

GRAUSTARK

#54

"Fall 1904"

13 June 1965

RUSSIANS SHATTER SECOND GERMAN ARMY IN EAST

After the "Spring 1904" campaign, the Russian fleet in the Gulf of Bothnia was forced to retreat. A retreat to Livonia was ordered, and all players were informed.

ENGLAND: F Bot-Liv; A St.P S F Bot-Liv; F Bar S A St.P; F Swe-Den; F Norway-Norwegian Sea; A Yor-Wal.

FRANCE: No moves received. As Par, Mar, Tun; Fs Bre, Gas, Wes hold.

GERMANY: F Bal-Ber; A Sil-Ber; A Mun-Tyr; A Gal-Bud.

ITALY: F Adr-Ven; F Nap-Rom; A Pie-Tus.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: No moves received. A Vie holds.

RUSSIA: A Tyr-Boh; A Pru-Sil; A War S A Pru-Sil; A Ukr-Gal; A Bud S A Ukr-Gal; F Rum holds; A Mos-St.P; F Liv S A Mos-St.P.

TURKEY: A Tri-Ven; A Apu-Rom; F Ion-Tyr; h Gre-Alb; F Bas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Galicia is annihilated, having no place into which to retreat. The German army in Silesia must retreat to Munich, since Berlin is left vacant by a stand-off.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Denmark, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Norway, St. Petersburg, Sweden. (7)

FRANCE: Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain, Tunis. (6)

GERMANY: Belgium, Berlin, Holland, Kiel, Munich. (5)

ITALY: Naples, Rome, Venice. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Vienna. (1)

RUSSIA: Budapest, Moscow, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Warsaw. (6)

TURKEY: Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Smyrna, Trieste. (6)

Germany may establish two new units, and England and Turkey may establish one new unit apiece. Russia must remove two units. The deadline for these WINTER 1904 moves is SATURDAY 26 JUNE 1965. On this date, or on such earlier date as all players submit their moves, the Game-master will inform players by postcard of the Winter moves. A deadline for SPRING 1905 moves will then be set. "Winter 1904" and "Spring 1905" moves will be published in GRAUSTARK #55.

TARNOPOL, GALICIA, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (August 7, 1904): The great fall campaign designed to throw the Germans out of Austria began with the destruction of the German 43rd Division and the almost total annihilation of Moltke's XIV Corps at the border fortress of Tarnopol. The Bavarian First Army, hardly recovered from their spring debacle in which some units lost over half their number and all their equipment, was not the feline-deadly organization it was in 1901. No sooner had the Second Ukrainian Army made contact with the Bavarians when the 43rd folded and ran permitting the infantry of Gottlieb's Division to overrun the stunned defenders of Tarnopol.

With the sudden fall of Tarnopol, the right flank of the Crown Prince's army had been turned and the existence of his army threatened. Moltke only prevented complete

disaster when by his presence he turned the fleeing German infantry and organized them into some sort of a defensive line in and about Przemyslany. His heroic conduct deserves special mention.

But if prepared emplacements could not forestall the onslaught of the Russian infantry then it was a heroic but futile attempt on Moltke's part to try to defend Przemyslany. It was only later that it would become known that the stand at Przemyslany saved the Bavarian First Army.

The Cossacks were the first units to reach the Przemyslany-Gnala-Lipa River-Halicz positions. Within two hours they had managed to form a bridge-head across the Gnala Line above Halicz. By 1400 hours of the 5th, Zurawa had fallen and the 43rd was ringed in Halicz. The remaining units of the XV Corps were in full flight towards Lemberg and Przenysl, by the evening. But the twelve hours paid for so dearly in dead and wounded enabled the Crown Prince to reinforce Lemberg and Przenysl and thereby screen his exposed flank. Though Kaput is still forcing the fight, the Crown Prince and his army seemed to have made good their escape from the trap so carefully laid.

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KOMARNO, GALICIA, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (August 21, 1904): The fortresses of Lemberg and Przenysl have been completely surrounded with the capture of the important railroad junction of Jaroslav by the XVII Corps. Inside the two besieged towns stand the remnants of Moltke's XIV Corps and a few assorted support units and garrison troops. It is expected that General Moltke will surrender his troops within the week, for it is known that his men do not have the rations to sustain themselves for more than three days. The remaining units of the Bavarian First Army, after being soundly defeated on the plains of Komarno, are in full flight towards the north.

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The Grand Duke's Second Army is attempting to intercept the fleeing Bavarians by a series of forced marches through Bohemia. Should the Russian Army, perhaps the best single army now extant in Europe, make contact with the Crown Prince's thoroughly whipped army, all experts agree the Crown Prince will be forced to surrender his command.

CONSTANTINOPLE (September 1, 1904): Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey, etc., announced today that he had received the following message from Archbishop Goodinsky of the Russian Orthodox Church:

"My Dear Sultan:

"May I beg your pardon for my church's meddling in the marital affairs of your country. I appreciate the fact that women are attracted to the concept of monogamy, but the church never intended for the women to march and participate in other violent demonstrations in favor of the concept. But the Tsarist Government is also worried about the effect your missionaries are having on the males of Russia. Men are naturally attracted by polygamy. So if you will call off your missionaries we will call off ours.

"I pray that my church's faux pas is forgiven, for Russia is willing to forgive yours. With forgiveness we can prevent the situation from becoming an international incident which could endanger the peace.

"Your obedient servant, etc."

The Sultan also announced that three dignitaries of the Moslem hierarchy have been beheaded for fomenting trouble in Russia by sending fanatic Moslem agitators secretly into the southern Ukraine. One of the dignitaries, in a note smuggled out by a sympathetic prison guard before the beheading, said, "Some of my best friends are Christians, but would you want your daughter to marry one?"

LONDON: "France! Do not be afraid of your staunch ally, England. England will not move into the North Atlantic Ocean, the Irish Sea, or the English Channel. England will not attack any land where the sacred French flag already flies." Thus

POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAME DIRECTORY

Postal diplomacy games are designated by the year in which they began, and the letter indicates the order of beginning within that year. Following the designation of the game is the name of the Gamesmaster and of the bulletin of the game. An alternate designation in parentheses indicates the alternative designation used by that game's Gamesmaster. Following in order are the names of the English, French, German, Italian, Austro-Hungarian, Russian, and Turkish players. "Out" indicates the game year in which a player was eliminated, "res" indicates a resignation, and "won" the winner. For example, "out F05" means that the indicated player was eliminated from the game in "Fall 1905".

1963A - John Boardman, Graustark

E - Stuart Keshner
F - Fred Lerner
G - James Goldman
I - Derek Nelson (won F06)
A - Dave McDaniel (out F03)

G - Derek Nelson (out F04)

I - Len Bailes (out S05)

A - Ron Daniels (out S05)

R - John Koning (res S01);
Paul Harley (out F04)

T - Eric Blake

1963B - Dave McDaniel (until W10); John Boardman, Ruritania

E - Fred Lerner (out F05)
F - Jock Root (res W10)
John McCallum
G - Allan Calhmer (res W10)
Roland Tzudiker
I - Tom Bulmer (out F05)
A - Dian Pelz
R - Bruce Pelz
T - John Boardman (res F01)
Bill Christian (out F06)

1964D - John Smythe, Trantor

E - Dick Schultz (res S02)

Phil Castora

F - James MacKenzie

G - Paul Harley

I - Derek Nelson

A - John McCallum

R - Don Rocklies (res F01)

James Thomas (out F05)

T - Dan Brannan

1964A - John Boardman, Graustark

E - James Goldman (res F03)
John Koning (res F07)
John Smythe (out F11)
F - Derek Nelson
G - Stuart Keshner (out S05)
I - Bill Christian (out F11)
A - Fred Lerner (out F03)
R - Dick Schultz (out F07)
T - James MacKenzie (won F11)

1965A - John Boardman, Graustark

E - Earl Thompson

F - James Sanders

G - Dan Brannan

I - James MacKenzie

A - Paul Harley

R - John Smythe

T - Charles Wells

1964B - John Boardman, Fredonia

E - Phil Castora (res W02)
Dan Brannan
F - Robert Lake
G - John Davey
I - John Koning (res F03)
James Thomas
A - John Smythe (won F09)
R - Dick Schultz (out F04)
T - John McCallum

1965B - Dan Brannan, Wild 'n' Woolly

E - Earl Thompson (1965KL)

F - Jock Root

G - Robert Ward

I - John Boardman

A - Phil Castora

R - Conrad von Metzke

T - Bill Schreffler

1964C - Dick Schultz, Brobdingnag

E - John Boardman
F - James Goldman

1965C - Dan Brannan, Wild 'n' Woolly

E - Stephen Barr (1965KM)

F - F. Middleton

G - Bill Schreffler

I - James Goldman

A - Charles Wells

R - John McCallum

T - Roland Tzudiker

1965D - Dan Brannan, Wild 'n' Wooly (1965KX)

E - B. I. Banks
 F - John Sandoval
 G - James Goldman
 I - Dan Alderson
 A - Conrad von Metzke
 R - John McCallum
 T - Barry Gold

I - Conrad von Metzke
 A - Robert J. Ward
 R - Ed Baker
 T - Barry Gold

1965E - John Koning, Massif

E - John Smythe
 F - Jock Root
 G - Dick Schultz
 I - Janos Goldman
 A - Derek Nelson
 R - Dan Brannan
 T - James MacKenzie

1965H - Dan Brannan, Wild 'n' Wooly

E - Jack Harness (1965KN)
 F - Robert J. Ward
 G - Henry Stine
 I - John Smythe
 A - John Koning
 R - Ronald Bounds
 T - Conrad von Metzke

1965F - Conrad von Metzke, Costaguana

E - Harold Peck
 F - Dan Brannan
 G - Phil Castora
 I - John Koning
 A - Roland Tzudikor
 R - Bill Schroffler
 T - Charles Wells

1965I - Dan Brannan, Wild 'n' Wooly

E - Roland Tzudikor (1965KJ)
 F - Earl Thompson
 G - John Koning
 I - John Smythe
 A - Conrad von Metzke
 R - Derek Nelson
 T - Jack Harness

1965G - Dan Brannan, Wild 'n' Wooly (1965KY)

E - Derek Nelson
 F - John Koning
 G - Stephen Barr

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spake King Edward.

ST. PETERSBURG: It is rumoured that the name of St. Petersburg may be changed to Shiregrad.

FINLAND: The English Army in St. Petersburg, after the destruction of the Northern Russian fleet by the English fleets, will be ordered to support Moscow or support units into Moscow. The St. Petersburg garrison has orders not to leave St. Petersburg under any circumstances. A special English envoy is being sent to Moscow to arrange an Anglo-Russian truce.

NEW YORK (September 2, 1904. AP): Horace Greesey, publisher of the New York Herald-Times-News-Tribune-Telegram, today announced that he has just fired his star European correspondent, Henry Pike. "I regret to do this," he allegedly said to the newspaper's editor, "but Pike has gone completely daft. For the past year he's been sending in completely unintelligible reports on the Russo-German front in Austrian Poland. Pike apparently expects our readers to believe that there exist towns with such names as Przenyslany and Gnila and Halicz. Personally, I think that those names are compounded from Polish Vodka and Pike's notoriously bad handwriting. But at any rate, he's been sent his walking papers."

WASHINGTON (November 10, 1904, AP): Late election returns are still coming in from distant parts of the United States, but it now seems apparent that the Farmer-Labor Socialist Peace Party has won an upset victory in Tuesday's presidential election. President McKinley, who reportedly regarded his narrow escape from the assassin Czolgosz as a mark of divine favor upon his economic policies, has conceded to his victorious opponent, the forceful southern Populist leader Thomas Watson. William Jennings Bryan, the Democratic candidate, has also sent his congratulations to the winning Watson-Debs ticket.

Newsman asked Senator Watson why he feels he was elected. Spreading a drizzle of chewing tobacco over the first three rows of reporters, he replied, "Primarily, Ah rega'd maa victory as a victory of the little man of America against the big money interests of Wall Street and the international European bankers. The American people want no part of this deadly European war, and they distrusted the interventionist policies of the Republican administration. Ah also feel that President McKinley's complete disrega'd of the interests of the working people, and his support of the big trusts, caused his defeat. I feel extremely grateful to the President fo' not following the advice of Vice-President Roosevelt and modifying his support of the trusts." At this point the President-elect was apparently overcome by his own joke.

TEAM DIPLOMACY

Several Diplomacy players have complained that double-crossing takes place in Diplomacy games far more frequently than it does in actual warfare. To remedy this situation, a variant called Team Diplomacy has been designed. Team Diplomacy is played by two three-man teams against each other, under the rules of six-handed postal Diplomacy with the following variations:

1. The entry fee is \$3.00 per team.
2. Countries are assigned by lot.
3. Each team shall have a captain, to whose address 3 copies of each issue of the game bulletin will be sent.
4. Each player on a team must sign his own moves. All moves for a team shall be sent in in the same envelope.
5. Game bulletins shall be published by the Gamesmaster at intervals of two weeks, or upon receipt of both teams' sets of moves, whichever is sooner.
6. The first team to hold 23 supply centers at the end of a fall move is the winner.

Entries are now being solicited for Team Diplomacy. Send your entry fee to John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218.

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SMYTHE WINS IN POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAME 1964B

The third postal Diplomacy game to be completed was won in the Fall of 1909 by John Smythe as Austria-Hungary. Other postal Diplomacy victors have been Derek Nelson as Italy in 1963A and James MacKenzie as Turkey in 1964A. Smythe's victory concludes the most interesting postal Diplomacy game to have thus far been completed. Smythe's victory with a country which is usually regarded as the weakest power of Europe was accomplished by an alliance with Italy against Turkey. The usual conspiracy among Italy, Russia, and Turkey to partition the Dual Monarchy was forestalled by this alliance and the early collapse of Russia. Despite the dogged resistance with which John McCallum played Turkey, Austria-Hungary attained supremacy in the Balkans and used it as a base to push westward into Italy and Germany.

Other postal Diplomacy games still in progress are listed below, with the most recent move in each. For the players, Gamesmasters, and bulletins of these games, see pp. 3-4:

1963B: Fall 1914	1965B: Winter 1903	1965F: just begun
1964C: Winter 1907	1965C: Spring 1903	1965G: Spring 1901
1964D: Fall 1906	1965D: Winter 1901	1965H: Spring 1901
1965A: Fall 1904	1965E: Winter 1901	1965I: Spring 1901

To judge from the progress of the games complete and incomplete, it would seem that ten game years is the usual extent of a Diplomacy game. Special circumstances exist in 1963B which may account for its greater length. (However, Allan Callhaver reports that an across-the-board game once lasted until "1934".)

With the end of 1964B, FREDONIA ceases publication. Unexpired subscriptions to FREDONIA have been transferred to GRAUSTARK. This issue of GRAUSTARK is also going as a sample copy to a number of people listed in the Diplomacy Directory published in the last issue, and to the members of APA-F. Subscriptions to GRAUSTARK are 10 issues for \$1.00. HURITANIA, the bulletin of 1963B, is available at the same rate. Both Diplomacy bulletins are published by John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218.

Other postal Diplomacy bulletins are listed below, with the number of the most recent issue to have been published, the name and address of the publisher, and the subscription rate:

- Broddingnag, 22, Dick Schultz, 19159 Helen, Detroit, Mich. 48234; 10 for \$1.
- Trantor, 17, John Smythe, 621 E. Prospect, Girard, Ohio; 10 for \$1.
- Wild 'n' Woolly, 23, Dan Brannan, Apt. #5, 106 S. Edgemont, Los Angeles, Calif. 90004; 20 for \$1.
- Massif, 4, John Koning, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509; 10 for \$1.
- Costaguana, 4, Conrad von Metzke, 5327 Hilltop Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92114; 12 for \$1.

The next issue of GRAUSTARK will contain the revised rules of postal Diplomacy. These revisions will take account of suggestions and precedents made since the last publication of the rules of postal Diplomacy in GRAUSTARK #17.