

GRAUSTARK

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1982IM

"Fall 1917"

FRANCE BREAKS RUSSIAN LINE, WINS WAR

FRANCE (Ferguson): A Fin-St.P; F Nwy & F Bar S A Fin-St.P; F Bot-Liv; F Bal-Ber; F Sve-Den; F Tun-Ion; F Nap S F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Nap; F Rom S F Nap; A Pie-Tyr; A Tus-Ven; A Kie-Mun; A Bur & A Ruh S A Kie-Mun; A Hol-Kie.

RUSSIA (Bragdon): A St.P holds; A Mos S A St.P; A Liv S A St.P; A Mun S A Ber; A Pru S A Ber; A Boh S A Mun; A Ber & A Tyr S A Mun.

TURKEY (Chafetz): F Eas-Ion; F Alb S F Eas-Ion; F Ion-Nap; F Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Tri-Ven; A Ven-Rom; F Adr S F Tri-Ven; F Gre holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Mun-Sil, and the Russian A St.P is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Dem, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nap, Nwy, Par, Por, Rom, St.P, Spa, Sve, Tun. (19)
 RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Mos, Ser, Sev, Vie, War. (7)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Smy, Tri, Ven. (8)

With 19 supply centers, John Ferguson now wins this game as France. A supply center chart appears below; an asterisk indicates a center for which a unit was not built.

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E	3	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	7*	7*	5	4	3	2					This is the last to be finished of the six games begun in 1982, and France's 8th victory in GRAUSTARK, tying it with Turkey and Austria-Hungary for fifth. (Russia is first with 14 wins, England second with 12, and Italy and Germany tied for third with 9.) John Ferguson is the last survivor of
F	3	4	5	4	5	6	6	8	8	8	9	13*	15*	16	16	17*	17*	19	
G	3	5	3	3	5**	4	5*	5	5	7	9	6	2						
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A	3	5	6	7*	6*	6*	5	3	1										
R	4	6	6	5	4	6	5	5	7	8*	7	7	8	9	10	9	9	7	
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WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The subscriptions of the following readers end with the indicated issue of GRAUSTARK. New games are available at a game fee of \$20; see page 12 for details.

- 512 - Dick Belliveau
- Ken Corbin
- Randy Ellis
- John Ferguson
- Al Pearson
- Hector Roybal
- 513 - Don del Grande
- 514 - R. J. Budway

- 514 - Daniel S. Palter
- Michael Quirk
- 515 - Kenneth L. Peel
- 516 - Ronald Spitzer
- 517 - W. Elmer Hinton
- Jeffrey L. Hoffman
- Thomas E. Johnson
- 519 - Ralph L. Morton

- 519 - Eric Verheiden
- 521 - Chris Carrier
- Peter J. La Rocco
- 522 - Art Ticossi
- 529 - Gerry Thompson
- John M. Weswig
- 533 - Barry Swift

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK is published every four weeks - and this will continue, despite some good cases made to the contrary. Some readers observe that they tend to overlook deadlines if they come too far apart. But others, particularly west of the Mississippi, would be put under too much time pressure if GRAUSTARK returned to the three-week deadline which was in effect until last November.

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In several of the present games players are asked for moves by "IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL". This requirement is sometimes made so that the game is not delayed by a "Spring" retreat, or by a "Winter" turn in which only one or two players have builds or removals. The same considerations that have led to the four-week deadline have also made immediate return mail more important if the games are not to be further slowed down.

And yet the concept of "immediate return mail" (or a telephone call) seems to give some people problems. Very elastic interpretations of this term seem to be in use. In such games, all players should be informed of the build, removal, or retreat as quickly as possible so that they can plan and negotiate their next moves.

If you are in a game in which another player has been asked for an immediate return move, it might be a good idea, if you feel you can do it, to send in alternative orders depending upon which of the available alternatives the other player should choose.

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Two weeks ago, in the company of Albert A. Moffi and Dennis Casey, I visited the battleground at Gettysburg. A 2000-word account of this visit and my impressions of the battle and locality will appear in two weeks in THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE, my bulletin for the postal play of Pax Britannica. I would rather have put it into GRAUSTARK, but there is not enough space here if the one-ounce limit is to be maintained. Besides, of my three war-gaming fanzines, THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE deals with the era closest in time to the Slaveholders' Rebellion.

If you get my science-fiction and fantasy fanzine DAGON, you'll find the report in today's issue, #325, as well. Otherwise, send a 22¢-stamped, self-addressed envelope for THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE #4, in which the report will appear.

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The so-called 40th issue of Diplomacy World, which was recently mailed out, is of course a fake. If Brux Linsey says he wasn't involved in its production, he lies. If Gary Coughlan says he wasn't involved in its production, he lies. If Mark Berch says he wasn't involved in its production, he lies. If Buddy Tretick says that he was not involved as inspirer and preceptor of the aforementioned gang of forgers, he lies.

But then, we're all used to that sort of thing already.

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Simon Billenness, 61-A Park Ave., Albany, N. Y. 12202, writes to announce his Zine Register. This will be published every four months, as a register of U. S. postal Diplomacy fanzines. Billenness, an Englishman, plans an American Zine Bank modeled after the British Zine Bank. "Any newcomers to the hobby who want to sample zines in bulk can simply send me a large envelope and \$1-\$2 postage and in return they will receive as many zines as I can send."

New players, and zine publishers who want to be listed, should write to Billenness. The deadline for his next issue is 1 December 1985.

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Benjamin Austin, 345 8th Ave., New York, N. Y. 10001, has just enrolled in the next postal Diplomacy game which will begin after the one on page 12. However, he also expresses preference for the plastic stars and anchors over the wooden blocks. This is in my experience a first!

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Philip Howard Dawson Jr., 938 Hampton Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. 48236 publishes Yggdrasil Chronicle, which carries games of Diplomacy, En Garde, Space Ace, Stocks & Bonds, and Freedom in the Galaxy. It's \$5 for 10 issues. It's good.

There is already something to announce about the new game whose players are listed on page 12, and about which the country assignments went out about a week ago. Dennis Walker will leave Alabama on the 11th, and is on the way back to his California address. You will find this address in the report of 1985AG on page 6. To answer a question which one player sent in, Boardman Numbers are assigned by Bill Quim, 301 Conroe Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301. As of today's mail his Boardman Number for this game had not yet arrived here.

1984V

"Winter 1908-Spring 1909"

THE LINES ARE DRAWN

In "Winter 1908" Germany built A Mun. No Turkish removal was received, so the gamesmaster removed F Aeg. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Tallman): No moves received. F St.P(n.c.), F Nth, F Mid, F Bre & F Eng hold; F Naf dislodge and annihilated.

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

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Liv S A War; F Bal-Den; F Kie-Den; A Mar-Spa; A Gas S A Mar-Spa; A Bur-Mar; A Sil S A War; A War holds; A Boh S A Mun-Tyr; A Mun not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Sims): A Pie S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr; F Lyo S FRENCH A Spa; F Tun-Naf; F Wes S F Tun-Naf.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): A Tyr-Boh; A Gal-Vie; F Gre-Aeg; A Bul-Con; A Sev S A Mos; A Bud-Gal; A Ukr S A Bud-Gal; A Mos S GERMAN A Liv-St.P; F Ion S F Gre-Aeg.

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Eas-Aeg; F Con S F Eas-Aeg; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1985. Stand-by moves for England should be sent in by Thomas E. Johnson, 2 Chaucer Dr., Neward, Delaware 19713. Peter Gaughan's new address, published in a recent issue, left out the apartment number; it is "#165".

CONSTANTINOPLE to VIENNA: Let's you and me fight until the English arrive in Trieste.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Has anyone noticed the remarkable similarities between the French attack on New Zealand and the Israeli attack on Tunisia? In each case a loyal if cantankerous subject ally of the Great Big United States of America has attacked someone who was giving them intolerable difficulties by attacking the very basis of their national existence. In both cases the victims were attacked on the territory of a third party, not engaged in the victims' activity but sympathetic to it.

About the Israeli attack on Tunisia, Our President said that "nations have the right to retaliate...as long as you pick out the people responsible." This is exactly what both the Israelis and the French have done. The Greenpeace attempt to terrorize the French Navy by blocking their way into the nuclear weapons testing grounds, and the P. L. O. attack on Israelis in Cyprus, both come under the strictures of Charles E. Redman of the U. S. Department of State, who said "It is our view that it is legitimate self defense to respond appropriately to acts of terrorism."

Everything that Our President has said about the legitimate acts of self-defense of our subject ally Israel also apply to the legitimate acts of self-defense of our subject ally France. The devotees of the essentially Communistic idea of Pacifism will not be allowed to halt the Great Big United States of America's inexorable march towards a victorious nuclear attack against the Soviet Union.

1983IE

"Fall 1910"

AID NOW, PEACE.

Following "Spring 1910" moves, Germany retreated A War-Liv and Turkey retreated A Smy-Arm. (See page 12.) All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Bot-St.P(s.c.); F Naf-Mid; F Lon-Yor; F Nth S F Lon-Tyr; A Bre & F Liverpool hold.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Liv-St.P; A Kie-Mun; A Fin-Nwy; A Ruh S A Kie-Mun; A Ber-Sil; A Gas-Bur; F Swe S A Fin-Nwy.

ITALY (Bragdon): F Mid-Tri; F Por-Mid; A Spa-Gas; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); F Wes-Tun; A Pie-Mar; A Bur-Bel; A Gal-Ukr; A Con S F Smy; F Smy S A Con; F Aeg-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Jordan): A Sev-Mos

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Nwy-Edi; F Nrg.C A Nwy-Edi; A Edi-Liv; A Mun-Ber; A War S ITALIAN A Gal-Ukr; A Rum-Sev. (A Nwy dislodged and annihilated.)

TURKEY (D. Schwartz): No moves received. A Arm & F Ank hold.

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

ENGLAND: Bre, Den, Liv, Lon. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Mos. (1)

GERMANY: Hol, Kie, Mun, Nwy, Par, St.P, Swe. (7)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Bul, Edi, Rum, Sev, Vie, War. (3)

ITALY: Bel, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Spa, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven. (13)

TURKEY: Ank. (1)

Italy may build two new units; Russia would also have two builds but no home supply centers are available. Turkey must remove one unit, and England must remove two. These "Winter 1910" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1985. A press release appears on p. 8.

Stand-by moves for Turkey, including the removal order, should be sent in by Evan Loiacono, 157-18 Cryders Lane, Beechhurst, N. Y. 11357; 718-767-0448.

A proposal has been made for a concession to Italy. All players including the stand-by should send in their votes on this proposal so that they arrive by the deadline for the "Spring 1911" moves. The vote must be unanimous in order to succeed.

EDINBURGH to BERLIN: Your days are numbered, you have been judged and found wanting the right ally.

BERLIN: Hurheiden or Verwitz - which am I? I'm so confused. Help me, Uncle Larry!

1984IC

WIN A FEW, LOSE A FEW

"Winter 1905-Spring 1905"

Following "Spring 1905" moves, Russia retreated A Nwy-St.P, A Gal-Rum. The Russian move "F Bla-Con" should have been underlined as failing; Constantinople remains a Turkish supply center, as the chart in GRAUSTARK #511 showed. In "Winter 1904", Italy built A Ven, Germany built A Ber, and Russia removed A Sil. Douglas Clarke, whose new address was given in the last issue, writes that his new phone number is 203-346-4893.

ENGLAND (Loiacono): F Cly-Edi; F Nth-Yor; F Nrg-Nth; A Nwy-St.P; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar.

FRANCE (Chafetz): A Gas-Par; F Edi-Mrg.

GERMANY (Manna): F Bre-Gas; A Bur-Par; A Mun-Bur; A Gal-Ukr; A Boh-Sil; F Swe-Bot; A Mar-Bur; F Bal S F Swe-Bot; A Ber-Pru.

ITALY (Clarke): A Ven-Alb; F Adr C A Ven-Alb; A Tyr-Vie; A Bur S A Tyr-Vie; F Tyr-Lyo; F Wes S F Tyr-Lyo.

RUSSIA (Schembari): A Bul-Con; A Ank & F Bla S A Bul-Con; A Vie-Bud; A Ser & A Rum S A Vie-Bud; A Pru-War; F Bot-Fin; A St.P-Fin.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats F Bot-Liv and Italy must retreat A Bud-Tri or -Gal. The direction of this Italian retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1985.

ROME to World: If it seems like I don't know what I'm doing it is because I don't know what I'm doing. If anyone knows what I'm doing, let me know.

ROME to GM: Cold Revenge might be best, but sometimes its not on the menu.

ROME to FRANCE: Congratulations on your survival up to this point. The retreat to Gascony was particularly good.

ROME to anyone: I just noticed that Austria was missing; does anyone know what happened to it?

GERMANY to ITALY: Keep within the Treaty or I'll join Russia & invade you. Yes, I mind that you're in the W.M. - Go to Tun. or NAF, but G of L & W.M. must be open, all's fair.

ENGLAND to FRANCE: Roll over you "grand rien".

1985CA

"Fall 1901"

"I HAVE THIS MARVELOUS RECIPE FOR FROG-AND-DACHSHUND PIE"

TURKEY to ITALY: Really? What do you hear about me? Hopefully all nice things. By the way, you wouldn't happen to be related to Marc Hurwitz, would you?

TURKISH WEATHER SERVICE: The only severe weather reported this season is in France. He's in danger of being snowed under.

GERMANY to ITALY: Feint faintly when feinting toward the soon to be annexed West German Provinces; or the severe storm warning will be more than a blizzard rolling down out of the alps. "Y'all stay out nawh, hur heer."

LONDON to PARIS: Admiralty here. Our channel flotilla reports an outbreak of Anglophobia in one of your northern ports. Thought we'd check it out and stamp it out. Respectfully request permission to come ashore.

ENGLAND to ITALY: You accuse Russia and Turkey of being in cahoots? Isn't that a bit unfair of you? How can they prove a negative? Anyhow, from our insular viewpoint here, it's hard to work up much anxiety about the consortings of various Far Eastern tribes.

VENICE (RIP - Reliable Italian Press): No less than 18 senior officers were dismissed following the failure of the Italian First Army to take Piedmont last season. Such vacillation will not be tolerated! Italy will take whatever steps necessary to come to the aid of the beleaguered French.

ITALY to RUSSIA: Congratulations on discovering a new opening! From here it looks like "Anti-Russian."

ITALY to TURKEY: Please tell me MORE about the glories of the I/T alliance. I believe you. Really. No, really...

ENGLAND (Bragdon): A Yor-Ikwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy; F Eng-Bre.

FRANCE (Petty): A Pic-Bre; F Mid-Por; A Spa holds.

GERMANY (Strickland): F Den-Swe; A Kie-Hol; A Bur-Par.

1985AG

RUSSIANS MOVE SOUTH!

ENGLAND (Lack): F Nwy S RUSSIAN A Fin-Swe; A Lon-Den; F Nth C A Lon-Den; F Bel holds.
 FRANCE (T. Goldman): A Bur-Bel; A Pic S A Bur-Bel; F Mid-Eng; A Par-Bur((sic; no such unit exists)); A Mar S A Par-Bur((sic)); A Gas not ordered, holds.
 GERMANY (Drakert): F Hol S ENGLISH F Bel; A Ruh-Mun; A Mun-Ber; A Kie S A Mun-Ber;
A Swe-Den.
 ITALY (Hoh): F Ion-Aeg; F Adr-Ion; F Maf-Mid; A Tri-Ser; A Tyr-Mun.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thorasen): A Ser-Tri; F Gre-Aeg; A Bul S RUSSIAN F Bla-Con.
 RUSSIA (D. Walker): A Fin-Swe; F Bal S ENGLISH A Lon-Den; A Pru-Ber; A Vie-Tri; A Bud
 S ITALIAN A Tri-Ser; A Sev-Rum; F Bla S TURKISH A Con-Bul.
 TURKEY (J. Schwartz): F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; A Con-Bul; A Ank holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austro-Hungarian retreats are A Ser-Alb, A Bul dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon,
 Nwy. (6)
 FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)
 GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (5)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ser, Tun, Ven. (5)
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Gre. (1)
 RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Tri, Vie,
 War. (3)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

England may build two new units, and Russia may build one. Austria-Hungary must re-move one unit. One of these players has already sent in his "Winter 1902" order, and the others should do so by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER 1985. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1985. Dennis Walker writes that he will be back at his California address shortly: 2220 Trinity Dr., Atwater, Calif. 95301; 209-357-0390.

ST. PETERSBURG (Reliable Russian News): A shipment of entertainment tapes recently arrived here from London. Especially appreciated are the episodes of "Saturday Night Live" featuring the hapless misadventures of Mr. Bill.

TRIESTE to ITALY: The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

RUSSIA to AUSTRIA: Yes, it's true, I lied again.

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ITALY (D. Walker): A Ven-Pie; A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): A Gal holds((sic; no such unit exists)); F Alb-Gre;
 A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Vie not ordered, holds.
 RUSSIA (Wrobel): F Bot-Bal; F Sev-Rum; A Ukr S ~~F~~ Sev-Rum; A War-Sil.
 TURKEY (Martin): F Con-Aeg; A Bul S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum; A Ank-Con.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)
 FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Por, Spa. (4)
 GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par,
 Swe. (6)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)
 RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (5)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

Germany may build 3 new units, Austria-Hungary may build 2, and each of the others may build one. The deadline is NOON, FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1985 for these orders.

THE VULTURES GO FOR THE BEAR

ENGLAND (Bennett): F Nth S F Nwy; F Ska-Swe; F Nwy S F Ska-Swe; A Lon not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Dawson): F Eng-Nth((sic; no such unit exists)); A Par S A Bur; A Bur S A Par; A Mar-Spa; F Pic not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (Schembari): A Bel, A Mun & F Den hold; A Ruh S A Bel; A Kie S F Den; A Ber S A Mun.

ITALY (Jordan): F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Vie-Bud; A Ser S A Vie-Bud; A Boh-Gal; A Ven-Tri; F Apu-Adr; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hurwitz): A Pru-Ber; F Tri-Adr.

RUSSIA (Cameron): A St.P-Mos; A Gal-Rum; F Swe holds.

TURKEY (McCarthy): A Sev-Ukr; F Rum-Bla; A Con-Bul; A Ank-Con; A Smy-Arm; A Bud-Gal.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Bud is dislodged and annihilated, and Russia must retreat F Swe-Fin, -Bot, or -Bal. The direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 1985. The direction will be passed on to all players. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1985. Jon Bennett writes that his new telephone number is 617-748-9707.

PRUSSIA to World: The Magyars Ride Again!

LONDON: "Hey guys its kind'a lonely out here, speak to me."

1982IM (continued from p. 1)

the group of young Great Neck players who came into the hobby a few years ago. This is his first win in GRAUSTARK. Unfortunately, pressure of college work forces him to withdraw from GRAUSTARK play for the time being.

Reviews of this game appear on pp. 8 and 9. In a sense, 1982IM is a "re-run" of 1981HM. In that game, five of the 1982IM players and two others went at each other, and a classic "Russo-Italian Steamroller" developed. The Russian and Italian players wanted to draw the game between them, without first going to the bother of eliminating the three other survivors. This is contrary to the rules of Diplomacy, and so eventually 1981HM was "thrown" to Hector Roybal, playing Russia. They then went at it again, with the five players who sought a second round all playing different countries from those they had played in 1981HM.

For the roster of this game see p. 9. The players from 1981HM are Belliveau, Corbin, Ellis, Ferguson, and Roybal. Roybal's resignation seems to have been the result of a dispute or fit of pique, but the reviews are silent on this point. Other players are also invited to send in their reviews.

1983AJ

"Winter 1915"

ENGLAND (J. Baker): Builds F Liv.

ITALY (Wrobel): Builds A Rom.

GERMANY (Ripper): Builds A Mun, A Ber.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rusnak): Removes F Eas.

The deadline for "Spring 1916" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the first bulletin for the postal play of Avalon-Hill's Diplomacy, is published every 4th Saturday by John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11226. Subscriptions are 9 for \$6; back issues are 10 for \$2 as available. For entry in a new postal Diplomacy game see p. 12.

1982IM - GAME REVIEW

RANDY ELLIS (Germany): Here is my endgame statement for 1982IM. I want to thank you for running the game with your usual meticulous precision.

Alas, I seem to have lost all of my back issues of GRAUSTARK when I moved back from Lawrence to Kansas City this spring. Thus, please forgive me if my comments here are rather vague since I am forced to rely upon my memory of this lively game rather than the records. Oh well! Anyway, this game began with Ken Corbin, the English player, openly declaring war upon me. I attempted to enlist French assistance against England but John Ferguson was occupied by Italy's all-out assault in 1901-02. I was frustrated that John would not even supply one unit to fight England; especially considering that the Italian player foolishly opted to bypass Tunis in 1901 thus keeping Italy at a measley 3 centers. In any case, I made a fatal decision. I decided that John and Ken were allied and I declared war on France while still fighting England. I thought I could do well as long as Italy distracted France and I think I would have done relatively well had not Bob Bragdon intervened. Bob, the irascible Russian Czar, was faced with an Austro-Turkish alliance and was in desperate straits. I reasoned that Bob would leave me alone since he had his hands full in the South. Bob took a gamble and stabbed me by occupying Silesia. His gamble worked well as John supported him into Munich while England took Denmark from me. I was now down to 3 weak centers and completely at the mercy of England/France/Russia. Figuring I had nothing to lose, I wrote to Ken Corbin offering my country as a puppet state in return for survival. Much to my surprise, he accepted!! He also convinced the French and Russians to quit picking on me! I was astounded! In any case, I played the role of subserviant puppet for a couple years. Gradually, I pressed the issue and was granted more and more autonomy until, at last, I was recognized as a full-fledged and equal member of the mighty E-F-G-R alliance. Italy, Austria, and Turkey fought well but they were no match against a united West / Russia. Italy and Austria gradually were annexed while Turkey (first Hector Roybal and then Lawrence Chafetz) fought desperately to maintain strength. It soon became obvious that the mighty E-F-G-R would end soon as Turkey was reduced to fewer and fewer centers. Although I briefly talked to Russia and England of alliances after Turkey's demise, I negotiated more seriously with John Ferguson's France. John and I both felt that Ken and Bob were too close - too "tight" if you will as allies. Rightly or wrongly, we made preparations for the big stab. I should have known what the result would be. Anyway, we both tried to convince Chafetz to side with us before we stabbed. Chafetz would not respond. We stabbed anyway, and if I don't say so myself, I think it was a fairly good stab. We took Belgium, Budapest, and an Italian center (Naples?) from England all in 1 season. I hoped Russia would side with us but predictably, he turned on me with fury. Ken concentrated on attacking me while allowing France to enter England proper unoperted. I was in trouble and was more so when at a critical point the USP"S" failed to deliver my orders and I committed a critical NMR. From that point on, victory was well beyond my grasp. Don't get me wrong; I think I would have lost anyway. I have to hand it to Ken and Bob; they cooperated very well against me and they succeeded on getting Turkey's crucial aid. The NMR simply caused me to die faster than I would have otherwise. Anyway, I opted to try to give John the victory by throwing what centers I could to him. I think I failed but we'll see. Anyway, I would like to thank all of you for a most enjoyable game. I look forward to meeting all of you again sometime; perhaps next time the results will be different!

1983IE - PRESS RELEASE

ROME to HURHEIDEN: We are compelled to veto your nomination of Russia for the McIlvane Award. Russia is simply not a McIlvane type. The Tsar has shown traditional Russian fighting spirit throughout this game, has not given away any centers, and is presently giving you the finger. How does it feel, penetrating into EDI and MUN?

Your own exploits, however, deserve appropriate recognition. We have accordingly nominated you ~~both~~ for the Verwitz Prize, given annually to the alliance that makes the biggest spectacle of itself while losing. You have carried the arts of hand-wringing, whining, and snivelling to unprecedented levels and have no real competition in this field.

1982IM - GAME REVIEWS

BOB BRAGDON (Russia): Congratulations to John Ferguson (France) on an outstanding game & a much-deserved victory. '82IM had several interesting features. It lasted 17 years but saw only two major shifts in alliances. The alliance that dominated most of the game was an unusual grouping - France, England, Germany & Russia! The players included several colorful, domineering characters, but the one who finally emerged victorious was the quiet French fox.

My own drift into the F/E/G/R partnership resulted from early troubles with Austria, Turkey, & Germany. The revelation in 1902 that Austria was not a friend but an enemy (like the other two) forced me to seek an arrangement with the only other country in a position to help - England. Fortunately for me, England also needed help: the Anglo-French campaign against Germany was bogged down.

The resultant E/F/R agreement, engineered by Ken Corbin (England), was close to a stroke of brilliance on his part. England supported me into Denmark, enabling me to keep enough units to stalemate Austria & Turkey. In return, I supported France into Munich, crippling Germany and facing him with a two-front war. Randy Ellis (Germany) quickly sought entry into our alliance in order to survive. Suddenly, the fading fortunes of E, F, & R had become a 4-way alliance that nothing could stop.

Nothing except internal quarrels - & they almost did us in several times. Usually, Ken was the peacemaker. Once, Randy wisely avoided a build when my suspicions had been aroused by a misunderstanding over a center. I did what I could to raise Randy's morale, under siege from Turkish and Austrian press accusing him of treachery. I still believe that such accusations were wrong; Randy's switch of alliances had been provoked by his former "friends" sitting on the sidelines while he did most of the work & took the brunt of the battle. He would have been a fool if he had let himself be eliminated because of a misplaced sense of loyalty to such "friends".

Subduing Italy, Austria, & Turkey was very slow going, however. Much time was taken in breaching their near-stalemate lines and in edging E/F fleets into the Med.

When the last of the three opponents, Turkey, had been nearly eliminated, the French fox emerged. John

- 1982IM - GRAVESPARK, John Bradman
- E - Ken Corbin (out F14)
- F - John Ferguson (won F17)
- G - Randy Ellis (out F13)
- I - Dick Belliveau (dro F06)
- Bob Lipton (out S07)
- A - Al Pearson (out S09)
- R - Bob Bragdon
- T - Hector Roybal (res S07)
- Lawrence Chafetz

John had seemingly taken a back seat in alliance coordination previously. Now he took the lead in proposing a F/G/R move against England. I demurred, partly because my hands were still tied up with Turkey, partly because an anti-English stab was unpalatable; Ken had, after all, saved my bacon in 1902.

The rest was a gradual French approach to victory. F & G hit England; I sided with E, making peace with Turkey, who then joined us. The resulting East-West war naturally favored the Powers at extreme east and west. First Germany, then England was eliminated. Larry Chafetz

(Turkey) and I may have had chances to stop France short of 18 centers. Perhaps I could have somehow arranged a vital fleet build in St. P at some point; perhaps Larry was a bit slow in getting some of his units into battle. In any case, in the crucial concluding moves I definitely goofed in leaving Munich undefended & John outsmarted me around Scandinavia and St.P.

Nice going, John. Add this win to your Cornell accomplishments! Thanks to all, friend & foe alike, for a most colorful game. But thanks most of all to Ken, John, Larry & Randy, who showed that the complexities of partnership can be interesting and rewarding.

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- E Intervals
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- A Appears
- T To
- I Inflame
- O Optic
- N Nerves

JOHN FERGUSON (France): Before I begin, I would like to give credit to the ally who, more than any other, helped me to win this game. This ally was, of course, the United States Postal Service.

The Post Office eliminated my other ally, Randy Ellis, and also eliminated by opponent, Ken Crbin. As a matter of fact, I may not have won this game without its valuable assistance. I don't feel the satisfaction that I would have felt if Diplomacy had been the major factor, as opposed to postal inefficiency.

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Although I have only been playing postal Diplomacy for five years, I think that I can safely say that this game was one of the most peculiar games ever to have been played in GRAUSTARK. It was a rematch of 1980HM with 4 of the original 7 players participating. I started off lousy: one one build after 1901. Italy and Germany were attacking me, and I was a virtual puppet of Ken Corbin's. It was only the success of the Austrian-Turkish alliance that allowed Ken Corbin to coordinate a successful alliance between England, Germany, Russia and France against Italy, Austria and Turkey. Since we outnumbered them, it was only a matter of time (A long time) before we successfully broke their power. After the downfall of Italy, and Austria, it seemed that the "Alliance" had broken into two factions: French-German and Anglo-Russian. Randy and I conversed quite often. I had met Randy at an Origins in Baltimore a few years earlier, and we trusted each other much more than Bragdon and Corbin. This led to our successful stab of Corbin around 1910 (I don't have the back issues with me so I can't be sure of the date). Soon after, my pal the postman failed to deliver Randy's orders during a crucial turn, allowing Bragdon to capitalize. Randy became quite upset, and decided that since he was going to die, he would rather have me be the benefactor rather than Bragdon who had taken Berlin earlier in the game. From then on, diplomacy played no role in the game as it was "me against the world." With the help of Mr. Postman, who eliminated Ken Corbin, I have arrived at the current state of affairs. As I said earlier, I am happy to win, but not happy about the role of NMR's in my victory. This will probably have been my last game in GRAUSTARK for some years to come (if not forever) since I have found Cornell to be far more challenging than high school. I am forced to study more in order to receive worse grades (sigh!) I certainly don't have the needed four or five hours per week to spend letter writing at the beginning of a Diplomacy game. So good bye, good luck, and may the blessings of "Our President, Commander-in-Chief, Alpha Male, and Supreme War Leader of the Great Big United States of America" be with you.

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BILL DRAKERT (Austria-Hungary): A brief comment - it is fitting if remarkable that I participate in the draw. I am the only one in the game who never had a NMR charged to me. Russia is to be congratulated also; in spite of many trials and troubles - often caused by me - he never gave up. England came in late inheriting an imposing position and never really seemed to press to win. This was, I'm sure, the longest game I've been in and I'm glad I lasted to the end. My ~~peace-war-peace-war-peace-war~~ relationship with RUS was the most interesting part of the game for me.

JIM MCCARTHY (England): As a late entrant I know little about this game. When I took over England I wrote the other three participants asking for an update and making proposals. Bill Drakert and Peter J. La Rocco replied and each gave a capsule review. Thank you both. No one wanted my proposals so I faced a three way alliance. France fell and Russia decided to go for the win. Austria's revenge for the ensuing Russian stab was to offer to work with England for a draw and to give me the win otherwise. A most generous offer, Bill. Thanks. I enjoyed working with Bill for the draw. Peter you almost did it - good try. John Boardman thank you for your quality gamemastering and always punctual 'zine. Oh! A public apology to Bill for the NMR that cost you a unit.

I do have a question, if its in order. At what point do starting players accept a standby as having a right to go for a win? (or even to participate in a draw). I began with an unearned 13 centres. I ended with 16. Had the game continued and I was able to take the two Austrian-controlled centres I would by the rules be the winner. But would I truly have deserved the win, having played say six of 20 game years? I'm not sure in my own mind. How about others?

1984B - GAME REVIEW

JIM GOELMAN (France):

I would first like to thank all concerned for a most enjoyable re-introduction to PD. Special mention is due Doug Clarke (Austria) for most adroit diplomacy.

My original intention was to take France, then England, then spread northern and

southern wings to crush Italy and Russia against Austria. France fell to Germany and Italy even more rapidly than we had expected (by a year); England, thanks to some confused play, was never able to get beyond a forlorn defense.

By 1902, I was sure that Austria would attack Russia in the Balkans; I still think that would have been better than attacking Italy. Although the attack on Italy was crushing, it left Austria's back open in the East, and Russia wasted no time in stabbing Austria as severely as Austria had stabbed Italy.

At that point, I concluded that I would have to attack Russia in order to prevent a Russian victory, and that by diverting Italy, I would allow Austria to rebuild itself into a suitable anvil for the hammering of Russia and Italy. Fortunately, a desperate England offered at this time to become a puppet in exchange for long-term survival.

I have spent years writing amphibious warfare scenarios for the Navy, so the campaign in the Baltic was familiar to me. With its fleets trapped, Russia could do little more than give ground grudgingly, while England and Germany could throw fleets and armies around at will.

Unfortunately, the very likelihood of a German victory drew Austria, Italy, and Russia into a coalition considerably outnumbering my own on the Western and Central Fronts. With the coalitions locked, further diplomacy was useless, and a draw was forced. As a reward for his steadfastness, I decided to let England share in the draw -- although he had played poorly in the beginning, after 1903, I could not have done better had I planned his moves myself. Thus, a five-man draw.

1904HB

"Winter 1906"

ENGLAND (Martin): Removes A Den, F Wal. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Manna): Builds A Vie, A Bud, F Tri.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): Builds A Ber.

ITALY (Rauterberg): Removes F Tus. (See report of 1904ID.)

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 1985. The proposal for a concession to Austria-Hungary is defeated and, under the circumstances, will not be submitted to the players again. Players should see "When Do You Expire?" on page 1.

ENGLAND: Time to pass the concession.

BERLIN (DAMN): In a major policy address today, Kaiser Mark announced his proposed World Order. "6 years of bloodshed are 6 too many. The brave peoples of France, Austria, Italy & Germany have suffered much. Emperor Manna has led us these 6 years in the elimination of the Ottoman cancer and the Slavic menace, while the bold Gallic & German peoples have almost completely eliminated the Anglo-Saxon uprising. Italy has a new government, having rid itself of its indecisive democracy and elevating Rauterlini to Ducehood.

It is time to end this bitter war. Emperor Manna, you cannot achieve hegemony. While we honor & revere you as Primus inter Pares, we will not let you incorporate our states into your Empire. I propose a New World Order consisting of the Big 4, once the British rebellion is suppressed. I invite the other 3 great leaders to vote on this proposition.

I formally reject the Austrian invitation to join his Empire."

(thunderous applause followed - the Reichstag was not brought to order for 15 seconds).

1904ID

"Winter 1904"

FRANCE (Gratto): Builds F Mar. RUSSIA (Rauterberg): Removes F Livonia.

GERMANY (Cameron): Builds A Kie. TURKEY (Addison): Builds A Con, A Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 1985. Paul Rauterberg writes that he will soon have a new address; players will be informed as soon as I receive the information. On the last turn, Turkey captured Serbia from Austria-Hungary and therefore has two builds, not one.

PARIS: Interesting new ideas continue to abound. For example, a new cult group now argues "Never embed a double bladed ax in a stump or a tree. Lay it flat on the ground and in the open where it can easily be seen."

BROOKLYN (URRP): Observers here failed to understand the labyrinthine French press.

NEW GAME OPENS; ANOTHER SHAPES UP

Seven entries have come in for a new postal Diplomacy game, and this announcement is going out early so that players can have time to line up their initial alliances and negotiations. This page is being mailed out to the players on 25 September, and the deadline for "Spring 1901" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1985.

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There was the usual problem getting people's country preferences in order. The Austro-Hungarian player gave that country as his fourth choice - but it was the highest choice given for the Dual Monarchy by anybody. Three people chose England, and two, Russia, as first choices.

I am asking Bill Quinn to send a Boardman Number for this game; if he acts with the efficiency that the hobby has come to expect from him, it should be printed somewhere else in this issue. Until it arrives, players should just call this "the new game".

Already, two more people have sent in game fees, and a third has promised to do so. I should estimate that, at this rate, yet another new game should fill by the end of October. The game fee is \$20, and this includes a subscription to the end of the game. With your entry fee, send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play in your order of preference. If you don't already have a copy of the postal rules for Diplomacy, let me know, and I'll send you a copy.

AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT...

In reporting the "Spring 1910" moves of 1983IE in the last issue, I see that I misprinted the options open to the retreating Turkish A Smy; it could have gone to Syria or Armenia. It is to Armenia that it was retreated. Players in 1983IE are being informed on 25 September of this correction.

A proposal has been put forward for a concession to Italy, and votes on this proposal should be sent in with the "Fall 1909" moves.

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