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1985HF

"Fall 1910"

"...AND HERE'S TO THE NEXT MAN WHO GOES"

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Eng-Mid; F Den holds; F Hel & F Ska S F Den.

GERMANY (Quirk): A Par-Bre.

RUSSIA (Austin): F Bar-Nrg; F Bal-Den; A Sve & A Kie S F Bal-Den; A Nwy S A Sve; A Sil-Mun; A Bel-Pic; A Bur-Par; A Bre S A Bur-Par; A Mar, A Vie, A Rum & A Hol hold; A Mun-Ruh; A Fin-St.P.

TURKEY (Rosen): A Bul-Liv; F Aeg, F Ion, F Tyr; F Wes, F Mid & F Iri C A Bul-Liv; F Con, F Naf, F Por, F Spa(s.c.), A Pie & F Lyo hold; A Tri-Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Par-Gas. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Lon. (3)

RUSSIA: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mor, Mun, Nwy, Par, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (16)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Liv, Nap, Por, Rom, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (15)

Russia and Turkey may each build one unit, and England must remove one. The last German unit is also removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. For a slight change in Ben Austin's address see the report of 1986AM on page 10.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE ENTRIES GONE?

At present, eight entries for a new postal Diplomacy game have come in. However, there are still a few problems. One entry is for the "Leisurely Game", which has been opened to accommodate those many GRAUSTARK readers who have obvious problems meeting the usual four-week deadline. This

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1986AF

"Fall 1907"

FRONT-LINE STATES HEAD FOR THE REAR

ENGLAND (La Rocco): F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Wes S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Pic-Par; A Wal-Den; F Eng & F Nth C A Wal-Den; F Nrg-Nwy; A St.P holds; F Swe-Bal.

FRANCE (Hoffman): A Bur-Par.

GERMANY (Hurwitz): A Mun-Sil; A Ber-Mun; A Ruh S A Ber-Mun; F Bot-Bal; A Hol-Bel

ITALY (Rosen): F Nap S F Rom; F Rom & F Tyr S F Nap; A Mar-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Brennick): A Liv-St.P; A Mos S A Liv-St.P; A Sil-Ber; A Pru S A Sil-Ber; A Gal-Sil; A War S A Gal-Sil; A Boh-Min; A Ven-Pie; A Tyr S A Ven-Pie; F Ion-Tun; F Alb-Ion; F Adr S F Alb-Ion; A Ser-Tri; A Apu-Nap.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats A St.P-Fin and Germany retreats A Ber-Kie. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, Spa, Swe. (9)

FRANCE: Par. (1)

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

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Ber, Nud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie, War. (17)

Austria-Hungary may build two new units, and England, Germany, and Italy must each remove one.* (Austria-Hungary would have a third build but no home supply center is available.)

ENGLAND to the World: At this point in time I wish there was something clever to say, but there isn't. Good Luck to all. I have no doubt we'll meet again sometime in the future. If you asked me to sum this game up, aside from the brilliant play of Austria, I have to say that this game should break all the records for the least postage expenses incurred by all players. (Oh no! Not another 22¢ to send in moves again!)

* - "Winter" moves are due by 26 DECEMBER!

NOT MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

ENGLAND (Mason): F Eng S F Nth; A Yor-Nwy; F Nth C A Yor-Nwy; F St.P(s.c.) holds.

FRANCE (Stewart): A Pic-Bre; A Gas-Par((sic; no such unit exists)); A Mar-Gas; F Bre-Eng; F Mid S F Bre-Eng; A Bur-Par; F Eng S A Bur-Bel((sic; no such unit exists)).

GERMANY (Stone): A Kie-Ruh; F Den & A Bel hold; A Hol S A Bel; A Sil-Mun.

ITALY (Tucker): A Apu-Syr; F Ion & F Eas C A Apu-Syr; A Gre-Bul.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (J. Jordan): No moves received. A Ser, A Bud, A Gal & F Aeg hold; A Ukr dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Grasse): F Bot-Swe; A War-Ukr; A Sev S A War-Ukr.

TURKEY (Rigley): A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Bla S A Bul-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. England has made the conditional retreat F Eng-Lon. Matthew Grasse, whose address appeared in the last issue, is now playing Russia. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

Turkey may build two new units, and Russia, Germany, and England may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. Stand-by "Spring 1903" moves for Austria-Hungary should be sent in by Jack Carli, 4030 E. 64, Anchorage, Alaska 99507-2027. "Spring 1903" moves will be due by NOON, FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 1988.

The original Russian player's failure to participate after "Fall 1901" moves is the reason why he made no "Winter 1901" build. His and the original Turkish player's drop-outs were two of the earliest I have ever seen in a GRAUSTARK game, and leave me wondering if we have shaping up here something like 1982P, in which by its end every position was being played by a stand-by.

Press releases are postponed to the next issue. From 7 December to 4 January, David Stone's address will be 6603 Brill Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. 46227.

1985HL

"Winter 1909-Spring 1910"

SHOWDOWN FOR THE MED

Following "Fall 1909" orders England retreated F Ion-Adr and Turkey removed both dislodged units, thus getting a build. In "Winter 1909" England built F Lon, Germany built A Kie, Austria-Hungary built F Tri, and Turkey built A Ank. All players were informed. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): A Liv-Wal; F Lon-Eng; F Eng-Mid; A Por-Spa; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Wes-Tun; F Lyo-Tyr; F Adr-Ion; F Bar S GERMAN A Fin-St.P.

GERMANY (Schneck): A Fin-St.P; A Nwy S A Fin-St.P; A Kie-Mun; A Ber & A Ruh S A Kie-Mun; F Bot-Bal.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A Mun-Bur; A Ven-Pie; F Tri-Ven; A Ser-Bul; A Gal-Rum; A Pru-Sil; A War S GERMAN A Ber-Pru.

TURKEY (Drakert): A St.P S A Liv; A Mos & A Liv S A St.P; A Con-Bul; F Gre S A Con-Bul; F Aeg-Ion; F Ion-Tun; F Try S F Ion-Tun; F Rom-Tus; F Nap-Rom; A Apu-Ven; A Ank-Arm.

1936HI

"Winter 1904-Spring 1905"

TURKEY GOES INTO THE GRINDER

Following "Fall 1904" moves, France retreated F Spa(s.c.) and Germany retreated F Den-Hel. In "Winter 1904", Germany built F Ber and Turkey built A Con. No French removal came in so the Gamesmaster removed F Lyo. All players were informed. (In some of my records the German build is miswritten as an army. It is actually a fleet.)

ENGLAND (Chang): A Swe-Nwy; F Den holds; F Eng S F Bre; F Nth S F Den; F Mid-Wes; F Nat-Mid; F Bre S F Nat-Mid.

FRANCE (Dolan): No move received; A Par dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Ruffing): A Kie-Den; F Ber-Bal; F Hel-Nth; A Bel holds; A Ruh S A Bel.

ITALY (Goldman): F Adr-Alb; F Naf-Tun; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; A Por holds; A Tri-Ser; F Ion-Eas; A Pic-Par; A Cas S A Pic-Par.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Rum S RUSSIAN A Mos-Sev; A Bud S ITALIAN A Tri-Ser; A Vie-Tri.

RUSSIA (Kwiatkowski): A Gal S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr S A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY (M. Brennick): A Ser-Rum; A Sev S A Ser-Rum; F Bla S A Ser-Rum; A Arm S A Sev; A Con-Bul; F Aeg & F Gre S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A-Ser is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1905" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987.

1937CD

"Fall 1903"

THE KAISER SENDS OUT FOR ICE

ENGLAND (Follmer): F Eng-Bel; F Nth S F Eng-Bel; F Nat-Mid; A Nwy-St.P.

FRANCE (Grasse): A Pic-Bre; A Bur-Bel; A Spa S A Mar; A Mar S A Spa; F Bel-Eng; F Mid S F Bel-Eng.

GERMANY (Grodewald): A Ruh-Bel; A Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Mun & F Swe hold; A Den S F Swe.

ITALY (Fader): F Tyr-Wes; F Lyo S F Tyr-Wes; A Pie-Mar; A Tus-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Carli): A Vie holds; A Liv-St.P.; A Mos S A Liv-St.P.; A Ukr-Sev; A Ser-Bul; A Rum S A Ser-Bul; F Gre-Aeg; F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (P. Martin): A St.P-Nwy; F Sev holds.

TURKEY (Meldrum): A Bul holds; A Con S A Bul; F Bla-Rum; F Arm S RUSSIAN F Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A St.P-Fin. The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers that they did after "1902" (see GRAUSTARK #540) except that St. Petersburg has gone from Russia to Austria-Hungary. Austria-Hungary and Germany may each build one unit, and Russia must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. Press releases are postponed to the next issue.

BOLSHAYA CHORNAYA PLITA

Right in time for our current discussion, an article appeared on the front page of last Sunday's Times about Soviet veterans of the Afghan campaign, and how they are also whimpering that their country doesn't appreciate what they've done for it.

Well, screw them, too.

1986AZ

"Fall 1906"

NIBBLING AT LEFTOVERS

There was a misprint in the last issue, owing to my failure to register a change of moves by the Austro-Hungarian player. The unit I had listed as "A Boh" was actually an A Tyr; this means that the moves "A Vie & A Mun S A Tyr; A Tyr S A Mun" all succeeded.

ENGLAND (M. Thompson): A Pic-Bre; F Eng S A Pic-Bre; F Cly-Nat; F Iri-Mid; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Wes-Tun; F Ber; F Kie, F Hol, A Bel, A Wal & F Nth hold.

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Bur-Mar; A Bre-Par.

ITALY (Blaine): No moves received. A Pie, F Lyo & F Tyr hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Powell): A Tus-Rom; F Nap S A Tus-Rom; A Tyr-Ven; A Vie-Tyr; A Mun S A Vie-Tyr; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Bul-Con; F Ion-Aeg; A Arm-Smy; A Syr S A Arm-Smy; A Sev-Arm; A Rum-Sev.

TURKEY (Reebel): A Con-Bul; F Aeg S F Smy; F Smy S F Aeg; F Ank holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Smy-Eas. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe, Tun.

GERMANY: Mar, Par. (2) (15)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mos, Mun, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (15)

TURKEY: Ank, Con. (2)

England may build 3 new units and Austria-Hungary may build 2; Turkey must remove 2 units and the last Italian units are also removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1906" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. Press releases are postponed.

1986CW

"Spring 1906"

SIGNALS CROSSED IN BALKANS

ENGLAND (Harkin): A Nwy-St.P; F Den holds; F Swe & F Nth S F Den; F Lon-Eng; F Bre S
FRENCH A Par-Pic; A Gas S ITALIAN A Mar-Bur; F Spa(n.c.) holds; F Mid S F Spa(n.c.).

FRANCE (Pribe): A Par-Gas.

GERMANY (Kandara): A Mun-Bur; A Bel S A Mun-Bur; F Hel-Den; A Kie & F Bal S F Hel-Den.

ITALY (Tucker): F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); A Mar & F Wes S F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); A Ven-Tri; A Gre S
AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Ser-Bul; F Ion S TURKISH F Eas-Aeg.

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

RUSSIA (Sargent): F Con-Aeg; A Mos S TURKISH A Sev-Ukr; A War-Gal; A Rum-Gal; F Bul (e.c.) & F St.P(s.c.) hold.

TURKEY (Schenck): A Smy holds; A Sev-Ukr; F Eas S RUSSIAN F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Spa(n.c.)-Por, Russia retreats A Rum-Sev, and the Austro-Hungarian A Ukr and F Aeg are dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. Press releases have to be postponed for lack of space but will be in the next issue.

THE CENTRIFUGAL EUROPE

ENGLAND (Gaughan): F Edi-Nth; F Lon-Eng; F Bel-Pic; F Mid-Gas; A St.P holds; F Eng-Mid.

FRANCE (McCarthy): F Mar-Lyo; A Par-Gas; A Bre S A Par-Gas; A Por holds; F Tun not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (Lange): A Bur-Bel; A Hol S A Bur-Bel; A Mun-Bur; F Ska holds; A Kie-Ruh; A Swe-Den.

ITALY (Currie): F Ion-Eas; F Nap-Ion; A Ven-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): A Gal-Rum; A Bud S A Gal-Rum; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Ser S F Gre-Bul(s.c.).

RUSSIA (Schwartz): A War S A Mos; A Mos S A War.

TURKEY (J. Jordan): No moves received. A Sev, F Bla, F Smy, & F Aeg hold; A Rum & A Bul dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1904" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. Stand-by moves Turkey should be sent in by Eric Verheiden, 1805 Vista del Oro, Fullerton, Calif. 92631-1331. Press releases have to be postponed to a later issue.

THE CENTRIPETAL EUROPE

The French removal printed as "A Pie" was actually "A Pic." The Italian builds was also misprinted in the last issue; it was F Ven rather than A Ven. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Rigley): A Swe-Fin; A Nwy-St.P; F Den S GERMAN F Hol-Kie; F Nth S F Den; F Iri-Eng; F Eng-Pic.

FRANCE (Drakert): A Bur-Par; F Bre holds.

GERMANY (Campbell): A Mun-Kie; A Bel S F Hol; F Hol S A Mun-Kie.

ITALY (Ball): F Ven-Adr; F Tyr-Nap; F Tun-Ion; F Lyo-Tyr; F Mid holds; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mid; A Mar S GERMAN A Mun-Bur; A Bud-Ser; A Tri S A Bud-Ser; A Tyr S A Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Meldrum): A War holds.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A St.P-Nwy; F Bal-Kie; A Kie-Ruh.

TURKEY (Hurley): A Mos S ENGLISH A Nwy-St.P; A Rum-Bud; A Gal S A Rum-Bud; A Alb-Tri; A Ser S A Alb-Tri; F Aeg-Gre; F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eas; F Bul(e.c.)-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A St.P-Liv and Italy retreats A Bud-Vie. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987.

CONSTANTINOPLE to World: The Supreme Protectoress Fatima supports the English plan to resettle former Tsarist Officer Corps in San Diego. Each officer who re-locates voluntarily will be given a free subscription to the Reader's Digest and an illegal alien servant from the third world country of his choice.

AUSTRIA to TURKEY: Many thanks for reprovisioning the Austrian army. Our troops were becoming very dissatisfied eating the rations left behind by the Russians, and cases of severe stomach disorder had greatly weakened our strength.

THE EMPIRE HOLDS OUT

ENGLAND (A. Brooks): A Mos-Sev; F Tus S GERMAN A Mar-Pie; F St.P(s.c.) holds; F Bal-Swe; F Ion-Apu; F Adr S F Ion-Apu; F Nap S F Ion-Apu; F Tun-Ion; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F Wes-Tyr; F Lon-Eng; A Liv-Wal.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A War-Ukr; A Rum S ENGLISH A Mos-Sev; A Mun-Boh; A Ruh-Mun; A Mar-Pie; A Gas-Mar; A Ber-Pru; A Gal S A Rum; A Sil S A Mun-Boh; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ruffing): F Apu-Nap; A Rom S F Apu-Nap; F Alb-Ion; A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Boh S A Vie-Gal; A Tyr S A Boh; A Pie S A Ven; A Ven S A Pie; A Bul-Rum; A Sev-Mos; A Tri not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Nap is dislodged and annihilated, and Germany retreats A Gal-War. The deadline for "Fall 1920" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players.

GERMANY to ~~SECOND THIRD~~ FOURTH? AUSTRIA: Nothing personal, you know - you've just been drafted to stand in front of a steamroller.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE ENTRIES GONE? (continued from p. 1)

"Leisurely Game" will have eight-week deadlines, no "Immediate Return Mail", and no replacements of players who miss moves. The entry fee is the same \$25. (See p. 12 for details.)

Of the other 7 entries, two pairs are from players in closely located geographical regions. I would just as soon get a better distribution, as there is a risk that two such people would be known to each other and might collude. Although entry rates drop during the holiday season, there still might be enough coming in during the next month so that a new game can be announced in the next issue.

The deadline for that next issue, incidentally, is Saturday 26 December rather than the usual Friday deadline. There is of course no mail delivery on Christmas, and I should have enough time to get GRAUSTARK in the mail on schedule anyhow.

1985CA

"Fall 1911"

THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL

ENGLAND (Bragdon): F Naf S FRENCH F Wes-Tun; A Edi-Den; F Nth C A Edi-Den; A Mun, A St.P & F Ber hold; A Ruh & A Kie S A Mun; F Bar S A St.P; F Bal S F Ber.

FRANCE (Petty): F Wes-Tun; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; A Bur-Mar; A Pie-Mar; F Tyr-Ion.

ITALY (J. Jordan): No move received; F Lyo holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Foster): A Tyr-Pie; A Ven S A Tyr-Pie; A Tus-Rom; F Ion-Tyr; F Nap S F Ion-Tyr; F Adr-Ion; A Gre holds; A Tri-Tyr; A Vie S A Tri-Tyr; A Boh & A Pru S A Sil; A Sil & A Liv S A Pru; A Gal-War; A Mos S A Liv.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Pie-Tus, F Tyr-Wes. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (12)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Pcr, Spa, Tun. (6)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (16)

England builds two new units, and Austria-Hungary and France may each build one. (France may make one additional build for each dislodged unit that is removed rather

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1985CY

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"Winter 1909-Spring 1910"

TIME TO CARVE TURKEY!

Following "Fall 1909" moves, Turkey built A Ank, France built A Mar, and Italy removed A Pie and A Alb. No German build arrived until after the deadline of 13 November. All players were informed. The German player's order, it appears, took 9 days to get here from Washington. (The letter was dated the 6th, postmarked the 8th, due the 13th, and arrived on the 17th.)

ENGLAND (Ulman): F Nth & F Bal hold; F Iri-Mid; A Bur-Bel; A Nwy-St.P; A Mos-Sev;
A Ukr-Rum; A War-Ukr.

FRANCE (Van De Graaf): A Tus-Rom; A Ven S A Tus-Rom; F Tyr S A Tus-Rom; F Wes S F Tyr;
F Lyo-Tus; F Tun-Ion; F Mid-NAf; A Mar-Pie.

GERMANY (Scensny): A Tyr-Tri; A Tri-Ser; A Gal-Bud; A Vie S A Gal-Bud; A Sil-Gal;
A Boh S A Sil-Gal.

ITALY (Bargender): F Rom holds.

TURKEY (H. Jordan): F Nap S ITALIAN F Rom; F Ion S F Nap; F Adr-Ven; F Aeg S F Ion;
F Bla S A Sev; A Bud & A Sev S A Rum; A Rum & A Ser S A Bud; A Ank-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Bud is dislodged and annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1910" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. The vote for a draw fails of unanimity, and is again submitted to the players.

1987HQ

"Spring 1902"

ENGLAND DIGS III

ENGLAND (McKusick): F Nrg-NAt; F Lon-Eng; A Nwy-Yor; F Nth C A Nwy-Yor.

FRANCE (D. Martin): F Bre-Eng; A Par-Pic; A Mar-Bur; A Spa-Gas; A Mun holds;
F Por-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Hol-Ruh; A Bel S A Hol-Ruh; F Den-Nth; A Ber-Mun; A Kie S A Ber-Mun.

ITALY (A. Brooks): A Ven-Tri; A Tun-Gre; F Ion C A Tun-Gre; A Ser S A Tun-Gre; F Nap-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Moats): A Tri-Tyr; A Bud S A Rum; A Rum S A Bud; F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Spera): G Swe-Nwy; A St.P & A Fin S F Swe-IWvy; A Ukr-Sev; F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (Kohburn): F Ank-Bla; F Con S F Ank-Bla; A Arm-Sev; A Bul S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. France must retreat A Mun-Sil, -Boh, or remove the unit. The direction of this French retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by Friday 11 DECEMBER 1987; all players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. Dick Martin has a new address and phone number: 17601 Lisa Dr., Rockville, Md. 20855-1319; 301-943-3146.

VENICE to World: Vienna is correct - there is too much tension in the Balkins. Hopefully the Italians can quiet the disturbance.

1985CT

"Fall 1910"

THE QUICK CYAN FROG JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DACHSHUND

In the report of the "Spring 1910" orders in the last issue, the French A Mar-Bur was incorrectly mentioned as failing; actually, it succeeds. (The German A Bul-Bur could not have held it off because it was dislodged by an attack coming from Burgundy.) Following "Spring 1910" orders England retreated F Nwy-Nth, France retreated A Mun-Ber, and Italy retreated A Tri-Vie. All players were informed.

The vote on a draw fails of the necessary unanimity, and is again submitted to the players. These votes should be sent in by the "Winter 1910" deadline.

TURKEY to ENGLAND: Interested in a Crimean Campaign?

ENGLAND (Chafetz): A St.P-Mos; A Wal-Yor; F Lon S F Nth; F Nth S FRENCH F Hol.

FRANCE (Addison): F Hol-Kie; A Bel-Ruh; A Ber-Mun; A Tyr S A Ber-Mun; A Pic-Bur; F Eng-Bel; A Mar-Pie((sic; no such unit exists)); A Tri-Bud; F Alb S F Gre; F Aeg S TURKISH F Rum-Bul(e.c.); F Gre S TURKISH A Con-Bul; A Bur not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (Skellie): A Bul-Rum; A Sev & A Ser S A Bul-Rum; A Ukr S A Sev; F Den-Nth; F Ska S F Den-Nth; A Nwy holds; A Swe S A Nwy; A Ruh-Hol; F Bal-Ber; A Kie S F Bal-Ber; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Sims): A Vie-Tri.

TURKEY (Spera): F Rum-Sev; A Arm S F Rum-Sev; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats F Rum-Bla and Germany retreats A Mun-Sil or -Boh; the direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1910" orders, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (11)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Bud, Gre, Hol, Mar, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (14)

ITALY: Tri. (1)

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

France may build three new units and Turkey may build one, or two if the dislodged F Rum is removed. Germany must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1910" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987.

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than retreated.) The deadline for these "Winter 1911" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. The last Italian unit is removed, and Italy is out of the game. A proposal for a draw has been put forward, and players should send in their votes with these "Winter 1911" orders.

1987HR

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Hollander): Builds F Lon.

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

GERMANY (Chafetz): Builds A Mun.

RUSSIA (H. Jordan): Builds A Mos.

ITALY (Drakert): Builds F Rom, F Nap.

TURKEY (P. Martin): Builds F Ank.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. Lawrence Chafetz, whose address appeared in the last issue, is now playing Germany.

PARIS to all: This is Diplomacy is it not? So where is it?? The Office of Correspondence is admittedly not the best on this end but it seems to be more willing to carry out its duties than other countries.

PARIS to LONDON: Will write as soon as I see who built what.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The large number of misses moves in the last issue were followed by orders that came in late. Six such letters eventually arrived. Since two of them got here on 31 October, while I was still

Mailed from	Dated	Postmarked	Arrived	
Greensboro, NC	27 Oct.	27 Oct.	31 Oct.	cutting stencils, I was able to include them even though the deadline had been the 30th. Players should note that in some cases the letter was dated and presumably written some days before it was mailed and postmarked.
Syracuse, NY	- - -	27 Oct.	4 Nov.	
Gainesville, FL	24 Oct.	28 Oct.	31 Oct.	
Arlington, VA	22 Oct.	28 Oct.*	4 Nov.	
Baltimore, MD	- - -	28 Oct.	6 Nov.	
Port of Spain, Trinidad	23 Oct.	30 Oct.	6 Nov.	

* - In Brooklyn, NY!

In addition, several readers seem to have a singular interpretation of the words "Immediate Return Mail". Fourteen such moves were asked, and only eleven came in, including two that I had to phone for. One of the missing moves came in the next day, having been in transit for 3 days from Mosinee, WI. Fortunately, the removed units were the same that came off automatically under the Diplomacy rules.

Players should in some cases revise the overly optimistic ideas they have about the time it takes for mail to get from their locations to Brooklyn.

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"Gleaming white in the morning sun were the tents of that knobbly-kneed society, the Scouts. It was the Ulster Annual Jamboree. For weeks past, hundreds of spotty-faced herberts, with yodelling voices and chin fuzz, had tied three million knots, started ten thousand twig fires, and completed six hundred leaf shelters; perfect training for round about 3,000 BC but bloody useless in the twentieth century. Where were their geiger counters? Their strontium detectors? Their books on how to bury ten million incinerated children? Be prepared? Ha! Ha!" - Spike Milligan, Puckoon (1963)

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Several readers have commented on the anti-war statement which I put into the last GRAUSTARK. Garrett Schenck observes that the senile actor has not yet sent a "Persian Gulp Resolution" to Congress, but it can't be done that way this time. Such a stunt would no more succeed now, than a full-scale, formal Declaration of War from the other war-lover would have in 1964. This time, they'll just be sent. And those servicemen stupid enough to believe that they have to follow that order, will go. And die.

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Richard Hurley observes that he was clubbed and tear-gassed during the last anti-war movement, but that he might have gone to Vietnam if he'd been a year or two older. Both Schenck and Hurley tried to draw a line between the Presidents who order men to go to war, and the men without whom there'd have been no war - the servicemen who went and died, and are memorialized on that Big Black Slab in Washington.

This is an old argument in the anti-war movement. I remember reading once of an argument between several anti-war students on the one hand, and their professor on the other, as to how anti-war propaganda ought to be phrased. The professor felt that, while they were right to attack the national leaders who got the country into war, they ought to speak with respect of what he wanted to call, in their leaflets, "our glorious army". The professor felt that attacking the army would alienate the public that the anti-war movement wanted to reach. The students were having none of that argument. They pointed out that, without millions of soldiers to do their bidding, the government wouldn't have been able to make the war in the first place. The army, equally with the government, was their target.

(You can judge for yourselves who was right. This discussion took place at the University of Munich, during the winter of 1942-43.)

This is why I described the men memorialized on the Big Black Slab as "murderers, arsonists, and rapists". There is no distinction between the armed forces and civil society in matters of common morality. Certain crimes are not excused, simply because the men who commit them are dressed identically, or because a suitably colored piece of cloth is waved over them. The command to fire weapons at human targets is incitement to murder.

This Big Black Slab is presently said to be the biggest tourist attraction in Washington. If this is true, it speaks volumes about how badly our sense of what is right and wrong has been perverted by government propaganda. Already, though, the tide is beginning to turn. A few months ago, one of the advice columns printed an anguished letter from a family who thought that the name of a relative of theirs was being misused by the government that had put it on the slab. They were about ready to go down and carve it out. Watch for more of this.

And what does the Big Black Slab say to impressionable young people who see it, and the men named on it, treated as subjects of respect? If you plant turnip seeds, you get turnips. The big, impressive war memorial, slobbered over by national leaders on holidays, breeds new soldiers for new wars.

There were ways out of the war, for anyone who wanted them. There is an unguarded, 8,000-kilometer boundary between this country and Canada. It is not difficult to find out how to "go underground". There are times, as Thoreau once remarked, where prison is the only place for an honest man. Every U. S. soldier who went to Vietnam, went there because he would rather be there than in any of the alternative locations. Spare them your tears.

Finally - for the readers who swear that they are ready, willing, and able to go to any country that the senile actor or his successors may call an "enemy", and kill people. Go die by whatever means you prefer. Ten years from now, nothing will be left of you but a name on another Big Black Slab. Ten years from now, I'll have five or six more grandchildren. If you have any complaints about this, take them up with Charles Darwin.

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"Broder's Law...(named after David Broder, the Newton of the physics of politics) is that anyone who desires to run for president, especially now that there seem to be more state primaries than there are states, reveals by his desire to run that he is too loony to be trusted with the office." - George F. Will, Newsday, 8 November 1987.

1985H - GAME REVIEW

ERIC VERHEIDEN (Germany): Thanks to everyone and especially Alan Stewart for a good game. Being dropped in the middle of things (1905) along with Russia (Larry Sims), the main issue was whether to move east or west. Although Alan proved to be a good ally, the decision to go east was mainly strategic at that time (i.e., removing the competing land power). Larry's tenaciousness in holding out to the end makes me regret that things could not have worked out. Thanks also to Jack Carl for making a quick deal with few arguments.

I believe this is the first time since 1971 that I have been totally out of postal games. Keep me in mind, John.

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"Winter 1906"

The two French moves "F Rom-Nap, A Tus-Rom" were incorrectly underlined as failing in the report of the "Fall 1906" moves in the last issue. Actually, they succeeded. All players were informed. "Winter" orders were:

ENGLAND (Hurwitz): Removes F Edi.

GERMANY (Austin): Builds F Kie, A Ber.

FRANCE (Parents): Builds F Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ball): Builds A Bud.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" orders is NOON, SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 1987. Ben Austin writes that his new ZIP code has been changed from 94305 to 94309; the rest of the address remains unchanged. His new phone number is 415-494-2927.

A press release is postponed to the next issue.

HOW TO ANSWER A MILITARIST

The Statement	The Reply
"What would you do if Hitler..."	"He's dead." *
"What would you do if Stalin..."	"He's dead." *
"Suppose it were 1939 and the Germans had just..."	"My calendar reads '1987'."
"War brings out the best in a man."	"And spreads it over half an acre."
"Don't you have any courage?"	"Some ancient bugger named Aristotle once said that courage was a virtue and cowardice was a vice. He also said the Sun went around the Earth."
"We are at war!" (first usage)	"You are?"
"We are at war!" (second usage)	"What is this 'we'? Do you have a mouse in your pocket?"
"Would you die for your country?"	"Would my country die for me?" **
"Well, we just have a short war now, and then we'll have peace for all time."	"I know where that argument comes from. I've read <u>Mein Kampf</u> . So, obviously, have you."
"We can't deal with the Communists."	"The last nine Presidents of the United States have dealt with the Communists - including the one you voted for."
"A sinister international conspiracy is out to get us."	"Have you talked to a psychiatrist lately - or are you going to wait until they have to have you committed?"
"It doesn't matter how we got in there, but now we're there and have to stay."	"Are you analyzing a war or a rape?"
"Real men fight wars, and only queers want peace."	"Friedrich II of Prussia. Prince Eugene of Savoy. Achilles. King David. 'Chinese' Gordon..." ***
"I don't like being called a 'militarist'."	"I can understand your dislike of being associated with anything military. Since war and violence are grotesque perversions of our instincts, would you rather I called you a 'pervert'?"

* - If challenged, stick to this statement. You cannot possibly be refuted.

** - Neither this question nor the answer means anything, but it is guaranteed to send the militarist into gibbering incoherence.

*** - If you are as well up on military history as a war-gamer ought to be, you should be able to continue with a list of prominent homosexual or bisexual military leaders extending over three millenia.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"Sonya was concerned about my Republicanism. 'You are not for peace?' she asked.

"I during Vietnam War struggle for peace very much (talk with the Russians for a while and you fall into it too), rioting for peace, fighting police for peace, tear-gassed for peace,' I said. 'I am tired of peace. Too dangerous.'

"Orlonsky began to laugh and then shook his head... 'Vietnam - too bad.'

"Land war in Asia,' I said, 'very bad. And some countries do not learn from an example.' All of them laughed.

"And in Middle East,' said Sonya, mirthfully pointing a finger at me, 'some people's allies do not learn also.'

"War is very bad,' said Nikolai. 'Maybe U. S. and Soviet Union go to war over Lebanon - ha, ha!' This seemed to be a hilarious idea. The Russians all but fell out of their chairs.

"With all of Middle East how do you pick only ally without oil?' said Orlonsky.

"I said, 'With all of Europe how do you pick Poland?'

"You wish to make trade?' said Nikolai.

"Also, in deal, you can have South Africa,' I said." - P. J. O'Rourke, Republican Party Reptile (1987)

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GRAUSTARK, the first bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman (address below). Game openings are available at \$25, which includes a subscription as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference, and I'll try to put you as high on it as I can. The rules of postal Diplomacy were published in GRAUSTARK #525; if you do not already have a copy, ask for one when you send in your game fee. Subscriptions for non-players are 12 issues for \$10. Back issues from the beginning of 1986 are 10 issues for \$3.

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Three of the four games of postal Pax Britannica in EMPIRE have ended within the past six weeks. If you would like to get involved in this postal game of the colonial and imperial intrigues of the period from 1880 to World War I, enroll in one of the new "PB" games now being organized. The game is published by Victory Games Ltd. at \$24, and the game fee is \$30. As with Diplomacy, send in a list of countries in order of your preference. Back issues are available at the same fee as for GRAUSTARK.

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() - If this space is checked, you are needed as a stand-by in game

_____, See p. ____.

() - You have just taken over a position in game _____. See p. ____.

() - You will be dropped from game _____ if you miss the next move.

() - An IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL move is due from you in game _____ by 11 December 1987.

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