

GRAUSTARK

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1984V

"Fall 1918"

"UP THE CLOSE AND DOWN THE STAIR..."

ENGLAND (Brooks): A St.P-Mos; F Fin-St.P (s.c.); F Bot-Swe; F Ion-Aeg; F Wes-Tyr; F Tun S F Wes-Tyr; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Mid-Wes; F Eng-Mid; F Naf hold.

GERMANY (Caughan): A Mos-Sev; A Sil-War; A Pru S A Sil-War; A Kie-Ber; A Mun holds; A Bur S A Mun; A Gas-Bre; A Mar-Pie; A Liv S ENGLISH A St.P-Mos.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ruffing): F Eas-Ion; F Aeg & F Alb S F Eas-Ion; A Ser-Gre; F Nap-Tyr; A Apu-Nap; A Rom S A Apu-Nap; A Boh-Sil; A War & A Gal S A Boh-Sil; A Ukr S A War; A Vie-Boh; A Tyr-Mun; A Pie-Mar; A Tus-Ven.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Ion-Adr, and the German A Sil is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, Por, St.P, Swe, Tun. (10)

GERMANY: Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Sev, Spa. (10)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Iap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (14)

Germany may build one unit and Austria-Hungary must remove one. (Germany would have a second build if a home supply center were open.) England also has a build if the dislodged F Ion is removed. The vote for a draw fails and will not for the time being be re-submitted. (The gamesmaster is reminded about the old story of the deadlocked jury that sent out an order for "eleven hamburgers and one bale of hay".) These "Winter 1918" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by NOON, FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 1987. The deadline for "Spring 1919" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. A press release appears on p. 2.

LAST-MINUTE CHANGES

For a couple of games whose adjudications have already been printed in this issue, revised moves have come in after the pages were printed but before the deadline. The games in which revisions were necessitated are:

1986AM

Germany changes one of the moves printed on p. 3 from "F Bal holds" to "F Bal-Swe". Nothing else is changed in this adjudication.

1986AV

Austria-Hungary changes its sole move from "A Gal-Bud" to "A Gal-War". (See p. 10.) This means that Warsaw is now an Austro-Hungarian rather than a Russian supply center, and Austria-Hungary is not out of the game. Russia has a removal, which must also be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL.

AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: Hi.

1987AD

"Winter 1902"

ENGLAND (Plachta): Builds F Lon.

FRANCE (McCarthy): Builds F Mar.

GERMANY (Lange): Builds A Mun.

ITALY (Currie): Builds A Rom, F Nap.

RUSSIA (D. Schwartz): Removes F Bal.

TURKEY (J. Jordan): Builds A Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. Steven Currie and David Schwartz are now respectively playing Italy and Russia; their addresses were in the last issue.

ROME: A humming sound disturbed the night at the Museum. A frightened gaurd watch helplessly as a box appeared, apparently out of thin air. Cautiously, the gaurd approached the Red Box looking for an opening. The gaurd touched the box and as he did so, the side he had touched dislodged. Startled the gaurd jumped back, screamed, and ran. "Wait!" said a voice from deep within the

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1987CX

"Spring 1901"

ITALY GETS AWAY WITH IT AGAIN

ENGLAND (Mason): F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth; A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE (Stewart): F Bre-Mid; A Mar-Spa; A Par-Gas.

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

ITALY (Tucker): F Nap-Io; A Rom-Apu; A Ven-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Jordan): F Tri-Alb; A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Katsurinis): F St.P(s.c.)-Pot; A War holds; F Sev-Rum; A Mos-Sev.

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

The deadline for "Fall 1901" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. Mike Mason notes that his address was misprinted in the last issue; it is 112 Fletcher, not 122. This address will soon change again.

CONSTANTINOPLE CADAVER: Sultan abdula in a brief statement today relieved foreign minister Atilla for gross dereliction of duty when he dropped a stack of foreign correspondence on his desk. In his statement he said "There is only one place for someone that incompetant...The Army!" The sultan will now handle all international affairs personally.

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Red Box, "Wait, don't run. I've come to warn you." Seeing that the gaurd had run away, Sam Rider decided that is was time to take a look around this strange little planet for himself...

1984V - PRESS RELEASE

VIENNA: The new Kaiser has announced his intents to sue for peace. This news was gratefully received by the war-weary populace. The Kaiser awaits for international reactions from his adversaries.

1986HI - PRESS RELEASE

PARIS: The new French Gov't asks for only one thing ONE More Center for a total of three. I ask Germany Italy and England for this favor. Without it I don't really see much of a chance for my survival. With it this game can be made interesting for all concerned.

1986AF

"Winter 1905"

ENGLAND (La Rocco): No build received.

FRANCE (Hoffman): Removes A Gas.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): Builds A Kie, A Mun.

ITALY (Rosen): Removes A Syr, F Wes, F Lyo.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Brennick): Builds A Vie, A Bud, F Tri.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. Sya d-by orders for England should be sent in by Matthew Grasse, 1871 Putnam Ave., Ridgewood, N. Y. 11385-4321; 718-381-4822.

KIEL to ROME: As you can see, King Jerry, Kaiser John is never responsible for his actions. First, he attacked me because you made him do it. Then, he stabbed you because you don't talk to him soon enough.

I feel sorry for Kaiser John. From my initial attack on Russia to my stab of France. I have been responsible for all of my actions in this game. So his Prime Minister La Rocco been responsible for all his actions. Tell me, King Jerry - do you think Kaiser John will ever be responsible for his actions?

1985HF

"Spring 1909"

THE WEST IS SHRED

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Nth-Den; F Hel & F Ska S F Nth-Den; F Nwy-Swe.

FRANCE (Gaughan): F Iri-NAt.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Bre-Par.

RUSSIA (Austin): A Vie, A Hol & A Rum hold; A Gas-Bre; A St.P-Nwy; A Swe S A Den; F Bal S A Den; A Mun-Kie; A Fin S A St.P-Nwy; A Sil-Mun; A Den S A Swe; A Pic-Tel; A Liv-Pru; A Pie-Mar.

TURKEY (Rosen): F Mid-Iri; F Naf-Mid; F Spa(s.c.)-Por; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); F Tun-Naf; F Wes & F Lyo hold; F Aeg-Ion; F Smy-Aeg; A Con-Bul; A Tri S A Ven; A Ven S-A Tri; F Ion-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian A Den is dislodged and annihilated, and England must retreat F Nwy-Nth, -Nrg, or -Bar. The direction of this retreat should be phoned in IMMEDIATELY and the gamesmaster will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1908" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. For Ben Austin's new address see the report of 1986AM.

One player phoned in his moves, which were taken by my wife. The moves as they reached me were not altogether clear, and I hope I have sorted them out correctly.

1985CY

"Fall 1908"

"HALT! WHO DOESN'T GO THERE?"

ENGLAND (Ulman): No moves received. F Iri, F Nth, A Ruh, F Bal, A War, A Livonia, and A Mos hold.

FRANCE (Van De Graaf): No moves received. A Pie, F Lyo, F Wes, F Tyr, F Bre and F Tun hold; A Tus dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Scensny): No moves received. A Kie, A Mun, A Sil, A Boh, A Vie and A Gal hold; A Tyr dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Bargender): A Tri-Tyr; F Rom-Tus; A Ven S F Rom-Tus.

TURKEY (H. Jordan): F Ion S F Nap; F Nap S F Ion; F Adr S ITALIAN A Ven; F Bla-Sev; A Sev-Ukr; A Rum S A Sev-Ukr; A Bud-Gal.

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

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, St.P, War. (8)

ITALY: Rom, Tri, Ven. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Cre, Nap, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy. (10)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Mun, Swe, Vie. (6)

Turkey may build 3 new units, and England and France may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. Stand-by "Winter 1908" and "Spring 1909" orders should be sent in by:

ENGLAND: Phillip Spera, 292 Park St., West Haven, Conn. 06516; 203-934-8577

FRANCE: Stephen Kwiatkowski, 113 Winterset Dr., Rochester, N. Y. 14625; 716-381-7278

GERMANY: Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way North, Rockville, Md. 20854; 301-762-4267

Owing to an apparent lack of interest by several players, I am calling a vote on a concession to Turkey. Stand-bys may also send in votes.

1906AZ

"Spring 1905"

RING AROUND THE TURKEY

ENGLAND (M. Thompson): A Swe-Den; F Den-Kie; F Kie-Ber; F Hol holds; F Iri-Mid; F Eng S F Iri-Mid; F Lon-Nth; F Liv-Iri; A Edi-Liv.

FRANCE (Stewart): F Mid-Wes; F Lyo S F Mid-Wes; A Bel-Hol.

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Bur-Mun; A Gas-Bre.

ITALY (Blaine): No moves received. A Mar, F Spa(s.c.) and F Tun hold; A Nap dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Powell): A Mun holds; A Boh S A Mun; F Apu-Nap; A Rom S F Apu Nap; F Tri-Alb; A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum; A Rum-Ukr; A Sev-Arm; A Arm-Syr.

TURKEY (Reebel): F Tyr-Ion; F Gre-Aeg; F Aeg-Smy; F Con-Ank; A Bul-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1905" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. Stand-by moves for Italy should be sent in by Peter R. Martin, P. O. Box 1017, Forest, Mont. 59237; 406-356-2611.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Is anyone out there but Austria-Hungary?

1907CD

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Follmer): Builds F Edi.

ITALY (Fader): Builds F Nap.

FRANCE (Grasse): Builds F Bre, A Par, A Mar.

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

RUSSIA (McHugh): No build received.

GERMANY (Grodewald): Builds A Ber, A Kie.

TURKEY (Mildrum): Builds F Ank.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. Stand-by orders for Russia should be sent in by John Rigley, RD 1, Box 170, Richmondville, N. Y. 12149; 518-294-7769.

GERMANY to FRANCE: Do not mistake trust and honesty for weaknesses!!

GERMANY to TURKEY: Psst - stay out of Sweden!!

PARIS to BERLIN: The proud statesmen of France offer their sincere and humble apologies to the Imperial German Warlord for the recent encroachment upon its most neighborly of provinces. We have just received reports that the soldiers of our crack Burgundian Army, drunk in anticipation of the imminent Belgian victory, unknowingly staggered above and beyond your most inviting of borders in search of fiery beverages to quench a thirst that would choke a Pr, Pr, a Prussian! Yeah thats right, a Prussian.

At present, communications with the randy lot are somewhat foggy but with some luck our dispatch ordering the evacuation of the territory will get through. By the way, the cuisine here is quite spectacular, contrary to early scouting reports. MUNCHING in Munchen certainly turned out to be more than was expected!!!!

1984ID - GAME REVIEW

DICK MARTIN (France): Thanks for not grabbing my dots, Bob. You're a gentleman and a scholar! I offered my assistance to the first player to ask, and Bob was the only one to take me up on my offer. Oh well, that's how you win games, I guess. Better luck next time to Tony Brooks who really had a hard luck game. And a gentle reminder to the rest of you: if you wanna win, you gotta write.

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The German move change on p. 1 is there misprinted. It is F Bal S A Swe. It changes nothing at all about the adjudications.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the first bulletin for the postal play of Allan B. Calhamer's game Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226-5302. Game openings in GRAUSTARK are available at a game fee of \$25, which includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK as long as the game lasts. (See the new game announcement on p. 11.) Subscriptions for non-players are 12 issues for \$10. Back issues from the beginning of 1986 are 10 for \$3.

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The following people have sent in inquiries about playing postal Diplomacy in GRAUSTARK:

Wendell Albright, 521 N. Thomas St., Arlington, Va. 22203
 John E. Barnes, 444 Lora Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44504
 David Hollander, 5514 Kemper Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21210
 Mark Lilleleht, Rt 2, Box 374, Charlottesville, Va. 22901
 Bob Swieringa, #8, 501 Chicago Rd., Thornton, Ill. 60476
 David Wilson, Apt. 3-H, 3764 Bronx Blvd., Bronx, N. Y. 10467; 212-655-3949

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Regrettable, the attention of the postal Diplomacy hobby must again be called to Bruce "Brux" Linsey, who has recently sent out numbers which he claims are the result of a poll which he recently conducted among postal Diplomacy players. As always, the results of this "poll" are not to be trusted. Linsey himself admits having not counted some of the ballots whose appearance he did not like.

Newcomers to postal Diplomacy will find their enjoyment of the hobby greatly enhanced if they pay attention to the fact that every word Bruce Linsey says is a lie, including "and" and "the".

1987CX - PRESS RELEASES

CONSTANTINOPLE CADAVER: During a brief ceremony today general Atilla was installed as the commander of the 1st army in Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE CADAVER: Jubilant crowds of Bulgarians greet the Turkish 1st Army under general Atilla. One high ranking Bulgarian official said that the Turkish Army should be "A great stabilizing influence in the Area."

LONDON (AP): Royal Navy fleets sailed today from their ports in England and Scotland. Units of the British Army have also been placed on alert. Crowds in London's Trafalgar Square hailed the news of the imminent invasion of Norway. Cheering support for the PM's mobilization of Britain's military might to defend itself and its allies abroad.

ST. PETERSBURG: The Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs today announced that an agreement had been reached between the government in Turkey and Russia concerning control of the Black sea. Russian Foreign Minister, Count Dmitry Ustinov, stated, "The nature of our two countries is such that an understanding had to be reached. We have a plan that is not only workable, but in the best long-term interest of both Turkey and Russia. Now we can move forward together in peace and strength."

Details of the agreement were unavailable at this time.

LONDON (via St. Petersburg): The Russian Embassy announced here that the government of the Tsar is seeking to establish an office of scientific and cultural exchange and to initiate a program of cultural and educational exchange through a travel-study program between Russia and the United Kingdom's students.

1985HL - PRESS RELEASE

GERMANY to AUSTRIA: If you end up moving against the Turk this turn, as promised, I am sorry I didn't help you out. I had to think about the survival of my country and so made moves that would have the best chance of ensuring that result. Rest assured that if you left me alone we have a deal for the rest of the game, if you are willing to give me another chance.

1986CW

"Fall 1904"

"JOHN OF GAUNT, WE ARE HERE"

ENGLAND (Harkin): A Lon-Spa; F Eng & F Mid C A Lon-Spa; F Por S A Lon-Spa; F Nrg-Nth; F Swe holds; F Nwy S F Swe; A Fin-St.P.

FRANCE (Pribe): F Lyo-Mar; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; A Bur-Mun; A Bre holds.

GERMANY (Kandara): F Bal-Den; A Kie S F Bal-Den; A Ruh-Mun; A Bel-Pic; A Hol-Bel.

ITALY (Plachta): F Tus-Lyo; F Tyr S F Tus-Lyo; A Gre S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Bul; F Tun-Ion; A Pie-Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Currie): A Ukr-Sev; A Ser-Rum; A Bud S A Ser-Rum; F Aeg-Bul(s.c.).

RUSSIA (Sargent): F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A War-Ukr; A Rum-Sev; F Bul(e.c.)-Rum; F Bla S F Bul(e.c.)-Rum.

TURKEY (Schenck): A Con S RUSSIAN F Bul(e.c.); A Smy-Arm; F Eas-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. One of the dislodged French fleets retreats to Wes and the other is removed. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, St.P, ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)
Spa, Swe. (8) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)
 FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par. (3) RUSSIA: Bul, Mos, Rum, Sev, War. (5)
 GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)
 (6)

Germany may build one new unit. This "Winter 1904" build should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by NOON, FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 1987. All players will be informed, but to be on the safe side they should send in "Spring 1905" orders conditional on this build. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. Press releases have to be postponed for lack of space.

1985H

"Fall 1910"

SHUFFLING THE DOTS

Following "Spring 1910" moves England retreated F Ion-Tun.

ENGLAND (Stewart): A Spa-Mar; A Wal-Spa; F Eng & F Mid C A Wal-Spa; A Nap-Rom; F Tyr S A Nap-Rom; F Wes-Tun; F Tun-Ion; F Nth-Lon; F St.P(n.c.) holds.

GERMANY (Verheiden): F Swe S F Nwy; A Liv-St.P; F Nwy & A Mos S A Liv-St.P; A Ukr S A Sev; A Sev, A Mun & A War hold; A Kie-Den; A Hol S A Bel; A Bel S A Hol.

RUSSIA (Sims): A Rum-Bul; A Boh-Tyr.

TURKEY (Carli): A Vie holds; A Rom holds; A Bud-Ser; A Arm-Bul; F Bla C A Arm-Bul; F Ion-Tun; F Gre S F Ion-Tun((sic)); F Apu-Nap; F Adr S F Apu-Nap((sic)); A Ven S A Rom((sic; no such unit exists)); F Smy-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F St.P(n.c.)-Bar and Turkey retreats A Rom-Ven, -Tus, or -Apu; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1910" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mar, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Par. (10)
 GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, St.P, Sev, Swe, Nwy, War. (12)
 RUSSIA: Rum (1)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, Bud, (11)

Germany and Turkey may each build one new unit. Turkey has a second build if the dislodged A Rom is removed, and England has a build if the dislodged F St.P(n.c.) is removed. Russia must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1910" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. The vote on a draw fails of the necessary unanimity, and will not be submitted to the players on the next moves.

1985HL

"Fall 1908"

EASTERN ALLIES PUSH FORWARD

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Lyo-Tyr; F Wes S F Lyo-Tyr; F Ion & F Tus S F Lyo-Tyr; F Bar S GERMAN F St.P(s.c.); A Spa-Por; F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Schenck): A Mar-Bur; A Ber-Kie; A Den-Kie; A Nwy-Swe; F St.P(s.c.) holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A Pie-Ven; A Tyr-Tri; A Vie-Boh; A War-Mos; A Mun S TURKISH A Pru-Ber.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Swe-Nwy; A Pru-Ber; A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P; A Apu holds; F Tyr-Tus; F Rom S F Tyr-Tus; F Nap-Ion; F Aeg-Gre; A Boh-Sil.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Ber is dislodged and annihilated, and England must retreat F Tus-Lyo or -Pie. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1908" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Par, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Tri, Mun, Ven, Vie, War. Por, Spa, Tun. (9)

GERMANY: Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Nwy, St.P. TURKEY: Ank, Ber, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Swe. (13)

Turkey may build three new units, England may build two, and Germany and Austria-Hungary may each build one. England has a third build if the dislodged F Tus is removed. Germany would have a second build if another home supply center were open. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987.

FORMER REICH to WORLD: A few players have asked me the reasons for my withdrawal in 1985HL, and I will use this space to explain my situation and propose a rule change which will prevent such a mishap in the future. Essentially, immediate return mail (IRM) was called for a "Winter" move which contained an absolutely necessary build for Germany (me). Two-and-a-half weeks after publication of GRAUSTARK, I had not received it and called John since my California address had a history of semi-service. He had left for a conference and when he called me a week later, it was too late to reverse the NMR.

John insisted (correctly) that because PEM is a normal part of GRAUSTARK play (see "The Rules of Postal Diplomacy"), it was a completely valid move. I resigned my position because I felt that the decision to use IRM on that move was wrong, especially since that the loss of that build made it impossible to keep Germany from civil disorder. I was particularly disturbed by John's statement in GRAUSTARK -- "since all but one player lives in the tri-state area, I'll call for moves by immediate return mail" -- it seemed to me to acknowledge the need for players to be able to respond to IRM quickly, but to show complete disregard for the one player living three time zones away.

Proposal: "Immediate return mail shall only be used in games involving players within three hundred miles of Brooklyn, unless that player has no moves, builds or retreats that turn."

Note: John says that IRM usually saves only about a month or two in a two or three year game anyway.

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A letter once took over 5 weeks to get here from Poughkeepsie, a mere 75 miles away. A suggestion that anyone except the Post Office is to blame seems rather unrealistic. - JB

THE WEST SHREDS THE EAST

Apparently, in some copies of GRAUSTARK #535, the stencil for p. 5 folded in printing so that the underlining was not too obvious for the Austro-Hungarian orders "A Vie-Gal; A Rum S A Vie-Gal". The gamesmaster apologizes for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

ENGLAND (Hurwitz): F Nrg-Cly; A St.P S GERMAN A Liv-Mos; F Nwy & F Bar S A St.P.

FRANCE (Barents): F Rom-Nap; F Nap-Ion; F Tun S F Nap-Ion; F Wes-Tyr; A Pic & A Mar hold; A Tus-Ven; A Pie S GERMAN A Mun-Tyr.

GERMANY (Austin): A Swe & F Bal hold; A Liv-Mos; A War S A Liv-Mos; A Pru S A War; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (P. Martin): F Tyr-Rom; A Ven S F Tyr-Rom; A Tyr S A Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ball): A Bul-Rum; A Ser S A Bul-Rum; A Bud S A Bul-Rum; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Dolan): A Mos-Sev; A Gal-Rum; A Sev S A Gal-Rum.

TURKEY (Skellie): F Ion-Nap; F Apu S F Ion-Nap; A Gre-Ser; A Con-Bul; F Aeg S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Mos-Ukr and the Austro-Hungarian A Bul is dislodged and annihilated. Italy must retreat A Tyr-Tri or -Boh; the direction of this retreat should come in with the "Winter 1905" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (5)	ITALY: Tri, Ven. (2)
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun. (9)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Ser, Vie. (4)
GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Swe, War. (8)	RUSSIA: Sev. (1)
	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (5)

Germany may build two new units, and England and France may each build one. (Austria-Hungary would also have a build but no home supply center is available.) Italy must remove one unit, and Russia must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. Press releases are on p. 9. Ben Austin's new address is 505-B 2nd St. NE, Washington, D. C. 20002; 202-667-4916.

WHOSE IS THE REIGN IN SPAIN?

ENGLAND (Chang): A Den-Suc; F Mth-lwy; F Eng-Kth; F Iri-Mid; F Bre S F Iri-Mid.

FRANCE (Dolan): F Mid-Bre; A Par S F Mid-Bre.

GERMANY (Ruffing): "F Ska-Nor"((sic)); A Mun-Sil; A Ber S A Mun-Sil; A Kie S A Ber; A Hol S ITALIAN A Bel.

ITALY (Goldman): F Tyr-Tun; F Wes & F Ion S F Tyr-Tun; A Tri-Bud; A Por holds; A Bel-Pic; A Bur-Par.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Boh-Vie; A Bud-Rum; A Ukr S A Bud-Rum.

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1985CT

"Spring 1909"

CONTROL OF BALKANS AT STAKE

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A Wal S F Lon; F Lori S FRENCH F Ith-Eng; A Yor-Edi; F Nwy-Swe; A Fin-St.P.

FRANCE (Addison): F Nap-Ion; F Rom-Tyr; A Tus-Rom; A Pie-Tyr; A Mar-Bur; A Par S A Mar-Bur; F Nth-Hol; F Mid-Eng; A Bel S F Nth-Hol; F Gre S TURKISH A Bul.

GERMANY (Skellie): A Tri-Ser; A Bud S A Tri-Ser; A Rum-Bul; A Ukr S A Sev; A Liv-St.P.; F Swe-Bot; F Ber-Bal; F Den-Ska; A Kie-Den; A Hol S A Ruh; A Ruh S A Hol; F Eng-Wal; A Sev not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Sims): A Ven-Tri.

TURKEY (Quarto): A Ser-Rum; A Bul & F Bla S A Ser-Rum; A Arm-Sev; A Con holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Rum-Gal. The deadline for "Fall 1909" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987.

LONDON: The King has order his Ambassadors to Paris & Berlin home for consultation. One of them is headed for the Tower.

GERMANY to TURKEY: Looks like trench warfare time to me.

GERMANY to FRANCE: I told you not to worry about Belgium. We're supposed to be cooperating.

1985CA

"Spring 1910"

BEAST OF THE EAST RISING LIKE YEAST

ENGLAND (Bragdon): F Mid-Wes; A Bel S FRENCH A Par-Bur; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; A Nwy-St.P; A Yor-Den; F Nth C A Yor-Den; A Liv-Pru; F Ber S A Liv-Pru; F Bal S F Ber; A Ruh-Mun; A Kie S A Ruh-Mun.

FRANCE (Petty): F Bre-Mid; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Mar S F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; A Gas-Spa; A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Mun holds.

ITALY (Plachta): F Ion & F Wes hold; F Lyo holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): A Tyr S GERMAN A Mun; A Ven-Rom; F Tri-Alb; F Adr-Apu; A Ser-Gre; A Bud-Tri; A Vie-Boh; A Rum-Gal; A Sil & A War S A Pru; A Pru S A War; A Mos holds; A Sev-Ukr.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy must retreat F Lyo-Pie, -Tus, or -Tyr, or remove the unit. The Italian player should send in this retreat by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that it arrives by NOON, FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 1987. It will be sent to all players as soon as it arrives. However, to be on the safe side, players are advised to send in "Fall 1910" orders dependent conditionally upon the direction of the Italian retreat. The deadline for "Fall 1910" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987.

ITALY to ENGLAND: I truly hope my holds give Austria the win he so richly deserves. While perfidy is a watchword in this game, you have developed it to new heights. I figure survival in a game where I was a standby, stabbed by one and all, is a victory.

1986AM - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON to WORLD: Looks like the Russo-Turkish threat is ended! Jolly good!

CON to VIENNA: What is your problem? Have you decided to give France the game on a silver platter? If I get Bal back we'll have peace for at least 1 season.

From MOS via TURK to LONDON: The sentimental part was questionable. The fool right on the mark.

ITALIANS TAKE CONTROL OF GIBRALTAR

The German move "F Hol-Kie" should have been underlined as impossible in the report of the "Spring 1905" moves. Several players pointed this out, and all were informed when the retreat order went out. The German retreat was F Nth-Nrg.

ENGLAND (Rigley): A Nwy S A Swe; A Swe S F Ska-Den; F Ska-Den; F Nth-Edi; F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (Drakert): F Spa(s.c.)-Por; F Mid S F Spa(s.c.)-Por; A Pic-Bel; A Bur-Mar.

GERMANY (Campbell): A Bel S FRENCH A Bur-Pic; A Ruh-Kie; F Nrg-Nth; F Hel S A Ruh-Kie; F Hol S A Vel.

ITALY (Ball): F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Wes & F Lyo S F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Tyr-Tun; A Vie S A Bud((sic; no such unit exists)); A Bud S A Vie; A Tyr S GERMAN A Ruh-Mun; A Tri not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Meldrum): A Gal-Bud.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Sev-Mos; F Bla-Sev; A St.P-Liv; A Ber-Kie; F Bal S A Ber-Kie.

TURKEY (Hurley): A Rum-Sev; A Arm S A Rum-Sev; F Ank-Bla; F Con S F Ank-Bla; A Bul-Rum; A Ser S A Bul-Rum; A Gre S A Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats F Bla-Bul(e.c.), and the French F Spa (s.c.) is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. ITALY: Bud, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (9)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par. (3)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bul, Mos, St.P, War. (5)

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

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy. (7)

Italy may build two new units and England may build one. Germany has one removal, and the last Austro-Hungarian unit is also removed. Since all these players live in New York or New Jersey, I am asking for these "Winter 1905" orders to be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by NOON, FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 1987. The deadline for "Spring 1906" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987.

ISTANBUL-IN-THE-SIERRAS: Fatima has just learned of the desperate situation of the German troops. She has packed her best harem pants and her emergency massage oil and is hurrying north to entertain the troops. Will She Get There Too Late?

CON to ST. PETE: This is just an amphibious exercise. Our troops will leave immediately -- as soon as they have picked up their candy wrappers and soda cans.

LONDON to some cold Island in the far North: About a year ago I asked you, for Denmark as Englands going price for staying out of your way in France. But as you were unwilling to give, for reason of your own. We will now take it. And in do time we will take more.

LONDON to ROME: What can I say your to far away, and you have behave yourself. So I'll listen after you take Munich.

PRZEMYSL: Excerpt from the final public adress of Austrian General Imincharj, delivered to a small crowd somewhere in Galacia: "...Of course, resistance to Italian oppression, suppression, and repression will continue in a movement spearheaded by groups of brave partisans whose only goal is to drive the green slime from our borders. Working closely with the Sultan and other highly intelligent leaders, Europe should be free of the mold-colored armies by late next year. I myself will be coordinating the liberation efforts from my mountain estate near Zurich, where I will reside until the stench here is gone and the air is once more clean and pure. Good luck, my friends. Don't give up and don't give in, and most of all don't trust anything green. Farewell."

BONN: Frederick the Great! Where are you now?

NEW GAME BEGINS

With the approaching increase in game fees to cover the approaching postal rate increase, many new entries have been coming in for postal Diplomacy games in GRAUSTARK. The following seven people are entered in a new postal Diplomacy game, and these country assignments are being mailed out on 1 August 1987 so that players can have an extra week to get their initial negotiations under way. The players are:

ENGLAND: Ken McKusick, 221 Northway, Baltimore, Md. 21218; 301-243-8961
 FRANCE: Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way North, Rockville, Md. 20854; 301-762-4263
 GERMANY: Lawrence Chafetz, Apt. 2-M, 178-10 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica, N. Y. 11432
 ITALY: Anthony J. Brooks, 1539 Amber Court, Radcliff, Ky. 40160; 502-351-0864
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ryan Moats, 68-B Eatoncrest Dr., Eatontown, N. J. 07724; 201-389-2623
 RUSSIA: Philip Spera, 292 Park St., West Haven, Conn. 06516; 203-934-8577
 TURKEY: David V. A. A. Kohburn, #4, 215 St. Johns St., Arden, N. C. 28704; 704-684-2954

The deadline for "Spring 1901" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 1987. If you do not already have a copy of GRAUSTARK #525, in which the rules for postal Diplomacy were last published, please send for one at once.

This list of players is also being sent to the Boardman Number Custodian, Steve Heinowski, whose new address is c/o Nan Emmerich, 51500 Portman Rd., RD 2, Amherst, Ohio 44001. As soon as he sends a Boardman Number for this new game, it will be published in GRAUSTARK, and players will be advised to use it in correspondence with one another and with the gamesmaster. Until then, just call it "the new game".

Besides the above entrants, four more people have sent in their game fees, and so a second new game might be announced elsewhere in this same issue. The game fee rises now to \$25. With your entry fee, send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference.

I do my best to give each game a good geographical distribution. However, probably owing to last month's Origins convention in Baltimore, an unusually large number of entrants from Maryland have come in, which is why there are two Marylanders in the above game.

1984ID - GAME REVIEWS

BOB ADDISON (Turkey): I entered the game after 1904 with 7 centers and perhaps the best position on the board. The previous Turk appeared to be fighting everyone in sight, so I began negotiations anew. Russia was noncommunicative and Italy looked like a lucrative target, so I allied with Austria-Hungary, who had but two units at the time.

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We made rapid progress against Italy by outguessing him. When his demise was inevitable, he continued his game long feud with Austria-Hungary rather than slowing down my fleets in the Mediterranean. I raced towards the Atlantic. France was falling to the growing Germany-England alliance, so he welcomed me with open arms. Meanwhile, my northward moving armies had little opposition against the diminutive Russians. After 1907, I had 12 centers and very nearly a winning position.

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 E Intervals
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 A Appears
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 N Nerves

But first there were some minor problems to overcome. Austria-Hungary got paranoid and started moving against me. My new French ally had been missing turns. When I patched things up with Austria-Hungary and allied with the French standby, the postman didn't deliver a critical change of orders in time. But the opposition wasn't doing much, and I had plenty of time to carry out my plans. Nobody supported Austria-Hungary, so he wasn't much of a challenge. And France was happy gaining ground against the stronger England-Germany alliance. Even Russia doubled in size by taking Norway.

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I had a very good Fall 1909 move, and the Turkish win became inevitable. But Austria wouldn't vote for a concession, so I had to play it out. A miswritten order prolonged the game into 1912, when I finally went over the top.

1985HD - GAME REVIEW

HARLEY JORDAN (France): I got into 1985HD partly because I wanted to offer a public service (There were not enough players/substitutes) and partly because it looked like a good position and a good game. I enjoyed it, but it didn't live up to its potential because of the way Len Scensny (Italy) threw the game to Russia. He did answer my correspondence, but he refused to negotiate or cooperate with me (France) or Germany. I suspect that it may have been related to his living outside the U. S., but more likely it was related to the transfer of the game from Yggdrasil Chronicle. He may have been playing mainly to support Y. C., and just wanted to end the game after the transfer.

Personally, I have not found any problem with the transfer, and I appreciate GRAUSTARK taking the game. Y. C. was a good magazine. R. I. P.

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RUSSIA (Plachta): A Gal-Rum; F Rum-Sev; A Pru-War; A War-Mos; F Bal-Swe.

TURKEY (M. Brennick): F Tun holds; F Gre holds; F Aeg-Con; A Alb-Ser; A Bul-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. France must retreat F Mid-Spa(s.c.), -Spa(n.c.), -NAf, -Gas, -Eng, or -NAt and Turkey must retreat F Tun-NAf except that if both are ordered to NAF both will be removed. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (7)	ITALY: Bel, Bud, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (9)
FRANCE: Par. (1)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Rum, Tri, Vie. (3)
GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (4)	RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, War. (4)
	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Smy. (6)

Italy and England each have two builds, and Turkey has one. Russia, Germany, and France must each remove one unit. However, if France retreats F Mid-Spa(s.c.) or (n.c.), then Spain is French rather than Italian, France has no removal, and Italy has only one build. The deadline for "Winter 1903" orders, which may be made conditional on the directions of the retreats, is NOON, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 987. Dan Dolan is now playing France. A press release from him appears elsewhere in this issue, space permitting.

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