the 2nd Army have been put on full alert, as rumors of an English invasion of Belgium spread. General Shultz released a statement saying that he was "confident French and German (2DRR) forces could repel any incursion by British pirates."

HELSINKI (DAMN): Diplomatic sources here say that after the loss of Lodonkoffgrad to the reactionary Austrians it was 2nd Democratic-Republican Reich agents which precipitated the fall of the Lodonkoff Bolsheviki government, to which the 2DRR had been allied. The new Premier, Verheidenski, led the coup which replaced the political government with a military one. It is hoped that the new government will be more reliable than the previous one in advancing its interests, which are entirely identical to those of the 2DRR.

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LONDON to PARIS: Just kidding about that. What a crazy thing to do, why do you think they called him "the man". The Admiralty announced today that "the armys of France will advance into Germany with English naval fire softening the resistance."

LONDON to BROOKLYN: I agree.

LONDON to BERLIN: stab stab stab stab stab stab, what your not dead yet, ok take this

DECLARATION OF WAR

A state of war now exists between the nations of England and Germany.

Signing for England the Prime Minister (signed) Jon Bennett
Signing for Germany the (?????????) (sign here).....

All English firms are advised to remove their holding from Germany banks as they might be subject to siezure. All Germany assets, good, ships and property in England have been siezed. As well a travel advisery has been issued for the North Sea, The lc contrys and Scandanvia all citizens are war that they have been declared a war zone (not that the rest of the world isn't already, but why not).

PARIS: Kaiser Wilhelm seems to have mistaken Burgandy for Bohemia. The French hope to show him the proper direction so the Germans do not miss the start of the Rhapsody. - General "Music Lover" Chevalier

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VIENNA (RRN): Appalled by Kaiser Tom's disastrous and ill-considered interference in Montenegro and Serbia, the people of Vienna gladly welcomed liberation by Russian forces. As church bells tolled in celebration throughout the capitol province, the new ruler, Kaiser I. M. Puppette, called upon remaining Austrian forces to lay down their arms and wel-

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come the inevitable rather than devastating their countrymen through pointless guerilla warfare. Kaiser Puppette then issued a statement proclaiming a general armistice and declaring any further armed resistance by rogue Austrian units to be without legal authority.

SWEDEN to GERMANY: Thank you SO much for allowing the Russians to "liberate" us.

THE TSAR to THE DAUPHIN: Yes, I'm sure King Simon will be happy to receive you at Buckingham Palace, but he will probably bring a suitable honor guard to him.

RUSSIA to AUSTRIA: They MADE me do it. It wasn't MY idea. They twisted my arm. They forced me. I didn't WANT to do it. I didn't ENJOY doing it. Really. No, really.

RUSSIA to GM/URRP: Not interested in a "Best Press" contest? How about "longest press"?

VIENNA (In Haste): While Austria annexes Serbia, Italy and Russia annex Austria. With this crowd in the Balkans, I sure am glad I use Dial. I wish that the Russian and Turkish troops would just bathe once in awhile.

ROME to BERLIN: "I love Munich in the springti-i-i-me, I love Munich in the f-a-a-ll..."

ROME to LONDON: Don't even think of attending the Rome Olympics!

LONDON: Just in from our roving journalist in St. Petersburg. Your correspondent was late in arriving for the new Tsar Ansel I's first state dinner, having spent three weeks trying to find a cab driver who wasn't practicing the violin. By the time the port was being served, a genial, intoxicated air had settled upon the room. The Italian ambassador was seen to be wandering around with a beaming smile, moving from seat to seat uttering vague words of friendship to anyone who would listen. He eventually sat down in the Austrian ambassador's place, the hapless diplomat having been distracted by some Greek dancing girls strategically placed by his host right behind him.

At the other end of the table, the English ambassador spent dinner conversing with the French and German diplomats who were on either side of him. A shouting match developed over Alsace-Lorraine, and the confused English diplomat spilt his wine all over the voluble Frenchman, who left to complain to the toastmaster. In trying to hide his embarrassment at such a faux pas, the red-faced Englishman proceeded to eat an entire dish of Belgian waffles that the irate Parisian had been looking forward to for some time.

Tsar Ansel I, smiling to himself at all the confusion, retired quietly to his study to indulge in some cigars especially imported from a hot, European country.

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ST. PETERSBURG (RNN): Tsar Ansel I was forced to raise import duties on musical instruments yet again to protect the fledgling Russian musical instrument industry. Average waiting time for purchasers of instruments hopefully will not exceed two or three years.

The formation of the Russian 3rd, 4th, and 5th armies was announced following the stupendous successes of the recent campaigns. The 3rd and 4th Armies were understood to be routine reinforcements for the southern campaign, but the new 5th Army, headquartered in St. Petersburg, is rumored to be an elite mountain unit. Assignment to this Army is intensely competitive as many of the valiant heroes of the Austrian campaign seek to take part in what is expected to be a major advance in an entirely new direction.

RUSSIA to AUSTRIA: Don't leave in a huff! (Just leave)
 RUSSIA to ENGLAND: That's NWY, not NOR. Watch, I'll show you...

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ROME to Everybody: The two German press releases in the last GRAUSTARK (p. 6) make fascintaing reading.- half a page of distribe against two European colleagues. It seems that everybody except the Germans is guilty of something or other. Perhaps Germany would fare better if it spent less time casting slurs and gave more attention to mending fences...

ROME to BERLIN: About your "massive offensive" in France - let me clue you in: the action is in Germany, not France. (Don't look now, but you're losing your home centers.)

BERLIN (DAMN): Headline: Kaiser Leaves for Holy Land! "der army has its orders" says monarch.

ST. PETERSBURG: At last a trade mission in Edinburgh.

ITALIAN ADMIRALTY TO ALL SHIPS AT SEA: Strongly advise you adopt strict quarantine measures against any vessels encountered around British Isles. This area is clearly being subjected to an epidemic of the "Navigator's Disease" we reported two months ago. At that time, only one ship, masquerading as Italian, had been sighted sailing in circles (the well-known symptoms of this affliction). Now the disease has evidently spread; several vessels flying English colors have been seen to sail first west, then east, then back again. (We assume that the British Admiralty disclaims any affiliation with these stricken seafarers.) Judging by other cases, these zig-zag movements may continue endlessly.

NEW GAME OPENS (AT LAST!)

Summer is always the slow season for new postal war-game entries, and it has taken over two months to assemble a full table of seven players for this new game of postal Diplomacy. They are:

ENGLAND: Bob Bragdon, 6030 N. 16th St., Arlington, Va. 22205; 703-533-7494

FRANCE: Mikel D. Petty, 4800 Hindman Dr., Orlando, Fla. 32806; 305-275-5096

GERMANY: Tony Strickland, Apt. C-1, 104 Stilwell Ave., Palatka, Fla. 32077;
 904-325-9476

ITALY: Dennis Walker, 2220 Trinity Dr., Atwater, Calif. 95301; 209-357-0390

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Larry Foster, 1121 Bell Grimes Lane, Nashville, Tenn. 37207

RUSSIA: Edward J. Wrobel, 3932 N. Forrestdale Ave., Dale City, Va. 22193

TURKEY: Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way North, Rockville, Md. 20854; 301-762-1761

The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985. This page is being mailed out to the players six weeks in advance of that deadline, so they will have adequate opportunity to line up their alliances. Until Bill Quinn assigns a Boardman Number to this game, players should refer to it as "the New Game". I am informing Bill of the organization of this game well in advance of the publication of this issue of GRAUSTARK, so hopefully you will find its Boardman Number elsewhere in this issue.

There was a very skewed distribution of country choices in this new game. Three of the players picked Turkey as their first choice, while two each chose England and France. If a first choice is called 6, a second 5, and so on, the country preference score was France 33, Turkey 29, England 24, Germany 23, Russia 17, Austria-Hungary 16, Italy 6. At that, I consider it quite an accomplishment that only one player got neither his first nor his second choice.

Curiously enough, there are a southern flavor to this game. All seven players live south of the Smith & Wesson Mason-Dixon line, although since the invention of air-conditioning & the consequent northern migrations to the south this scarcely means that they can all be described as "southerners".

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"Fall 1916"

TRUCE NEGOTIATIONS FAIL

FRANCE (Ferguson): F Nth-Ivry; F Bar S F Nth-Nwy; A Ivry-Fin; F Bal-Bot; F Swe S F Bal-Bot; F Den-Pal; A Bur-Mun; A Kie S A Bur-Mun; A Hol & A Ruh S A Kie; A Tur-Ven; A Pie S A Tus-Ven; F Tun-Ion; F Nap-Rom; F Apu-Nap; F Tyr S F Apu-Nap.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): A Ber-Kie; A Mun S A Ber-Kie; A Pru-Ber; A Tyr & A Boh S A Mun; F Bot-Fin; A St.P S F Bot-Fin; A Liv & A Mos S A St.P.

TURKEY (Chafetz): A Tri & F Adr S F Ven; F Ion-Apu; F Ven S F Ion-Apu; F Aeg-Ion; F Alb & F Eas S F Aeg-Ion.

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

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Nwy, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Swe, Tun. (17)
RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Mos, Mun, St.P, Ser, Sev, Vie, War. (9)
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Smy, Tri, Ven. (8)

France may build 1 unit. This "Winter 1916" order should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1917" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players. From 24 August, John Ferguson's address and phone number will be Room 222, McFadden Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. 14853; 607-256-0738.

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"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Lack): Builds F Edi. ITALY (Hoh): Builds F Ven, F Nap.
FRANCE (T. Goldman): Builds A Bre, A Par. RUSSIA (D. Walker): Builds A St.P, A War,
GERMANY (Drakert): Builds A Kie, A Ber. A Sev.
TURKEY (J. Schwartz): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1985. Some press releases appear on p. 9; others are on p. 4.

PARIS: Let us rejoice while we bless our two new armies now marching toward the northeastern front.

FRANCE to ENGLAND: After you have the North Sea, do you want to take Holland and I can get Belgium?

FRANCE to GERMANY: Give up Belgium or I'll make you wish you had never played Diplomacy.

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- () - If this space is checked, you have just taken over _____ in _____.
- () - If this space is checked, you are needed as a stand-by in _____.

