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1986HI

"Fall 1901"

WHAT NATIONALITY WAS MACHIAVELLI?

ENGLAND (Chang): A Yor-Nwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (Clarke): A Bur-Bel; A Mar-Spa; F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Ruffing): A Kie-Hol; A Ruh-Bel; F Den-Swe;

ITALY (J. Goldman): F Ion-Tun; A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Bud-Vie; A Ser-Bud; F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Plachta): F Rum S TURKISH A Bul; F Bot-Swe; A Gal-Boh; A Ukr-Gal.

TURKEY (M. Brennick): A Bul S RUSSIAN F Rum; F Con-Aeg; A Smy-Cpn.

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

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

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Spa. (3)

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

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Tri, Vie. (4)

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

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

Germany and Italy may each build two new units, and Turkey, Russia, Austria-Hungary, and England may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987. Douglas Clarke reports that his address is now "Box W, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. 06457".

ST. PETERSBURG: Czar Tommy, also known as the Disco Czar, greets fellow potentates, princes, & emirs. Disco Czar (a/k/a "DC")

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1985H

"Spring 1908"

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO PLAYERS IN 1985H!

After the moves for 1985H were printed on p. 11, but before the deadline, the English player changed two of his moves. Instead of "F Ilwy-Nth; F Eng S F Nwy-Nth", those units were ordered: "F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Eng-Nth". The former move fails.

1985CT

"Winter 1906"

England only needed to remove one unit after "Fall 1906" moves.

ENGLAND (Chafetz): Removes F Ska.

FRANCE (Addison): Builds F Bre, A Mar.

GERMANY (Skellie): Builds A Ber.

ITALY (Sims): Removes F Gre.

TURKEY (Quarto): Removes F Ion.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987. There is no need now for a stand-by for the Austro-Hungarian player.

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looks forward to friendly relationship with his neighbors, but has received requests for rock and roll (a new Russian invention) outlets in Rumania, Galicia, and Sweden by oppressed rockers in these areas. DC and ministers (also known as the Advisory Council, or "AC") feel impelled to spread works of Chuck Berry-ski's works such as "Roll Over, Tschy-chovsky" to all areas. AC-DC, as ruling body of Russia, expresses desire to spread "hegemony of heavy metal" throughout Europe.

LONDON to PARIS: Some defense! Right after YOU suggested the Channel be a DMZ. Good thing we had our doubts. Viva Italia!

LONDON (via Hollywood): We are not the least alarmed with the disclosure of the

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FRANCE (Chafetz): Removes F Hel.
 GERMANY (Austin): Builds A Ber.

ITALY (Palter): No order received; game-
 master removes F Adr.

TURKEY (Drakert): Builds F Smy, A Con.
 The deadline for "Spring 1906" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987. Stand-by orders for Italy should be sent in by Jeffrey L. Hoffman, 3 Canoe Brook Dr., Princeton Junction, N. J. 08550.

1986AF

"Fall 1903"

THE EAST IS RED - AND GREEN

No retreat was received by immediate return mail for the dislodged French A Bur, and so this unit was removed. Turkey retreated F Smy-Syr, and Germany retreated A War-Pru. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (La Rocco): A Bel S GERMAN A Mun-Bar; F Nth S A Bel; F Nwy-Swe; F Iri-Mid; F Eng S F Iri-Mid; F Liv-Tri.

FRANCE (Schembari): No moves received. A Pic, A Bre & F Spa(s.c.) hold; F Mid dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Mun-Boh; A Kie-Mun; A Ber S A Kie-Mun; A Pru-Sil; F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A Bur-Mar.

ITALY (Rosen): A Tyr-Mun; F Tyr-Wes; F Aeg-Gre; A Smy holds; F Eas S A Smy.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Brennick): A Con S ITALIAN A Smy-Ank; F Bul(s.c.) S A Con; A Rum S F Bul(s.c.); A Gal S A Sil-War; A Sil-War; A War-Mos; A Ukr S A War-Mos.

RUSSIA (McCarthy): A Mos-St.P; F Sev holds.

TURKEY (Bragdon): F Bla-Con; A Ank S F Bla-Con; F Syr-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Mos-Liv. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (7)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Con, Mos, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie, War. (9)
FRANCE: Bre, Par, Por, Spa. (4)	RUSSIA: St.P, Sev. (2)
GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Mar, Mun. (5)	TURKEY: Ank. (1)
ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun, Ven. (6)	

Austria-Hungary may build two new units, and Italy, England, and France may each build one. (Russia also has a build if the dislodged A Mos is removed.) Germany must remove one unit, and Turkey must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987. Stand-by orders for France should be sent in by Jeffrey L. Hoffman, whose address appears above in the report of 1985HL.

ROME (Deutsch Agency for Military News): King Jerry today finally ordered the Italian Tyrolean Army out of the mountains of Tyrolia. The direction of the army's movement should come as no surprise to anyone, given the character of King Jerry as revealed over the past 4 years.

VIENNA (D.A.M.N.): A major scandal erupted here when it was found that the Austrian army actually followed orders emanating from Rome! Kaiser John himself, in a telegram to Kaiser Wilhelm, admitted that the Austrian attacks on Silesia and Warsaw were not due to hostile Austrian intentions toward Germany, but rather due to instructions from Italy.

BERLIN (D.A.M.N.): Kaiser Wilhelm today made a conciliatory speech in the Reichstag today. "I can understand Kaiser John's problem. Clearly, Austria Hungary (which entered 1903 with only 6 armies and 1 fleet) cannot afford to provoke Italy (which

possesses 2 armies and 3 fleets)! Why, Kaiser John sent me a personal telegram, saying outright that the only reason he took Warsaw and Silesia from Germany was that King Jerry of Italy told him to."

NEW YORK CITY (D.A.M.N.): A mysterious note, in Italian, was found in the garbage of the Austrian consulate here. Apparently, through an oversight, the note was not shredded. Translated, the note says: "Brennick - if you ever want to see your wife & kids again, move Boh-Sil and take War. Here's Cindy's left eyeball as an incentive for you. (signed) *Rosen*."

German military intelligence is still working on deciphering this bizarre code.

TURKEY to EUROPE: We nominate the Tsar for this year's Alfred E. Neumann ("What! Me Worry?") Award. As you know, the award is given annually to the Diplomacy who best demonstrates an ability to concentrate on press releases and avoid any taint of negotiation with other players or tactical effectiveness. The Tsar will win going away!

STOCKHOLM: The English were welcomed with open arms here today as throngs of jubilant Swedes took to the streets to celebrate the new leaders. Since Sweden has instituted this new form of government, namely the yearly alternation of European powers to rule the land, more opportunity than ever has enveloped the nation.

As one government official stated it, "Not only have our people experienced a rich exchange of various cultures, but also now our calendar makers are the most affluent in the land."

As of now England has not yet taken full control, but already plans are being drawn up for next year's new leaders, who are yet to be determined.

1986CW

"Spring 1902"

ALLIED OFFENSIVE HURLS TURKS BACK

ENGLAND (Harkin): F Bre-Mid; F Lon-Eng; F Liv-Nat; A Wry-Swe; F Nth holds.

FRANCE (Pribe): A Par-Bre; A Spa-Gas; A Mar-Bur; F Por-Mid.

GERMANY (Kandara): No moves received. A Ber, F Kie, A Mun, F Den, A Hol & A Bel hold.

ITALY (Plachta): F Tun-Wes; A Apu & A Pie hold; F Nap-Ion.

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

RUSSIA (Sargent): F Bot-Bal; A Sil-Pru; A Ukr-Sev; F Sev-Bla; F Rum S F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (Schenck): F Smy-Aeg; F Bla-Rum; A Con-Ank; A Bul-Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Bul-Con, F Bla-Arm. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987. Stand-by moves for Germany should be sent in by Alan Stewart, 702-25 St. Mary St., Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1R2, Canada; 416-961-8095.

ITALY to the WORLD: Popester is sad to see war on all fronts. Rome seeks only conversion, & infidels in Tunis are now Christian or - indisposed. Curia expresses delight at frustration of Russians! Cardinals unable to remember last time Winter Palace diplomacy so clumsy as to lose Swe in 1901. Madonna has again appeared in vision, following wine-tasting party featuring Pinot Grand Fenwick. She says: "Tell the Sultan Mohamet insists he move F Bla-Sev in 1902." She adds Sultan's salvation depends on this. Pope urges English Protestant fleet in Brest to head from Catholic domains to Lutheran/Orthodox ones "up North". Pope reads mail, then back to Sistine Chapel to paint over graffiti left by Michelangelo. "I think eggshell is a nice ceiling color," he says as he ambles off.

PARIS to WORLD: The Foreign Ministry wishes to clarify that the German ambassador to France is listed as the Prince Munster de Derneburg. One only needs to look it up in the Almanach de Gotha. The Foreign Ministry, while admitting that its print-

ing may be comparable to chicken scratches, also wishes to emphasize that it plainly puts its periods inside parentheses.

LA JOLLA to BROOKLYN: Congratulations to your friend for correctly identifying Baron Rutherford of Nelson as a Kiwi countryman. Many identify him with England; just as many identify Italian-born Enrico Fermi with the U. S. I will admit, though, that the only Kerr I know of who was a physicist is John Kerr, who I believe was Scotch.

PARIS to GRAND FENWICK: Dear boy, don't fool yourself. It was not a typo when I referred to your wines as vinegar (yes, vinegar was implied, not just salad dressing as you said). However, you must understand that we only react in such strong terms when our finest wines become 'alleged.'

CONSTANTINOPLE to DOME OF SILENCE (ST. PETERSBURG): Austria says you passed my letters onto him. Really, Mike, is this how you start off the game? Shouldn't you have waited awhile before playing these kinds of dirty tricks? Shouldn't you have found someone more trustworthy than the Faceless Knife to get down in the gutter with? Why should people bother to write you if (1) you don't write but (2) pass letters. I hope all players heed this warning and move to ostracize the impertinent Tsar.

CONSTANTINOPLE to DER RAT: Say, thanks for the info on the slimy Russian. I hope he gets what he deserves. I must say I was a little confused about your comment: "I don't believe in letter passing so I sent the original letters back to Mike (of course I do believe in copying machines!)." As far as I'm concerned sending a copy of someone's letter is no better than sending the original. Good luck in Bulgaria. I hope you're enjoying the trials and tribulations of Ollie North down in Washington. He seems to share much of the "RAMBO" character traits of your hero "DER RAT." Cheerio!

MAY I SEE YOUR PASSPORT PLEASE (Reprinted courtesy Constantinople Crescent): The columnist wishes to express his regret at the absence of this column in last month's Crescent, but due to the turmoil in the Capital I was unable to file. Things have quieted down now, and we can begin to look at the events of the past month with a bit more perspective. It's clear it all started with the visit of the infamous Austrian warlord DER Rat to our city. Little did the trusting government of the old Sultan realize the visit was merely the cover for an on-going drugs-for-liquor smuggling operation. Liquor was of course illegal under the Ottoman Empire, and DER RAT had made a pretty good living for himself selling low grade Austrian wine in Pinot Grand Fenwick bottles. In exchange he illegally exported high-quality Turkish opium to ensnare the minds of his own Austrian citizens. When the story broke in Constantinople, the citizenry went berserk. The Austrian Embassy was sacked, the Ambassador slain, and Der RAT (setting up another deal on the Constantinople Docks) barely escaped to Bulgaria, where, with the collusion of numerous border guards he had corrupted over the years, he made his way to the questionable safety of the Austrian capital. The news of DER RAT's escape was the final straw for the aging Ottoman Empire, and in a short but bloody coup d'etat, it was overthrown. The new government is far more radical than any existing on the continent today, and eschews friendly relations with either of its immediate neighbors (both incredibly corrupt hereditary monarchies). Since both DER RAT and nasty Tsar Mikolas seem determined to crush this new Union of Turkish Peoples Republics, the provisional government has ordered a total mobilization. Spirits seem good in the capital, with a stern determination evident on all faces. Militia units (many of them Women's Revolutionary Army) train daily in this city's open parks, while children can be seen scouring their neighborhoods for old cans and other metal scrap. It is clear to this observer that the Turkish people are if anything more united and more determined to resist than before.

SOCIETY PAGE (Courtesy Constantinople Crescent): The King of Bulgaria, Ab-dul Rash Omen II, has arrived here with his entire family and personal entourage for what he calls an "extended visit." He dismissed allegations that he was merely fleeing the expected downfall of his capital city, Sofia, telling reporters that "Look, I've got family in this town. My uncle used to be the Allah benighted Sultan, for crying out loud. Get off my back." To this observer it looked like Omen had been hitting too much of the Austrian rot-gut now flooding the capital.

1984IO

"Spring 1910"

BALKAN TRAFFIC BACKED UP ALL THE WAY TO THE BRENNER PASS

GERMANY (D. Martin): A Mun-Boh; A Ber-Mun; A War-Ukr; A Mos S A War-Ukr; A Livonia, F 10th & F Bal hold; A Sil S A Mun-Boh; F Bot-Swe; F Swe-Ska; A Gal S ITALIAN A Tri-Bud; A Bur-Gas.

ITALY (Barents): F Nrg-St.P(n.c.); F Nwy S F Nrg-St.P(n.c.):A Vie-Gal; A Tyr-Vie; A Tri-Bud; A Ven-Tri; A Tus-Ven; F Adr-Ion; F Nap-Ion; F Apu S F Nap-Ion; F Ion-Aeg; F Rom-Nap.

RUSSIA (Ball): A Sev-Ukr.

TURKEY (McCarthy): A Rum-Bud; A Ser-Tri; F Alb S A Ser-Tri; F Gre S F Alb; A Bul-Ser; F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eas; F Ank-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1910" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987. Warren Ball's new telephone number at work is 609-340-6902.

1986AV

"Winter 1902"

Following "Fall 1902" moves, Austria-Hungary retreats A Ser-Bud.

ENGLAND (Rigley): Builds F Lon, A Edi.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Knapp): Removes

GERMANY (Campbell): Builds F Kie.

F Aeg, F Ion.

ITALY (Ball): Builds F Rom.

TURKEY (Hurley): Builds A Ank.

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secret Arms sales to Iran, not with the accompanying disclosure of diverted funds to the Contra-counterrevolutionaries. Whaddya expect from a B actor?

MOSCOW to BERLIN: Don't get nervous. Bohemians have invited ballet troupe to demonstrate Russian genius in the dance. Army escort is bound for Austria, to give similar demonstration. We promise not to stay long, & we'll clean up when we leave.

MOSCOW to VIENNA: Sorry. The Disco Czar heard about new nightspots, & he is bored, besides. Italy made me do it, yeah, that's the ticket!

MOSCOW to the WORLD: Disco Czar assures Western powers he seeks no territory in West. He is glad to see his treaties with the West remain intact.

VIENNA to MOSCOW: The Arch Duke is very upset over this violation of Austrian home land. By your Polish army, I hope you find some place better to put him. Like where the sun don't shine.

KIEL: The Kaiser has ordered troops into Holland to disband a network of terrorists that specialize in the destruction of Holland's beloved Sabot, or wooden shoe, works. The Kaiser denounces this senseless form of terrorism, dubbed sabotage.

BERLIN: Russian expansionism has turned outward with a venomous lash. Not only are small, neutral countries targeted, but Germany's Austrian allies have seen the threat of the Bear. On behalf of Austria-Hungary, the Kaiser asks for Russian withdrawal from our southern neighbor's territory.

COPENHAGEN: The German fleet answers the call for aid from Stockholm.

PARIS: Blah, Blah, Blah.

ALL THOSE MISSED MOVES

For this issue the Friday noon deadline had to be held quite rigorously, as the duplication facilities for this issue aren't available on weekends. Some moves may also have been delayed by the biggest snowstorm here in four years. Players are again cautioned to make greater efforts to get their moves in on time.

1986AM

"Spring 1903"

MEDITERRANEAN MUDDLE

ENGLAND (Hurwitz): F Nrg-Nwy; F Nth & F Bar S F Nrg-Nwy.FRANCE (Barents): A Pie-Tus; F Wes-Nap((sic)); F Tyr S F Wes-Nap((sic)); A Bur-Mar;
F Mar-Lyo; A Bel-Pic.

GERMANY (Austin): A Hol, A Mun & F Den hold; A Kie & A Ber S A Mun.

ITALY (P. Martin): A Tyr-Ven; A Boh-Tyr; A Gre-Ser; F Rom-Tyr; F Tun S F Rom-Tyr.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ball): A Gal-Rum; A Bud-Ser; A Tri S A Bud-Ser.RUSSIA (Dolan): A Sev-Rum; F Con-Aeg; A Mos-Ukr; A Sil-Gal; A War S A Sil-Gal;
F Swe & F St.P(n.c.) S A Nwy; A Nwy S F Swe.TURKEY (Skellie): F Aeg-Gre; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre; F Ion-Adr; A Ser-Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. The only possible retreat for both the dislodged Turkish A Ser and the dislodged Italian F Gre is Albania so both are removed. France must retreat F Tyr-Nap or -Ion or remove the unit. The orders for "Fall 1903", which may be made conditional upon the direction of the French retreat, are due by NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987. Warren Ball is now playing Austria-Hungary; for his new telephone number see the report of 1984ID on p. 7.

MOSCOW to ROME: It seem to be your time of reckoning. You lied to turkey and I about helping us get Aus and then tried to pick on poor helpless Germany. I hope them Western Guys stomp the living snot out of you.

MOSCOW to PARIS: Stomp the snot out of him for me I can't quite reach him at the moment I'll owe you one.

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ENGLAND: Liv, Lon, Swe. (3)

RUSSIA: Nwy, St.P. (2)

FRANCE: Bre, Den, Edi, Mar, For, Spa. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap,

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par.

Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Tun, War, Smy.

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ven, Vie. (2)

France, Turkey, and Russia may each build one new unit; France would have a second build but no home supply center is available. England must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1910" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987. The vote on a concession to Turkey once again fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players. Stand-by "Spring 1911" orders for Germany should be sent in by Alan Blaine, 15090 El Capitan Way, Delhi, Calif. 95315; 209-632-4075.

1985CY

"Winter 1905"

In the report of "Fall 1905" moves in the last issue, the French move "F Lyo-Tyr" should have been underlined as impossible.

ENGLAND (Ulman): No build received.

RUSSIA (Barents): Removes A Ukr.

FRANCE (Van De Graaf): Builds A Mar.

TURKEY (H. Jordan): Builds A Smy.

ITALY (Bargender): Removes A Tyr.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987. Stand-by "Spring 1906" moves for England, whose position appeared in GRAUSTARK #529, should be sent in by Robin Scott Barbehenn, 1626 Angus Court, Crofton, Md. 21114.

THE REIGN OF SENILIO THE GREAT - XXXII

In the year 1387 Senilio the Great, Emperor of the Temporary Roman Empire, began the 104th year of his life and the 7th of his reign in this small monarchy, high in the Balkan Massif, that claimed and still claims to be the only and continuing Roman Empire, temporarily displaced from a Rome that it confidently expects someday to recover. The restoration of the glories of ancient Rome had been announced by Senilio the Great at his coronation, and towards this end he had debased the Empire's coinage for the purpose of building up the strength of the legions. To this end he had entered into an alliance with the theocrats of the Pravoslavnican Patrimony of Polykarp, against the possibility of a war with the Kingdom (now People's Republic) of Pundschdruk and its ally, the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlämpenbüttel. (As always, the remaining member of The Four And A Half Kingdoms, the ancient matriarchy of Skandalutz, stood aloof from what the High Priestess of the Mother Goddess called "this masculine posturing".)

This system of alliances was menaced by a scheme that had been going on for years, but surfaced only in late 1386. The quaestor Aquilonius, a trusted officer of Senilio the Great, was discovered to have certain mysterious financial connections which extended all over Europe. Also involved in the plan was Ponsdextrus, Grand Admiral of the Empire, a post which historians are at a loss to explain inasmuch as the Temporary Roman Empire was landlocked except for an outlet to the equally landlocked High Sea (Mare Altum). To this day the ramifications of the plot are not clear. Praefectius, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, seems not to have been involved in it. However, of the Emperor himself a contemporary scribe has written: "Cuius et quando oblitus est?" ("What did he forget and when did he forget it?")

Aquilonius had originally been granted the money as a plan to bribe the Catalan mercenaries who had seized the border district of El Slammador. However, researched by the 20th-century Temporary Roman historian Rodnius Pedestrius indicate that the money had been used to bribe border guards in the Grand Duchy to let pass eight wagonloads of Indian hemp ("Foenum malum") for sale there. The profits had been invested in the then newly invented "miracle weapon", the blunderbuss, for which a factory was built in Temporary Rome. The factory was listed on the Grand Duchy's stock exchange, the second oldest in the world, and stock was bidded up on rumors that the factory was about to be acquired by the Pundschdruki entrepreneur Ivar Whitney Basilius von Deterding-Boyoboyesky. Just before this speculator's head appeared on a piling outside the Pundschdruki Royal Palace, the stock was sold at a tremendous profit which was invested by persons unknown in the Bank der Sieben Zwergen in Zürich. The grandfather of Jacques Couer is known to have been involved in this plan, which involved a takeover bid by John of Gaunt. If it had not been for the deposition of his nephew, King Richard II of England, the Gaunt Holding Company would have rented the Tower of London on a 99-year lease to Queen Margrethe of Denmark, who planned to hock Sweden to Russia to pay for it. The money realized in this transaction, together with two mortgages on the Lateran Palace held by Aquilonius, was intended to hire every unemployed mercenary in Europe to conquer the rest of The Four And A Half Kingdoms, buy up the debts of the late King Edward I at two solidi to the ducat, widen the Straits of Gibraltar, and tow England into the Mediterranean, where the milder climate would have made the English less willing to go abroad with sharply pointed objects looking for better weather in which to live.

The entire scheme was revealed when a Persian slave merchant under the influence of hashish babbled it in his sleep to a Circassian slave girl that he had just test-driven. Almost everyone in the immediate confidence of Senilio the Great seemed to be involved, and certain illegitimate descendants of the defunct former dynasty called his competence to rule into question. Senilio the Great met this tumult by a straight-forward address to the Senate, preserved for us by the historian Larius Eloquitur in his Apologia pro Vita Mea:

"O Senate and People of Temporary Rome! I accept complete responsibility for this entire matter, about which I am totally ignorant and cannot be held to blame. A mere

quaestor has done all these terrible things on his own initiative and without orders from Us, so I hereby proclaim him to be an Imperial Hero. The crossbows shipped to Pundschrudruk could have been carried in a single oxcart, even though it took eight elephants to haul them across the Pundschrudruki Alps. They were concealed inside a cake baked in the shape of a clavius, which was presented to the King because I know he has diabetes. We have no hostile intent towards the Catalan mercenaries in El Slamador, even though they were expelled from Greece for molesting centaurs, and we only want them to say avunculus. The quaestor Aquilonius' mission, should he accept it, will be to overthrow the Kingdom of Pundschrudruk, towards which we have only the friendliest feelings and with whose King I hope to meet at a Foothill Conference. Should he be caught, I will of course disavow all knowledge of this mission. This message will self-destruct when you least expect it. So will he. So will I."

This speech was received with tumultuous applause by the populus, among whom the Emperor's prestige remained undiminished. The Senate ordered it to be inscribed in gold on the sides of the eight elephants.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

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Postal games of Victory Games's Pax Britannica, designed by Greg Costikyan, are available in GRAUSTARK's sister publication EMPIRE at a game fee of \$25. Write for other details. Subscriptions and back issues of EMPIRE are available at the same rate as for GRAUSTARK. The first two postal Pax Britannica games ran in THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE, now combined with EMPIRE. The 20 issues of THE VALOR OF IGNORANCE are \$4.

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Many GRAUSTARK readers are attorneys, and I would like to ask them if they would care to make public their ratings according to Podbielan's Attorneyship Index (PAI), a fairly accurate index of abilities in that profession. The PAI is calculated by multiplying a lawyer's annual income from all sources by the number of years since his or her admission to the bar, and then dividing that product by 1000 times his or her numerical ranking in graduating law school class. Just do the calculation yourself (we trust you!) and send in the result. Results will be printed in future issues of GRAUSTARK.

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"Garden parties are afternoon affairs that were extremely popular in the early years of this century. They were encouraged by nationalistic European governments in order to make people so bored that they were willing to have a First World War - anything to get out of attending another garden party.

"Garden parties consist of standing around in the garden. That's all. Sometimes sticky little drinks are served. The only way to get a worthwhile amount of alcohol out of these is to dunk your **whole head** in the punch bowl. As a matter of fact the real cause of the First World War was a German ambassador doing just that at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. (For public consumption, however, a story was circulated about Archduke Ferdinand's assassination.)" - P. J. O'Rourke, Modern Manners, Dell, 1983

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Regular readers of GRAUSTARK may have noted that a number of different mimeograph machines, in varying degrees of repair, have been used to print recent issues.

The first to die was an elderly Gestetner 260 - that's the one that left a pale streak down the left side of just about every page. Then my wife fixed up a Gestetner 366, which worked fine - until one day it just ceased to feed, in the middle of a GRAU-STARK run. Mark Blackman let me run the last couple of issues on his Gestetner 420, though it is an awful ink-flinger, as you have no doubt noticed. I took the 366 in for repairs, and all looked well until Marty Newman, the competent and helpful man in charge at Mr. Mimeo, found a cracked roller that would have been more trouble and expense to fix than the machine is worth. (If any GRAUSTARK readers in the greater New York City region need mimeograph supplies or repairs, just let me know, and I'll put you in touch with him.) So he is reconditioning a Gestetner 320 which I hope to be able to get soon.

In the meantime, I am having to duplicate my 'zines by a number of methods, including photoduplication. That's what's going on here. However, I hope to be back to mimeography by the next issue.

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Unfortunately, space is lacking this issue for many of the press releases that have been sent in. I dislike postponing press releases, because for many people they add to the spirit of the game, and postponing them seems to cut down on the amount printed. However, 16 games are now running in GRAUSTARK, and with any luck a 17th may be announced elsewhere in this issue. All the press releases will eventually be printed, even if a few more double-weight issues like #529 have to be printed to accommodate them.

1986AZ

"Winter 1902"

ENGLAND (M. Thompson): Builds F Edi, F Liv. RUSSIA (McHugh): Removes A Mos, A Ukr.
FRANCE (Cook): Builds F Bre. TURKEY (Reebel): Builds F Con.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Powell): Builds A Tri.
The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987.

1985H

"Spring 1903"

ENGLISH SMASH TURKISH FLEETS

ENGLAND (Stewart): A Tus-Rom; F Tyr-Ion; F Wes-Tun; F Mid Wes; F Nwy-Nth; F Eng S F Nwy-Nth; F NAF S F Wes-Tun.
GERMANY (Verheiden): A Bel holds; F Hol S A Bel; A Den Swe; F Bal S A Pru-Liv; A Pru-Liv; A Ukr-Mos; A War S A Ukr-Mos; A Mun-Kie; A Gal-Vie; A Sil-Boh.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (P. Martin): A Ven S ENGLISH A Tus-Rom.
RUSSIA (Sims): A Mos-Sev; A St.P-Mos; A Vie holds; F Bot-St.P(s.c.).
TURKEY (McHugh): F Arm-Bla; F Ion-Tyr; F Tun & F Rom S F Ion-Tyr; F Con-Aeg; A Tri-Tyr; A Ser-Tri; A Bud S A Ser-Tri; F Smy-Eas; A Rum S RUSSIAN A Mos-Sev; F Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Tun is dislodged and annihilated, and Turkey retreats F Rom-Nap. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987.

ORPHANS TEMPORARILY BANNED

Four "orphan" games, which the original game masters had to abandon, are presently running in GRAUSTARK, along with 12 or 13 which began here. Under the circumstances, I fear that I am not going to be able to take on any other orphan games until my GRAUSTARK work-load is reduced somewhat.

1985CA

"Fall 1907"

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

The Austro-Hungarian "Spring 1907" move "A Vie-Tri" was misprinted "A Vie-Tyr", and the German "A Hol-Bel" was misprinted "A Hol-Ber". Retreats were:

ENGLAND: A Boh-Gal.

ITALY: A Tri-Ven.

GERMANY: F Den-Kie.

One player raised an objection about the English retreat, but there seems to be no problem with it in the rules.

ENGLAND (Bragdon): F Ska-Nwy; F Swe S F Ska-Nwy; F Eng-Nth; F Den S F Eng-Nth; A Gal S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie; A Bel-Hol.

FRANCE (Petty): A Bre-Par; F Lyo-Mar; A Spa S F Lyo-Mar.

GERMANY (Quirk): F Kie-Den; A Hol-Bel; A Mar holds; A Boh-Tyr; A Mun S A Boh-Tyr.

ITALY (Plachta): A Pie S GERMAN A Mar; A Tyr-Tri; F Adr & A Ven S A Tyr-Tri; F Ion-Gre; F Tyr-Tun; A Par holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): F Alb-Gre; A Con-Ank; A Bul-Con; A Ser, A Bud & A Vie S A Tri; A Tri S A Vie; A War-Pru; A St.P S ENGLISH F Ska-Nwy.

RUSSIA (Wrobel): A Nwy-Swe.

TURKEY (D. Martin): F Aeg-Con; F Smy S F Aeg-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Nwy-Fin and the Italian A Tyr is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe, War. (8)

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

FRANCE: Bre, Por, Spa. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Gre, Mos, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie. (11)

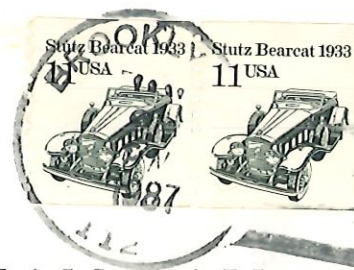
GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun. (5)

TURKEY: Con, Smy. (2)

England may build two units, and Italy must remove one. Austria-Hungary would have 2 builds except that no home supply centers are open. The last Russian unit is removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" orders, which must be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, is FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 1987. The deadline for "Spring 1908" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1987. Players are asked to vote on a concession to Austria-Hungary.

GRAUSTARK #530

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

() - If this space is checked, you are needed as a standby in game 1985HL. See page 4.

() - If this space is checked, you will be dropped from game _____ unless your next moves arrive by 20 February 1987.

() - If this space is checked, an "IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL" move is due from you in _____.