

At 1:13 PM on Friday 8 April my stepdaughter Karina Wright and her husband Dean became the parents of a 3½-kilogram boy who has been named Dean Earl Wright IV. He is their second child, and our fourth grandchild.

# GRAUSTARK

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1985HF

"Fall 1912"

## ARMISTICE SEEMS CERTAIN

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Lon holds.

RUSSIA (Austin): F Nth S TURKISH F Eng-Lon; A St.P, A Nwy, A Vie, A Mun, A Kie, A Ruh, A Hol, A Bel, A Pic, A Par, A Bre, A Bur, A Mar & F Swe holds.

TURKEY (Rosen): F Eng-Lon; F Tri-Liv; F Mid-Tri; F Por-Mid; A Edi-Yor; F Spa(s.c.), F Lyo, F Wes, F Naf, F Tyr, F Ion, F Aeg, F Con, A Smy, A Alb & A Pke hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Lon-Wal. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

RUSSIA: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Par, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (17)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Tri, Gre, Liv, Lon, Nap, Ror, Rom, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (17)

At this point an apparent agreement for a draw, between the surviving players, comes into effect. I have been unable to contact the Turkish player to conform this, but he should phone me as soon as possible. If he refuses the draw the Russian player will be informed, and the game will go on, with the Russian player having two "Winter 1912" builds, and the Turkish player having one.

If this game ends in a two-way draw, it will be the first one in GRAUSTARK since 1977B, which was shared by Thomas Ripper as France and Robert Gallagher as Germany.

If your subscription ends with this game, please see "When Do You Expire?", on p. 6. Players and other readers are invited to send in their

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1986AZ

"Fall 1908"

## AUSTRIA-HUNGARY SEEMS CERTAIN

ENGLAND (M. Thompson): No moves received. F Bar, F St.P(n.c.), F Bal, F Kie, F Bel, F Bre, A Par, A Bur, A Gas, F Spa(s.c.), F Lyo, F Wes, F Naf & F Tun hold.

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Mar-Spa.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Powell): F Tyr & A Mos hold; F Nap & F Ion S F Tyr; A Pie S A Eus; A Tus S A Pie; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh & A Ber S A Tyr-Mun; A Pru & A Sil S A Ber; A Ukr-War; A Sev-Ukr; A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul; A Vie-Tyr; A Liv S A Pru.

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

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Par, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe, Tun. (15)

GERMANY: Mar. (1)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Mun, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (18)

Baron Powell, playing Austria-Hungary, has now won the game with 18 supply centers. The game's roster is:

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- E - Mark E. Thompson
- F - Robert P. Cook (dro S04)  
Alan Stewart (out F05)
- G - Scott Barbehenn (dro F04)  
Lawrence Chafetz
- I - Alan Blaine (out F06)
- A - Baron M. Powell (won F08)
- R - Jack McHugh (out F03)
- T - John ReebeL (out F07)

Players and other readers are invited to send in their reviews of this game, which will be printed in a future issue. See "When Do You Expire?", on p. 6, if you are a player in this game.

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## TURKS TAKE LIVERPOOL

"Fall 1912"

The Austro-Hungarian move "A Tyr-Mun" was misprinted in the last issue as "A Tyr-Ven". It succeeded.

ENGLAND (MacNiallais): F Nrg-Cly; F Mid-Wes; A Bur S GERMAN A Kie-Mun; A Mar S GERMAN  
A Pie; F Lyo-Tyr; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mid-Wes; F Tun holds; F Naf S F Tun; F Adr-Ven.

GERMANY (Schenck): A St.P holds; A Fin S A St.P; A Ber-Mun; A Kie & A Ruh S A Ber-Mun;  
F Bal-Ber; A Pie S TURKISH A Tus-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thornsen): A Pru-Ber; A Sil S A Pru-Ber; A Mun S A Pru-Ber; A Boh S A  
Mun; A Ven-Tyr; F Apu-Ven; A Tri S F Apu-Ven.

TURKEY (Drakert): F Tri-Liv; F Wes-Mid; F Tyr-Tun; A Tus-Pie; A Liv S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN  
A Pru; A Mos S A Liv; A Gre-Alb; F Ion-Adr; F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Wes and the Austro-Hungarian A  
Mun are dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the follow-  
ing supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (9)

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ber, Bud, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Liv, Mos, Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun. (10)

Austria-Hungary and Turkey may each build two new units; these "Winter 1912" orders  
should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 29 APRIL 1988.  
All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13  
MAY 1988. The vote for a draw has once again failed of the necessary unanimity, and  
will not for the time being be re-submitted. The game will be allowed to proceed to-  
wards its destiny, which will probably be Postal Rule 21B.

1986AM

## TRAFFIC JAM IN THE BALKANS

"Fall 1908"

ENGLAND (Verheiden): F Bal-Den;

FRANCE (Barents): F Cly-Edi; A Yor.S F Cly-Edi; A Mar-Bur; F Mid-Eng; F Lon S F Mid-  
Eng; F Tyr-Ion; F Tun, F Apu & F Nap S F Tyr-Ion; A Ven S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr;  
A Tri-Ser; F Lyo-Tyr.

GERMANY (Austin): F Edi holds; F Nth S F Edi; A Kie-Mun((sic; no such unit exists));  
A Ber S A Kie-Mun((sic)); F Den-Kie; A Swe-Den; A Nwy-Swe; A Boh-Tyr; A Gal-Rum;  
A Sev S A Gal-Rum; A Mos S A Sev; F Kie not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ball): A Bud S A Vie; A Rum S TURKISH A Arm-Sev; A Tyr S TURKISH F  
Adr-Tri; A Vie S TURKISH F Adr-Tri.

TURKEY (Skellie): F Adr-Tri; A Gre-Ser; A Arm-Sev; F Aeg S F Ion; F Ion holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Tri-Alb and Turkey must re-  
treat F Ion-Alb, -Eas, or -Adr, except that if Turkey retreats F Ion-Alb both dis-  
lodged units will be removed. The directions of these retreats should be sent in with  
the "Winter 1908" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant  
Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (12)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (12)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Ser, Vie. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy, Tri. (6)

Turkey and Germany may each build one unit; Turkey has a second build if the dislodged F Ion is removed, and if the dislodged A Tri is removed France also has a build. The last English unit is removed. The deadline for "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988.

1985CT

"Spring 1912"

## FRENCH ADVANCE REPELLED

ENGLAND (Chafetz): F Edi-Nth; F Lon S F Edi-Nth; F Nth-Ska; A Nwy-St.P.

FRANCE (Addison): A Pie-Tyr; A Mar-Pie; A Mun-Sil; A Tri-Bud; A Gal S A Tri-Bud; F Alh-Tri; F Aeg S F Gre; A Bur-Mun; A Hol-Kie; F Bel-Hol; A Ruh S A Hol-Kie; F Kie-Pal; F Wes-Mid; F Bre-Pic; F Gre holds.

GERMANY (Skellie): F Den-Kie; F Hel S F Den-Kie; A St.P-Nwy; F Ska S A St.P-Nwy; A War-Ukr; A Mos holds; A Ser-Tri; A Bud & A Vie S A Ser-Tri.

TURKEY (Spera): No moves received. A Con, A Ank, A Sev, F Bla, A Bul & A Rum hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Tri-Ven. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by Terry Tallman, 3605 Oakes Ave., Everett, Wash. 98201; 206-259-5949.

1987AD

"Spring 1906"

## RING AROUND THE LIDO

ENGLAND (Gaughan): F Lon-Eng; F St.P(n.c.) & F Spa(s.c.) hold; A Liv S GERMAN A Ber-Pru; F Gas-Mid; F Bre S F Gas-Mid; F Mid-Por.

FRANCE (McCarthy): No moves received. A Mar & F Wes hold.

GERMANY (Lange): A Mun-Tyr; A Bur-Mar; A Ber-Sil; A Den-Kie; A Par-Gas; A Pic-Bel; A Hol holds; F Ska-Swe.

ITALY (Currie): No moves received. A Ven, A Rom, F Nap & F Tun hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): A Gre S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion; A Pie-Tus; A Tyr-Pie; A Tri-Tyr; A Vie S A Tri-Tyr; A Ser-Tri; A Rum-Gal.

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

TURKEY (Verheiden): A Sev-Ukr; F Con holds; F Aeg-Ion; F Ion-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988. Stand-by moves should be sent in by:

FRANCE: Larry Sims, 13143 Avenue M, Chicago, Ill. 60633; 312-646-2143.

ITALY: Martin Snow, #1, 1135 35th St., Boulder, Colo. 80303-1934

A vote has been proposed for a draw, and another has been proposed for a concession to Austria-Hungary. The stand-bys should also vote on these proposals, and their votes will be used if the present players miss their moves.

BERLIN to ROME: Was that "ALL hail Kaiser Gibby!" or "AW hell, Kaiser Gibby!"?

BUDAPEST: Pres. Gib told the Int'lmerit Congress, "Since the govt. of Italy has joined the abusers of France, the cause of justice forces us to punish it. All Europe knows we were the victorious nation the early years of the war, & France the victim ever since. We repeatedly suspended anti-It. actn. hoping the leniency & persuasn wd do, but Italy insists we use force, despising our appeal to justice.

ANKARA to MOSCOW: Methinks E/G are about to jump you. I'm willing to keep you around as a roadblock - please write.

1987CD

"Spring 1905"

## STALEMATES IN NORTH AND SOUTH

ENGLAND (D. Martin): F Nrg-Bar; F Nth S A Nwy; A Nwy S GERMAN A Swe-Fin; F Eng-Mid.

FRANCE (Grasse): A Spa-Mar; A Bur & A Gas S A Spa-Mar; F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Grodewald): A Mun-Boh; A Ber-Sil; A Kie-Mun; F Den S A Swe; A Swe S ENGLISH  
A Nwy-Fin; A Bel & A Hol hold.

ITALY (Fader): A Rom-Nap; A Pie-Ven; A Mar-Spa; F Lyo & F Wes S A Mar-Spa.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Stewart): A Fin-Nwy; A St.P S A Fin-Nwy; A War-Liv; A Tyr holds; A  
Con-Smy; A Ukr-Rum; A Rum-Bul; F Smy-Aeg; F Ion-Tyr.

RUSSIA (P. Martin): F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (Meldrum): No moves received. F Bla & A Ank hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Alan Stewart is now playing Austria-Hungary. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377.

PARIS: "The revolution was a failure."

PARIS to the People of France: The Government here in Paris formally apologizes to the character and spirit of the French Populace for all the hard luck they have had to endure. Believe me, sometimes its not so great to be the "King".

The World to PARIS: "Thems the Breaks!"

1987CX

"Spring 1904"

## LAND RUSH ON IN BALKANS

ENGLAND (Mason): F Mid holds; F Eng S F Mid; A Swe-Nwy; F St.P(n.c.) S A Swe-Nwy;  
F Nth S A Swe-Nwy.

FRANCE (Stewart): F Wes-Mid; A Bur holds; A Par-Gas; A Mar S A Bur; F Ere S F Lon-Mid.

GERMANY (Stone): A Ber-Mun; A Mun-Tyr; A Bel S A Hol; A Hol S A Bel; A Ven, F Den &  
A Sil hold.

ITALY (Tucker): F Ion C TURKISH A Gre-Apu; A Alb-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McKusick): A Bud holds; A Tri S A Bud.

RUSSIA (Grasse): F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); A Mos S F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); A Vie-Gal; A War-Gal;  
A Sev S A Rum; A Rum S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud.

TURKEY (Rigley): A Ser S ITALIAN A Alb-Tri; A Gre-Apu; A Bul-Rum; A Con-Sev; F Smy-  
Aeg; F Bla C A Con-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats ~~F~~ St.P(n.c.)-Bar, and the Austro-Hungarian A Tri is dislodged and annihilated. Ken McKusick is now playing Austria-Hungary. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988. Mike Mason's address, as of 1 May 1988, will be 1513 Hiddenbrook Dr., Herndon, Va. 22070.

CONSTANTINOPLE: From the most Greatest Sultan to the Czar of Russia: I am coming to get my concubines.

CONSTANTINOPLE to BERLIN: I hope that you have received my last five letters, I await to hear from you.

ITALY to TURKEY: The people of Italy warmly warmly welcome the brave Turkish warriors to Italian soil. Death to the German scum, the Austrian hordes; long live the Sultan!

ROME to BERLIN: How very low of you to pick at the carcass of your once loyal and friendly neighbor. May you die a thousand deaths!

RUSSIA to TURKEY: Thanks for all the advice.

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11226-5302. My phone number is 718-693-1579; during the day on weekdays I can also sometimes be reached at 718-780-5180. Diplomacy was designed by Allan B. Calhmer, and is published by Avalon-Hill. For GRAUSTARK game and subscription fees see the information on subscriptions on p. 6. Back issues from GRAUSTARK from the beginning of 1987 are 10 for \$3.

GRAUSTARK's next issue will be the 550th issue, and will also mark the 25th anniversary of this publication's first appearance. In it I will have an article "Who Gets Blamed for Diplomacy?" about the design and early history of the game. David E. Schwartz has contributed a review of a recent recording of the satirical Gershwin musicals Of Thee I Sing and Let 'Em Eat Cake. There will also be a book review connected with an important quatercentennial coming up this summer.

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At long last I believe I have finally caught up with all pending press releases. I thought I had done it last issue, but have to apologize to ~~Matthew~~ Grasse and to Stuart Lange for missing theirs.

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The following people have written in for information on postal Diplomacy:

Barry Hawes, 18292 Rolling Meadow Way, Olney, Md. 20832

James Logue, 33 Musket Ridge Rd., New Fairfield, Conn. 06812

Chris Pagano, Apt. 34, 1218 Main St., Coventry, Conn. 06238; 203-742-9050

Martin Snow, #1, 1135 35th St., Boulder, Colo. 80303-1934

Another new game is in process of being formed now, and as of the present date has four entrants.

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Tomorrow I'll be going out to the campus of the State University of New York at Stony Brook to referee the Diplomacy tournament at I-Con, a science-fiction convention. There will only be one 7-hour session, but it will probably suffice, as I have noticed that s-f conventions that have gaming tournaments do not draw nearly as many players as do specifically war-gaming tournaments.

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A week from today will be the first deadline in the postal En Garde game being run in EMPIRE. So far, seven adventurers have signed up to try their fortunes in the capital of an unnamed nation in 1601, out to make careers as swashbuckling, carousing, gambling, wenching heroes. If you are interested, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the relevant issues of EMPIRE. The game fee is \$20 per year, and if your characters gets killed on the duelling grounds or the field of battle, you'll simply get another one at no extra charge.

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Matthew Grasse writes in a complaint that supports my own observations about The Compleat Strategist, the best stocked chain of game shops. "The personnel there are somewhat of a disappointment. They were of a superior air and, quite strangely, reluctant to give any information on the gaming hobby both in regards to suggesting interesting games to play or interesting people to play them with...If business with me is not what they're looking for then they can shove it and I'll just go my way." I have noticed the same thing with the staff of the Strand, a very large, cut-rate bookstore here. Apparently if you provide a service that is unobtainable elsewhere, you don't have to be nice to the customers.

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

With the ending of games 1985HF and 1986AZ, as well as several paying subscriptions, the subscriptions of the following people end with the indicated issue of GRAUSTARK. Subscriptions are 12 issues for \$10; the entry fee for a new game is \$25.

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|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 549 - John Barnes | 549 - John Reebel     | 558 - Bob Bragdon     |
| Alan Blaine       | Jerry Rosen           | John Brennick         |
| Derwood Bowen     | Mark E. Thompson      | Stephen Kwiatkowski   |
| Robert P. Cook    | 550 - Chris Carrier   | 563 - Ted London      |
| Simon Lack        | 556 - Scott Cameron   | 570 - Eric Verheiden  |
| Kenneth L. Peel   | Jeffrey L. Hoffman    | 573 - Ralph L. Morton |
| Baron M. Powell   | 557 - J. Eric Brosius | 575 - Gerry Thompson  |

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	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	
E	3	4	4	6	4	5	5	4	4	4	3	1		1985HF - John Boardman, GRAUSTARK
F	3	6	6	7*	7	7	4	3	1					E - Stanley Ellis (dro F02)
G	3	5	6	4	5	4	2	1	2*	1				Tarlach MacNiallais (out F12)
I	3	4	4	2										F - Simon Lack (dro F03)
A	3	3	1											Tony Strickland (res F04)
R	4	7	8	9	10	10	14*	15	14	15	16*	17**	17	Jack McHugh (res F08)
T	3	4	5	6	8	8	9	11	13	14	15*	16*	17	Peter Gaughan (out F09)

reviews of this game, which will be published in a future issue. In the supply center chart, an asterisk indicates a supply center for which, for some reason, a unit was not built.

- A - Derwood Bowen (out S03)
- R - Ben Austin (drew F12)
- T - Jerry Rosen (drew F12)

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E	3	4	6	6	9	12	15	15	15
F	3	5	5	3	3				
G	3	5	6	6*	2	2	2	2	1
I	3	4	4	4	4	3			
A	3	5	6	8	11*	13	15	17	18
R	4	3	1						
T	3	5	6	7	5	4	2		

VIENNA: The war was over. The righting around Berlin has proven decisive. Despite their superior naval power, the English were forced to recognize that a continuation of the conflict was pointless. After eight straight years of warfare, the continent of Europe was quiet. At first, the news was greeted with both joy and relief. Church bells rang the day the armistice was signed and people celebrated in the streets. The attitude of the

population quickly changed, however. Though no foreign armies had entered the Empire during the war, the great struggle had nonetheless left its mark. Conservative estimates placed the number of killed or missing at greater than 10 million. The Monarchy's economy was in ruins. Angry veterans, unable to find jobs, had rioted in several of the larger cities of the realm. More ominous still were the rumblings of the nationalist groups that, after years of dormancy, were again making demands for separation from Austria. As bad as conditions were within the prewar boundaries of the Monarchy, they were even worse in its newly acquired territories. Moslems and Christians were committing unspeakable atrocities against each other in the Balkans and Turkey. In Russia, many of the great cities were destroyed, the aristocracy had fled, and lawlessness ruled the land. Starvation and disease were taking terrible tolls of the population of Italy. After hearing his ministers speak on the state of the new Holy Austrian Empire and Kingdom of Hungary, the Kaiser was heard to remark, "If this is victory, it is difficult to tell. So much blood spent for so great a burden. So fragile is the peace."

## FRANCE MOVES EAST

As I informed the players shortly after the publication of the last issue, France did get "Winter 1901" builds in before the deadline. They were A Par, F Bre, and F Mar. Following "Fall 1901" moves the Russian retreat had been A War-Ukr.

ENGLAND (Ferder): F Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Hel; F Lon-Nth; A Hol holds; A Edi-Yor.

FRANCE (Wilson): A Par-Bur; A Bel S A Par-Bur; F Bre-Mid; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Mar-Lyo; A Por-Spa.

GERMANY (Taylor): A War-Ukr; A Pru-Liv; A Mun-Bur; A Kie holds; F Den S ENGLISH F Nwy-Swe.

ITALY (Gabel): A Apu & A Tun hold; F Ion-Eas; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thomas): A Ser S F Gre; F Gre S ITALIAN F Nap-Ion; A Gal-Rum; A Bud S A Gal-Rum; F Tri-Alb.

RUSSIA (Dickerson): F Bot-Bal; F Rum S TURKISH A Bul; A Ukr S F Rum; A Mos S A Ukr.

TURKEY (Quirk): A Bul S RUSSIAN F Rum; A Con S A Bul; F Smy-Eas; F Aeg S F Smy-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988. Tom Taylor writes that his new address is c/o Spicer Productions Inc., 1708 Whitehead Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21207.

BERLIN: The German High Command Announced today that the mailing address of the one in charge will be changed. All correspondence and clearing house giveaways will be redirected to the above address.

BERLIN: The presence of land forces in Paris causes concerns to the People of Germany. Border Patrols have been placed on Yellow alert and continue to monitor for aggressive behaviour.

BERLIN: Germany has broken off Diplomatic ties with Russia and urges the rest of the free world to do the same. Documentation of crimes against human rights are available in VHS and Beta and the ever popular 8 track tape. Not sold in any stores and not affiliated with CEM Records.

FRANCE to ITALY: My troops couldn't resist the lure of the vineyards.

FRANCE to the World: Wine Tariffs will not be imposed on the nations that participate in the coup D'etat against the feeble minded Monarch of Italy,

VIENNA (UPS): Having made new friends in Greece, the navy under the command of Admiral Eric Von Greyflame decided to delay there departure till the Fall. They still had time to aid their allies into the Ionian Sea.

BUDAPEST TIMES: The 2nd Budapest Light Infantry Brigade (also known as the STICH-KUPON ERGREIFEN BRIGADE), who are stationed in Galacia, today helped by their comrades in arms liberated the nation of Rumania. Upon seeing the suffering of the Rumanians under the Russian domain, General Karl Balinor swore revenge against anything Russian.

EMPEROR to FRENCH (Vienna): Stick that in your Wallon.

EMPEROR to BRITISH (Vienna): Go get em!

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to TSAR: So sorry about that.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY to ITALY: We zig and we zag but in the end we will be in Turkey.

EMPEROR to Kaiser Taylor (Vienna): Meet you in Paris for a Drink and some debauchery!!!!

Following "Fall 1908" moves, Italy retreated F Mid-Par and Turkey retreated F Ion-Apu. England built A Lon and A Edi, Turkey built A Con and F Smy, and Russia removed

A Ruh. The deadline for "Spring 1909" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988.

LONDON: The Queen was over joyed, when she heard that operation Royal Blue. Had reached its first goal, on the road to English Rule.

LONDON to CONSTANTINOPLE: The Queen would like the Divine Fatima to stop by for a spot of tea someday. She express's the wish to swap recipe's for pizza.

1987HR

"Fall-1903"

WHEN CONFUSION RAINS, IT POURS

ENGLAND (Hollander): F Eng-Bel; F Nth S F Eng-Bel; F Mid-Por; F Nrg-Bar.

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

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Den & A Ruh hold; F Bel holds; A Sil S RUSSIAN A Liv-War; A Boh S A Mun-Tyr; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Drakert): A Pie-Tyr; F Ion-Tyr; A Syr-Smy; F Aeg & F Eas S A Syr-Smy.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooker): F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Ser & A Rum S F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A War holds; A Gal S A War; A Vie S ITALIAN A Pie-Tyr.

RUSSIA (H. Jordan): F Nwy S GERMAN F Bel-Nth; A Fin S F Nwy; A Liv-War; A Mos S A Liv-War.

TURKEY (P, Martin): A Bul holds; F Smy holds; A Arm & F Con S F Smy; F Bla S A Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany may retreat F Bel-Pic or -Hol, and Austria-Hungary may retreat A War-Pru or -Ukr. The Turkis A Bul is dislodged and annihilated. The directions of these retreats should come in with the "Winter 1903" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

Russia and France may each build one unit; Austria-Hungary may also build a unit if the dislodged A War is removed. Germany must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988.

PARIS to BERLIN: As I sit here perusing the map of Europe spread before me it is my hope that the Imperial Navy of Germany sees and exploits the opening which England has allowed. The Best to the Kaiser and to the German people.

PARIS to LONDON: It only remains to be seen how the chips fall. You've lost Brest, you've lost Norway, and if the 3 Great Powers of Russia, Germany, and France see fit you shall lose the Isles. Time will tell.

FRANCE to GERMANY: Is your ministry of propaganda having trouble answering the queries of the other great nations?

FRANCE To the World: There, but for the grace of God, go I!

1986CW

"Winter 1907"

RUSSIA (Sargent): Builds F St.P(n.c.). TURKEY (Schenck): Builds F Smy.  
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"Winter 1903"

ENGLAND (McKusick): Builds F Liv.	GERMANY (Chafetz): Builds A Ber.
FRANCE (D. Martin): Builds A Par.	ITALY (A. Brooks): Builds A Rom, F Nap.

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## WHAT IS A HERO?

On Monday 28 March 1988, in the Bronx, a delivery truck collided with a school bus and careened out of control across the intersection of Sherman Ave. and McClellan St. Ralph Norman, 76, pushed a 7-year-old boy out of the way of the truck and shouted a warning that enabled other children to make their escape. Norman himself was crushed to death by the truck. Eight days later, his funeral in Harlem was less an occasion for mourning than the hailing of a triumphal hero. It is the sort of ending we would all like to have - though not, it is to be hoped, soon.

I thought of this in connection with the things I've been saying lately in GRAU-STARK, about the loathsome institution of war and its loathsome supporters. There is some gross perversion of common morality in a person who can say that Ralph Norman died a hero's death, and yet condemn the efforts that equally brave and heroic people are making to put an end to the much greater slaughter of war. Friedrich Adler, who shot Prime Minister Stürgkh of Austria in 1916, or Walter Audisio, who shot Benito Mussolini in 1945, share Norman's heroism - they, too, risked their own lives to keep people from being killed.

From time to time I hear from some member or veteran of the armed forces, who tries to appropriate the laurels of Adler, Audisio, Norman, or the Kent State University martyrs for himself, and tell me that soldiers are "also" heroically protecting others by "defending" them. The hard light of reality exposes these pretensions. Look at the situation of the Korean and Vietnamese Wars, or the numerous lesser stupidities such as the U. S. invasions of Lebanon, Grenada, or Central America. The very names of those conflicts tell it all. These were no attempts to defend America against the encroachment of foreign hordes. Only once in the entire history of the United States of America has a war begun with a military attack by a foreign enemy on U. S. territory - on Sunday 7 December 1941. Since 1945, U. S. military action has meant sending troops into some foreign nation, often thousands of kilometers away, and shooting so many of its inhabitants that the others will be forced into doing the will of the U. S. government. Sometimes this has succeeded, and sometimes it has not, and never has it been justifiable. The people who tell us that it is justifiable are scum. They do not constitute an opposition to be debated, but a problem to be dealt with.

Sometimes these cardboard Rambos try to justify themselves by saying that the people being shot by U. S. troops are not Vietnamese babies or Central American peasants or Lebanese who worship the rocks of the Arabian desert, but "really" agents of a Great Big International Conspiracy. When someone starts talking about the Great Big International Conspiracies that are Out To Get him, this should be a sign that we have passed the bounds of rational discourse. There is a name for people who believe that they have millions of lurking secret enemies who are Out To Get them, and it is not a political label. The best thing - indeed, the only thing - you can do for people like that is to give them the name and address of a psychologist or psychiatrist in whom you have confidence, and urge them in the strongest possible terms to seek professional help.

The key to dealing with matters of international and civil conflict is to refuse to recognize the distinction that allegedly exists between war on the one hand, and other acts of violence on the other. If you kill someone, or burn a building, it is no defense in common morality, and should be no defense in law, to say that someone with peculiarly shaped pieces of metal on his shoulders told you to do it. Evil deeds remain evil, no matter that a colored piece of cloth is waved over them. An American who shoots an American in Miami is a criminal; so is an American who shoots a Nicaraguan in Nicaragua, or even in Honduras. By the words "soldier" and "veteran" we must understand the word "murderer", unless the man has contrived to keep out of places of danger.

Ralph Norman was a hero. So was Otto Schimek, who refused to open fire on civilians in occupied Poland in 1944, and who was therefore shot and thrown in a ditch by the personal order of Adolf Hitler. If U. S. troops go into Central America, you are going to hear about things like a pro-war speaker who was yanked off the speaker's stand by people who slapped a piece of duct tape over his mouth. They will be heroes, too. Wars cannot be fought without being planned, and they cannot be planned without

being advocated. The forcible suppression of an advocate of war is an act of self-defense and of the defense of others, just as was Ralph Norman's last act was. If the "fire in a crowded theater" argument does not apply here, it does not apply anywhere.

Of course, sometimes you should temper your response to the circumstances. If you have an opportunity of making the advocate of war look ridiculous before an audience do whatever is necessary towards that end. Sometimes a custard splat - in a war-monger's face can be more effective than a lead pipe over his head. If you have any compunctions about the means that you use, simply consider what will be the alternative of letting even a non-nuclear war get loose. If you get some patriotic clown who asks you if you believe in "peace at any price", simply reply that if you think the price of peace is high, consider the price of war.

Much to my pleased surprise, the U. S. troops in Honduras did not get involved in fighting, and are now being pulled out in great haste. To add to my surprise, the U. S. government worked its propagand machine overtime to convince us all that the troops were never, never, never going to get anywhere near the fighting. This is a great and welcome change from the situation of a quarter century ago. The American people are obviously not minded to get involved in any war that lasts more than 24 hours, and the pro-war politicians who run this country know it. The election returns are showing it. Pat Robertson, who once advocated overthrowing all Communist governments including the Soviet Union, has become a national laughing-stock. Jack Kemp, who more than any other candidate stands for what Ronald Reagan stood for in 1980, withdrew ignominiously from the presidential race. George Bush, the odds-on favorite for the Republican nomination, was being bitterly attacked 10 years ago by Republican publications as a sell-out "moderate". (The National Executive Director of Young Americans for Freedom was then a GRAUSTARK subscriber, and regularly sent me copies of their publication New Guard.) Among the Democrats things are even more obvious. Albert Gore, the only Vietnam veteran running for the Presidency, placed a poor third in the "Super Tuesday" in his own region, and has been trickling down the drain ever since. The most strongly anti-Communist Democratic candidate, Lyndon La Rouche, is now under indictment. The Democratic nominee will be either Michael Dukakis or Jesse Jackson - both men strongly opposed to the military adventurism that has characterized the Reagan Administration's rhetoric, and frequently its actions.

The same thing is true elsewhere in the world. Soviet troops are being pulled out of Afghanistan, and Soviet veterans of that war will probably not even get a Big Black Slab for their efforts. (Indeed, some of them have been lately mooching around Moscow, whining that nobody appreciates what they've done for their country. Sound familiar?) And, despite all the apocalyptic rhetoric surrounding the Middle East these days, the distinguished Israeli diplomat Abba Eban has told the world: "I find that American friends of Israel, and especially Jews, have a view that is anachronistic. The only war in which we faced the prospect of annihilation was the war of independence. We are the strongest small country in the history of the human race. The question is whether our neighbors can exist in our neighborhood, not whether we can exist. What I find among American Jews is that they're still into the rhetoric of 'poor little Israel whose survival is at stake.' It just isn't true." Nor is it true that America's survival as a nation is at stake over some dime-a-dozen border dispute in Central America or in the Middle East. When you find a person who says so, you have found a person who loves war in precisely the same way that most men love their wives and families.

This, unfortunately, seems to be the sort of person that was swept into public office in this country during the spasms of revenge that characterized the elections of 1980 and 1984, and was conspicuous by its absence from the congressional elections of 1986. If the Nicaraguans have made peace with the Somocista counter-revolutionaries, then by Ares we'll try to get a war going with Panama. (Or perhaps, for that part of the world, it might be more appropriate to swear by Huitzilipochtli.) If there seems to be, this fall, a chance that the Democratic candidate will upset the strongly pro-war George Bush, then matters will be arranged so that a war will be in progress during the election, and a cloak of patriotic rectitude will be drawn about Bush's candidacy. Or, if an anti-war Democrat is elected, the army may simply not allow him to take office, all in the name of "national security."

1984V

"Fall 1922"

## NATION OF SHOPKEEPERS BECOMES DOT BROKER

ENGLAND (A. Brooks): A Mos S GERMAN A Ukr-Sev; F Rom S F Nap; F Nap S F Rom; F Nth-Irg; A St.P-Fin; F Tri-Ven; A Bul S A Alb-Ser; A Alb-Ser; F Aeg-Con; F Ion-Gre; F Wes-Lyo; F Tyr-Ion; F Tri-Mid; F Eng-Wal.

GERMANY (Gaughan): A Ukr-Sev; A Gal-Rum; A War-Gal; A Mun-Boh; A Sil S A Mun-Boh; F Kie-Den; A Ruh-Mun; A Bur-Mar; A Mar-Spa; A Spa-Por.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ruffing): A Ven-Tri; A Bud & A Vie S A Ven-Tri; A Boh S A Vie; A Tyr S A Boh; A Rum-Gal; A Sev-Mos; A Apu-Ven; A Pie S A Apu-Ven.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Sev-Arm and England retreats F Tri-Adr or -Alb; the direction of this retreat may be sent in with the "Winter 1922" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bul, Con, Edi, Gre, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nap, Nvy, Rom, St.P, Ser, Smy, Swe, Tun. (15)

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GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa, Sev, War. (13)

O At

P Great

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Rum, Tri, Ven, Vie. (6)

E Intervals

England may build one new unit, or two if the dislodged F Tri is removed. Germany may build two new units; a third unit cannot be built this season because no home supply center is available for it. Austria-Hungary must remove 3 units. The deadline for these "Winter 1922" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988.

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N Nerves

Several people have called the gamesmaster's attention to the fact that Larry Sims has already played in 1984V, and therefore should not have been called on as a stand-by. Fortunately, the present Austro-Hungarian player got his "Fall 1922" moves in.

# 1489

ENGLAND to the World: Is Napoleon coming back to save A-H? OR to manage the steamroller alliance of Italy/ENGLAND/and Germany.

1985CY

## THE SQUEEZE IS ON

"Fall 1912"

ENGLAND (Ulman): A Rum S GERMAN A Gre-Bul; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr S A Mos-Sev; A Liv-War; A St.P-Mos; F Bal, F Nth, F Eng & A Nwy hold.

FRANCE (Van De Graaf): F Bre-Eng; F Wes-Tum; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr & F Nap S F Tun-Ion; A Ven holds; A Tus-Rom; A Rom-Apu; F Apu-Adr.

GERMANY (Scensny): A Gre-Bul; A Ser S A Gre-Bul; A Bud & A Gal S ENGLISH A Rum; A Tri-Alb; A Tyr-Tri; A Vie S A Tyr-Tri.

TURKEY (H. Jordan): F Ion-Gre; F Aeg S F Ion-Gre; F Bla & A Arm S A Sev; A Sev S ENGLISH A Rum; A Bul-Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Buk-Con. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nvy, Rum, St.P, War. (10)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa; Tun, Ven. (9)

GERMANY: Ber, Bud, Bul, Den, Kie, Mun, Ser, Swe, Tri, Vie. (10)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Gre, Sev, Smy. (5)

Germany may build 3 new units and England may build 1; Turkey must remove 1 unit. One of these orders is already in, and the others should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that they arrive by FRIDAY 29 APRIL 1988. All players will be informed. The

Deadline for "Spring 1913" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988.

LONDON: Turkey go home! Back to Asia with the other non-Christian types.

1988HI

"Fall 1906"

TURKEY WELL BASTED

ENGLAND (Chang): F Nrg-Bar; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); A Sve S F Den; F Den holds; F Nth-Hol; F Bre-Mid; F Wes-Mid.

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

ITALY (Hollander): A Gas-Bre; A Por-Spa; F Naf-Mid; F Tun-Tyr; F Aeg-Gre; F Alb S F Aeg-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Rom-Nap; A Bud-Ser; A Tri S A Bud-Ser; A Gal-Boh; A Rum S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Swv.

RUSSIA (Kwiatkowski): A Ukr-Sev; A St.P-Mos; A War holds.

TURKEY (M. Brennick): A Ser-Gre; A Bul S A Ser-Gre; A Smy-Arm; F Con-Aeg; A Sev-Moa; F Nap-Tyr; F Ion S F Nap-Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish A Ser and A Sev are dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (7) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Nap, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (7)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5) RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, War. (4)

ITALY: Mar, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun. (6) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (5)

Austria-Hungary may build two new units and Russia may build one. These "Winter 1906" builds should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 29 APRIL 1988. All players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 13 MAY 1988.

VIENNA: The Great King Hogwash, is very hopeful, that a new formal alliance with England could be born. Together we could rule.

SERBIA: Turkish Transgressions against greater Austria are at an all time high. Are Great King has ordered his Grand Army to retake Serbia. And drive the turkes into the Sea. And then to pull the plug on his Bubble Bath.

VIENNA to MOSCOW: I hope that we worked out everything.

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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 your next move.

( ) - An IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL move is due from you in \_\_\_\_\_ by 29 April.

( ) - Your subscription expires with this issue.

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