

GRAUSTARK

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1985CY

"Fall 1913"

TRUCE SIGNED!

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

FRANCE (Van De Graaf): F Bre-Eng; F Tyr-
Ion; F Tun S F Tyr-Ion; F Ion-Aeg; F
Gre S F Ion-Aeg; A Pie-Tyr; A Ven-Tyr;
"A Apu-Lon"; "F Adr-Ber".

GERMANY (Scensny): A Bul, A Tri, A Vie and
A Alb hold; A Ser S A Bul; A Bud & A
Gal S ENGLISH A Rum.

TURKEY (H. Jordan): A Sev S ENGLISH A Rum;
F Bla & A Arm S A Sev; F Eas & A Con
hold.

1985CY - P. Howard Dawson Jr., Yggdrasil
Chronicle (to S05); John Boardman,
GRAUSTARK

E - Ray Ulman (drew F13)
F - John Van De Graaf (drew F13)
G - Thomas Johnson (dro F01)
Len Scensny (drew F13)
I - Peter Dawson (res F03)
Alan Bargender (out F10)
A - Tom Bergh (res F03)
Larry Botimer (out S08)
R - Bill Paxton (res F03)
Herb Barents (out S07)
T - Harley Jordan (drew F13)

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ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Hol, Liv,	A	3	4	4	3	2	2	1	1						
Lon, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P,	R	4	6	5	4	2	1	1							
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FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Nap, Par,															
Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven, Gre. (10)															
GERMANY: Ber, Bud, Bul, Den, Kie, Mun, Ser, Swe, Tri, Vie. (10)															
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)															

With these moves, the four surviving players have agreed upon a draw. This concludes the last of four orphan games that I took on about 1½ years ago. Players and other readers are invited to send in reviews of this game. With this issue, the subscriptions of Alan Bargender, Larry Botimer, Len Scensny, Ray Ulman, and John Van De Graaf end. Unfortunately, I do not at the present time have space in GRAUSTARK to take on further orphan games.

LONDON (AFP): The French ambassador strongly protests English demands regarding the Turkish harem being delivered to the western allies via the Orient Express as war reparations. Upon further reflection, considering that the harem must travel through German held territories until reaching the civilized lands of Venice, French authorities may yield all rights to the harem to the English, who are not as fastidious about handling merchandise well-used by the German troops.

CONSTANTINOPLE: You're too late, boys, My entire harem ran away last August. They are now running a toy store in Rochester, N. Y.

1936CW

"Fall 1908"

DUAL MONARCHY FALLS; PRESS RELEASE GAP LOOMS

ENGLAND (Harkin): F Por-Mid; F Pic-Bel; F Eng S F Pic-Bel; A Par-Bur; F Bal-Kie; F Ska-Den; F Swe S F Ska-Den; F Nth-Nwy.

GERMANY (Kandara): F Ber-Bal; F Den S F Ber-Bal; A Kie S F Den; A Bel holds; A Bur S A Bel.

ITALY (Tucker): A Mar-Pie; F Lyo-Mar; F Tyr-Ion; F Nap & F Adr S F Tyr-Ion; F Ion-Gre; A Alb S F Ion-Gre; A Tri-Ser.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Currie): A Bud-Gal; A Vie S A Bud-Gal.

RUSSIA (Sargent): A Gal-Vie; A Boh S A Gal-Vie; A Rum S TURKISH A Ser-Bud; F Gre S TURKISH F Eas-Ion; F Nwy S GERMAN F Den-Swe; F St.P(n.c.) S F Nwy.

TURKEY (Schenck): A Ser-Bud; A Bul-Ser; F Aeg S RUSSIAN F Gre; F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Vie-Tyr and Germany retreats F Den-Hel and A Bel-Hol or -Ruh. The direction of this retreat must 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, Ere, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Par, Por, Swe. (9)

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

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Ser, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (8)

RUSSIA: Gre, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Vie, War. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Smy. (5)

Russia may build two new units, and Turkey and England may each build one. Germany must remove one unit, and the last Austro-Hungarian units are removed. The deadline for "Winter 1908" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JULY 1988.

VIENNA to MOSCOW: In case these moves allowed me to survive and you were trying to help me, I am sorry because I wasn't sure if you were willing to work with me or not.

CONSTANTINOPLE to "Stabber" Harkin: You could probably get away with statements like your last press item in #551, but unfortunately too many of your victims are still alive. Both Germany and Russia (if he'd talk) can testify to your slippery treachery, while France's body is a cooling, bloody mess from the multiple stab wounds you inflicted in him (just when do you plan to start using your blunt instrument -- i. e. your brain!). You and the Italian make a fine and copacetic team. Just the kind of set up you enjoy, since the situation in the Med will leave Italy wide open for your inevitable attack (STAB!). I'll bet you a center you give it to Italy before 1910 is out!

GERMANY to World: HELP!

1937CX

"Winter 1904"

ENGLAND (Mason): Builds F Liv.

ITALY (Tucker): Builds F Nap.

FRANCE (Stewart): Removes A Mar.

RUSSIA (Grasse): Removes F St.P(n.c.).

GERMANY (Stone): No build received.

TURKEY (Rigley): Builds A Con.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JULY 1988. Stand-by moves for Germany should be sent in by Michael Quirk, 3830 Chester Dr., Glenview, Ill. 60025; 312-498-1377. There are additional press releases on p. 5.

SEVILLE to LONDON: I told you you'd never make it into the Mediterranean. I confess I never thought you'd be obtuse enough to turn down an opportunity to get into it, however.

You may be surprised to know, Mike, that there are no prizes for lasting longer

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1934V

"Spring 1923"

NEW KAISER COUNTERATTACKS!

ENGLAND (A. Brooks): F Nrg-Nwy; A Fin-St.P; A Mos-Ukr; A Ser S GERMAN A Sev-Rum; A Bul S GERMAN A Sev-Rum; F Gre-Alb; F Adr-Tri; F Ion-Apu; F Nap-Tyr; F Rom, A Liverpool and F Mid hold; F Lyo-Wes; F Wal-Iri; F Con S A Bul.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): A Vie-Gal; A Ven-Pie; A Tyr S A Ven-Pie; A Rum-Ser; A Tri S A Rum-Ser; A Bud S A Rum-Ser.

Underlined moves are not possible. Curtis Gibson is now playing Austria-Hungary. The deadline for "Fall 1923" orders is NOON, FRIDAY JULY 1988.

1937IY

"Winter 1902-Spring 1903"

MARE QUORUM?

In "Winter 1902", England builds F Edi and A Lon, Austria-Hungary builds A Tri, and Russia builds A Sev. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Ferder): F Edi-Nrg; A Lon-Ily; F Nth C A Lon-Nwy; F Hel S F Nth; F Swe holds; A Kie-Ber; A Hol-Kie.

FRANCE (Wilson): F Lyo-Tyr; F Wes S F Lyo-Tyr; F Naf-Tun; A Bur-Mun; A Ruh S A Bur-Mun; A Tys S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Vie.

GERMANY (Taylor): A Mun-Ber; A Liv-St.P.

ITALY (Cabel): A Rom holds; A Tun-Naf; F Tyr-Wes; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre.

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

RUSSIA (Dickerson): F Den-Bal; A War-Liv; A Mos S A War-Liv; A Sev-Ukr; F Bla C TURKISH A Con-Rum.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Tyr-Nap and Germany must retreat A Mun-Sil, -Boh, or -Tyr; the direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL so that it arrives by FRIDAY 24 JUNE 1988; all players will be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JULY 1988.

LONDON Illegetimus non tatum carborundum.

FRANCE to Kaiser Taylor: Your NMR cost you a free game. You should have stuck it out.

MUNICH (Deutsche Presse): I have yet begun to fight. Is my bunker ready?

EMP to ITALY (Vienna): Deepest Regrets.

EMP to Easterb Bloc (Vienna): Let's wake up out there.

AUSTRIA to ENGLAND: Why no reply?

AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: Let's do it to them before they do it to us.

EMP to TZAR: Treaty or No?

1907AD

"Winter 1906-Spring 1907"

THE LITTLE BOYS GET HELP

In "Winter 1906" Austria-Hungary builds A Vie, England builds F Liv, and Italy removes F Tun and A Ven. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Gaughan): F Wes S F Mid-Naf; F Mid-Naf; F Por S F Spa(s.c.); F Eng-Mid; F Liv-Iri; F St.P(n.c.) holds; A Liv S RUSSIAN A War; F Spa(s.c.) S GERMAN A Gas-Mar.

FRANCE (Sims): A Mar-Pie; F Tun S TURKISH F Tyr-Wes.

GERMANY (Lange): No moves received. A Ber, F Bal, A Sil, A Ruh, A Hol, A Bur & A Gas hold; A Tyr dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Currie): F Nap S A Rom; A Rom S GERMAN A Tyr-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Gibson): A Gal-Sil; A Ven-Tyr; A Boh & A Vie S A Ven-Tyr; A Pie-Ven; A Tri S A Pie-Ven; F Gre-Ion; A Tus S FRENCH A Mar-Pie.

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

TURKEY (Verheiden): F Tyr-Wes; A Sev holds; F Ion-Iap; F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Wes-Lyo. The deadline for "Fall 1907" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JULY 1988. Stand-by moves for Germany should be sent in by Terry Tallman, 3605 Oakes Ave., Everett, Wash. 98201; 206-259-5949.

DANUBE (AP): Inter-Merit Congress debate this week: does England deserve condolences for being in thrall to the Gaughan Irish gang? Vote was 73 aye to 64 nay, & the rest failed to vote, it all seemed so ludicrous. Same reason we'll forget to send t condolences.

And Pres. Gibby says USA's future movie star President will die in the White House, still under the curse of Tecumseh after 150 yrs. But a Ford King will replace the glamor boy, entering the Gulch of 88.

1907CD

"Winter 1905-Spring 1906"

THE WEAK GO TO THE WALL

In "Fall 1905" Italy retreated A Mar-Pie. In "Winter" Austria-Hungary builds A Bud and A Tri, and Turkey removes F Bla. All players were informed. The Austro-Hungarian A Bul held in "Fall 1905".

ENGLAND (D. Martin): A Nwy-Fin; F Nth-Nwy; F Par-St.P(n.c.); F Eng-Mid.

FRANCE (Grasse): A Bur-Ruh; A Mar-Bur; A Gas-Par; F Wes-Mid.

GERMANY (Grodewald): A Mun-Bur; A Bel S A Mun-Bur; A Pic S ENGLISH F Eng-Bre; A Boh-Mun; A Sil-Fru; A Swe & F Kie not ordered, hold.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Stewart): F Aeg-Con; A Smy S F Aeg-Con; A St.P-Mos; A Mos-War; A Liv-Fru; F Tyr-Wes; A Bul-Rum; A Rum-Gal; A Bud S A Rum-Gal; A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Vie-Tyr.

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

TURKEY (Meldrum): No move received. A Ank hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Mar-Gas. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JULY 1988. Stand-by moves for Turkey should be sent in by David E. Schwartz, P. O. Box 813, Springfield, N. J. 07081

ENGLAND to TURKEY: Per your request, all of our fleets have been detailed to provide you with immediate assistance. Hope they make it in time!

ENGLAND to AUSTRIA: Get back, you beast!!

PARIS to VIENNA: Oh, no, please, I insist. You take Tunis. Thanks for the letter.

PARIS to BERLIN: You're much more slimier than I ever thought. Goetterdaemmerung Baby!!

PARIS to ROME: Please treat the Iberians right. They were loyal subjects. Its been fun. Ciao, Baby!!

PARIS to SEVASTOPOL: Next time try and do the "right thing".

GERMANY to SWITZERLAND: This must be fun to watch!

GERMANY to TURKEY: Wake up!

GERMANY to RUSSIA: Waken uppen!

GERMANY to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Row-row-row your boat gently down the stream.

GERMANY to FRANCE: OK, OK, I will trade you Brigitte for Marylin.

1987HQ

"Fall 1904"

MARE NOSTRUM

Following "Spring" moves Turkey retreated A Gal-Sil; all players were informed.

ENGLAND (McKusick): No moves received. F Lon, F Edi & F Liv hold.

FRANCE (D. Martin): F Nat-Nrg; F Eng S ENGLISH F Lon-Nth; A Par & A Pic S A Bur; A Bur S ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Vie S ITALIAN A Tyr-Boh.

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Ber-Sil; A Mun S A Ber-Sil; A Bel holds; A Ruh & F Nth S A Bel.

ITALY (A. Brooks): A Ven-Pie; F Tyr-Wes; A Tri-Vie; A Bud & A Tyr S A Tri-Vie; A Scr-Bul; F Alb-Gre; F Ion-Aeg.

RUSSIA (Spera): A Gal-Rum; A Mos-War; A Ukr S A Gal-Rum; F Nrg S A Cly-Edi; A Cly-Edi.

TURKEY (Kohburn): A Sil-Gal; A Sev-Ukr; A Arm-Sev; F Bla-Bul(e.c.); F Rum S A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. France must retreat A Vie-Boh and Turkey must retreat A Sil-Pru or -Boh, except that if both armies are ordered to retreat to Bohemia both will be removed. These retreats should be sent in with the "Winter 1904" orders, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

ITALY: Bud, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun,

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)

Ven, Vie. (9)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (6)

RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe, War. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Cnn, Rum, Sev, Smy. (6)

Italy, Germany, and Turkey may each build one unit; Turkey has a second build if the dislodged A Sil is removed. France must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JUNE 1988. Stand-by "Spring 1905" moves for England will be called for from Martin Snow, #1, 1135 35th St., Boulder, Colo. 80303-1934. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1988.

1987CX - ADDITIONAL PRESS RELEASES

RUSSIA to ITALY: What will probably happen is that neither Germany or Turkey will wait around for your permission, they'll just oust you and split the goods. ("It's not too late. It's not too late...")

MOSCOW to BERLIN: Lets make a deal.

1985HF - GAME REVIEW

BEN AUSTIN (Russia): First off, I want to thank John Boardman for excellent adjudication of the game. This was my first postal Diplomacy game ever, and John did a great and impartial job. Second, I want to thank Jerry Rosen for being a tried and true ally. We decided to work together from the very first move and I certainly had a wonderful time doing it. Many would have gone for the kill and tried to win on their own (as I easily could have), but if you don't have friends, you haven't got much. But enough niceness: Onto the dirt.

In "Spring 1901", playing Russia, I sent F Sev into the Black Sea and A War into Galicia. By convincing Austria-Hungary (Derwood Bowen) that the Black Sea was the genuine attack, I was able to march into Budapest unopposed in 1901. Soon Austria-Hungary fell and Jerry and I turned our attention to Italy and England, respectively, England was played at first by a lad we believe to be about 8 years old, though we can't be sure. He dropped out and was replaced by Tarlach MacNiallais, who is a great person and a fun ally (we worked together in 1985HL), but he stabbed me in HF so I had to turn on him. Jerry and I also found a formidable adversary in Simon Lack (France), who played a very good game and became a significant barrier to Jerry's naval attack.

Basically, we won by convincing France and Italy to fight each other instead of worry about us, and also by being sure to cause disunity in the west. We kept England, France and Germany at each others' throats throughout much of the game, and this was essential to my game plan as Russia. By not having to bolster Russia against a German/English joint naval attack, I was able to secure my hold on land, a grip which eventually covered the whole of the European continent. Bill Drakert played a good game as Germany, but he eventually became so concerned about my size that he attacked me. Despite my initial pledge to maintain neutrality in Prussia and Silesia, this put us against each other, and it was only a matter of time until my troops hit Portugal. I am proud, though that except for my "Spring 1901" pledge not to march into Budapest, I did not violate any agreement or truce in the entire game. After all, a man's word is a man's word.

Finally, I would note that Jerry and I pulled off what we hope is the first triple-mailing in a postal Diplomacy game. As Austria-Hungary was ailing, I courted him with a postcard pledging that I would stab Jerry with his help (Jerry, of course, consented to this). Jerry then offered him Turkish support, but only if he could be sure I was an unfaithful ally. Without even requesting it, Jerry got the postcard in the mail. He then sent it to me for a complete syscle. This is only an example of the fun we had in 1985HF.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK, the first bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy, is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226-5302. Game openings are available at a game fee of \$25, which includes a subscription to GRAUSTARK for as long as the game lasts. With your entry fee send in a list of the countries you'd like to play in your order of preference, and I'll try to put you as close to the top of the list as I can. The rules for postal Diplomacy were last published in GRAUSTARK #525; if you do not already have a copy, ask me for one when you send in your game fee. Subscriptions for non-players are 12 issues for \$10. Back issues from the beginning of 1987 are 10 for \$3.

Diplomacy was designed by Allan B. Calhmer and is published by Avalon-Hill.

A new postal Diplomacy game is presently being organized in GRAUSTARK, and has five entries already. If two more come in before 2 July, I will send out the country assignments and set the "Spring 1901" deadline for Friday 5 August 1988.

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I will probably not be at Atlanticon this year; it's being held on the weekend of 1-4 July in Baltimore. However, I may be seeing some GRAUSTARK readers on the previous weekend at Dick and Julie Martins' place.

1906HI

"Fall 1907"

WIN A FEW, LOSE A FEW

In the "Spring 1907" moves published in GRAUSTARK #550, the Italian unit in Spain is an army, not a fleet, and the Italian unit misprinted as "A Ger" is "A Gas". The Turkish move "A Bul-Ser" should have been underlined as failing, as was obvious from its subsequent retreat to Greece.

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

GERMANY (Ruffing): A Kie-Den; F Bal S A Kie-Den; F Hol-Nth; A Pic S A Bel; A Bel not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Hollander): A Spa-Por; A Gas S GERMAN A Pic-Par; F Naf-Tun; F Alb-Gre; F Aeg S F Alb-Gre; F Tyr-Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rigley): A Tyr-Mun; A Sil S A Tyr-Mun; A Ven & A Nap S ITALIAN F Tyr-Rom; A Tri-Ser; A Rum-Ser; A Bul-Con.

RUSSIA (Kwiatkowski): A St.P-Nwy; A Fin S A St.P-Nwy; A Liv-War; A Sev holds.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats A Nap-Apu and England retreats F Den-Ska or -Hel. The directions of these retreats should come in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL and the "Winter 1907" orders may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

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

Austria-Hungary may build one unit, or two if the dislodged A Nap is removed. England must remove one unit. These "Winter 1907" orders should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, so that they arrive by FRIDAY 24 JUNE 1908; "Spring 1908" moves are due 8 July.

VIENNA: Today the Great King of Kings his high Lord Hogwash. Proclaimed himself Saint Protector of the Italian People.

BUDAPEST to MOSCOW: The Great king of Austria, Saint protector of Italy, overlord of the Balkins, and Friend of Great Russia. Has ordered his armys of the East and west to Annex Munich and Constantinople under his protective Arm.

1907HR

"Spring 1904"

GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS IN BALKANS

ENGLAND (Hollander): F Eng-Nth; F Nth-Ska; F Mid S FRENCH A Mar-Spa.

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

GERMANY (Chafetz): A Den & F Bel hold; A Ruh S F Bel; A Mun-Kie; A Boh-Tyr; A Sil-Gal.

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

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Brooker): A Gal holds; A Vie S A Gal; A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Ukr-Sev; A Ser-Tri; F Bul(s.c.)-Con.

RUSSIA (H. Jordan): A Fin-St.P; A Mos-Ukr; F Nwy-Hrg; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; A War S GERMAN A Sil-Gal.

TURKEY (P. Martin): F Con-Bul(e.c.); F Bla S F Con-Bul(e.c.); F Smy-Syr; A Arm S F Smy-Syr.

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary retreats F Bul(s.c.)-Gre and Turkey retreats F Smy-Con. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JULY 1988.

LONDON to PARIS: Are you sure you have thought this thing through? Look at the map. If England falls, Russia will get the spoils, not you. France has only 1 fleet!!! Not to mention the fact that Germany seems an unlikely choice for an ally; unless I misread things, he has scarcely communicated with anyone. And anyway he has only 1 fleet.

LONDON to BERLIN: Ignore what I said above. And write if you are interested in turning against Russia (or France).

PARIS to LONDON: My my. I do believe that we will see very little movement on this front for quite sometime. Granted, you may be able to grab Brest this turn but I will be in fine position to retake it. One side here must break or switch sides. I shall do neither for the moment.

PARIS to BERLIN: How many times to I have to beg and plead thru postcards, letters, and press for you to write? It is very frustrating when you supposedly have an ally and he won't talk to you.

REPUBLIC OF FRANCE to World: The French are sitting on a powder keg. The stasis is undesirable not because it stems from trust and goodwill (unfortunately this is not the case for diplomatic transmissions have been plagued by bumbling errors and lack of said diplomacy) but because it stems from a general German malaise. What's more, the appearance of a possibly unfriendly Italian fleet in the Mediterranean sent the French strategic planners scrambling. There are rumors of an attempted "breakout" by French forces: ignoring orders and rampaging the countryside. The French government apologizes for any damage such renegade units may cause.

1986AM

THE DUAL EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

"Spring 1909"

FRANCE (Barents): F Cly-Liv; A Yor-Lon; A Bur-Mar; F Eng-Mid; F Ion-Adr; F Apu S F Ion-Adr; F Tyr-Ion; F Tun & F Nap S F Tyr-Ion; A Ven S GERMAN A Mun-Tyr; F Lon-Eng; F Mar-Lyo.

GERMANY (Austin): A Sev holds; A Mos S A Sev; F Kie-Hol; A Nwy-Yor; F Nth C A Nwy-Yor; F Edi S A Nwy-Yor; A Mun-Tyr; A Boh-Vie; A Gal S A Boh-Vie; F Den-Hel; A Swe-Dom; A Ber-Sil.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Ball): A Bud-Gal; A Rum S A Bud-Gal; A Tyr-Boh; A Vie S A Tyr-Boh.

TURKEY (Skellie): A Arm-Sev; A Gre holds; F Tri-Ven; F Smy-Eas; F Aeg S F Smy-Eas; F Ank-Bla.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Boh-Mun and A Gal-Ukr or -War. The direction of this retreat should come in with the "Fall 1909" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The deadline for "Fall 1909" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JULY 1988.

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than me if you ensure your own elimination by taking me out.

RUSSIA to TURKEY: "Its not too late, Its not too late..."

RUSSIA to ITALY: How can you support this German engineered aggression when there are Black units in your Domain?

RUSSIA to World: The real test to discover "who's doing who" will come when Italy decided which foreigner he wishes to relinquish his throne to.

THE ANECDOTES OF HISTORY

Barrington Boardman, From Harding to Hiroshima: An Anecdotal History of the United States from 1923-1945 (\$20, Dembner Books, 1988)

Caryl Brahms and S. J. Simon, No Bed for Bacon, or, Shakespeare Sows an Oat (Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1950, originally published in Great Britain in 1941)

The anecdotal approach to history and politics has its weakness. A good and well-told story sometimes has a greater impact than masses of solid statistics which have an opposite point to make. During the Reagan Administrations we have seen how a casually tossed off presidential story about "welfare queens in designer jeans" has excused a deliberate and massive disregard for the plight of the poor. On similar anecdotal evidence, millions of Americans have been left believing that Jesse Jackson is an anti-Semite - an accusation which has no word of truth in it.

And yet the anecdote, the odds and ends of history, cannot be totally neglected. As Isaac Asimov points out in his introduction to From Harding to Hiroshima, historians too seldom tell us about the daily circumstances of life of people during the great wars, revolutions, or economic ups and downs with which history seems mainly to concern itself. The famous third chapter of Macaulay's History of England (1848) seems to have broken new ground in dealing with the life of the common people of England, contrasting 1685 with his own time. Matters have somewhat improved, and I can recommend two books about daily life in America during World War II: V Was for Victory and The Home Front which, believe one who was there, ring true.

Barrington Boardman is not a professional historian but a Connecticut advertising executive; since the region around Hartford is fons et origo for the American Boardmans, I can confidently claim him as a kinsman. He has, like myself, a lively amateur's interest in history, and since he is within a year of my own age, his childhood memories of world affairs are of the same period as mine.

In his preface, Boardman points out that "the author would like to have included much (that) had to be left out so that this book would not rival the Bible in word content". And, while I might disagree with the author's choice of items with which to illustrate the developments of those years, I have found only one error of fact - his attribution of the invention of the game Monopoly to Charles B. Darrow rather than to Elizabeth "Lizzie" Magie; however, Parker Brothers has always been very mealy-mouthed about Magie's claim, and it is rumored that the true story will be revealed by Parker executive Philip Orbanes in his forthcoming book The Monopoly Companion. (New York Daily News, 24 April 1988) The most notable omission was the second Louis-Schmeling fight, which had an enormous impact on two continents, as a black American took less than 3 minutes to knock out the champion of the "master race".

From Harding to Hiroshima is part of a series "Isaac Asimov Presents", and those who know Asimov's love for a well-told and sharply pointed anecdote will not be surprised at his endorsement of and introduction to this book. Boardman's style is much like Asimov's, so the book is an easy and pleasant read. Its unifying theme is America's movement from an isolated and relatively innocent nation at the time of President Harding's death, to a world power with its decisive role in World War II. However, there is much material of foreign origin as well, particularly of the events that were to lead into World War II.

The book is arranged year by year, though specific dates of events within each year are unfortunately not given. Among the major stories covered are prohibition and its spectacular failure, Lindbergh's flight (his parade still holds the record for ticker tape tonnage) and subsequent tragedy, and the Hoover Depression and the New Deal. Since there has lately been some objection to Hauptmann's execution for the Lindbergh murder, Boardman goes into the evidence which convicted him in what seems to me to be convincing detail. We also learn that it took 2 or 3 years for the full impact of the 1929 stock market crash to be felt across the country, leaving us to wonder if a similar trail of powder is already burning.

The vast majority of GRAUSTARK readers were born after the period covered in this book. Although it does not pretend to be a deep study of America in those tran-

sitional years, you will find that From Harding to Hiroshima gives a very good impression of what it was like to be an American in those years, and what picture an American would get of the country and the world then.

The further back we go into history, the more likely anecdote and drama are to affect our perception of it. This is particularly true of periods that were populated by many remarkable individuals, and when major changes were taking place and major innovations entering history. The latter half of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I was such a period, and much anecdote has accumulated about and sometimes obscured the actual history of the times. Most of us know the stories: Sir Walter Raleigh and his cloak; Admiral Drake's game of bowls as the Spanish Armada approached; William Shakespeare writing the plays in which Richard Burbage starred while the clown Will Kemp danced a jig from London to Norwich; the specious 19th-century claim that Sir Francis Bacon "really" wrote Shakespeare's plays; the Earl of Essex and his doomed courtship of the Queen and of military glory; the execution of Mary Queen of Scots (who, unaccountably, is still regarded by some as a holy martyr); and such other strong and creative characters as the Earl of Leicester, Lord Burghley, Sir John Hawkins, Sir Martin Frobisher, Christopher Marlowe, John Donne, Richard Greene, Sir Francis Walsingham, Ben Jonson, and John Dowland.

No Bed for Bacon collects all of these into a book that is very funny and has no historical value whatever. Almost at the beginning the authors tell us that it takes place six years after the defeat of the Spanish Armada, which in sober history would make it 1594. However, events from 1588 to 1613 are all jumbled together in it. The picture of Elizabeth the Great agrees very well with what more sober historians have told us of a monarch who was at once resolute and capricious, proud and soft-hearted, a great war leader and a firm opponent of aggressive war and of religious persecution. We also get pictures of the other great men and women of the period, particularly of Shakespeare. The Bacon we see is not the deep philosopher and promoter of the natural sciences, but a mean-spirited and ungrateful shyster; we also get as good a picture of his homosexuality as could be presented in a book written in 1941. In addition, there are a few inventions: Polonius Bounce, the elderly, cynical, but good-hearted Master of the Revels; Lady Viola Compton, who is dismissed from court for flirting with Essex and achieves her ambition of becoming a "girl boy-player"; Lady Meanwell, the Queen's fussy principal Lady-in-Waiting; and a poor nameless nebbish, a sort of Elizabethan Everyman, who seems to be on the scene at every major event in the book.

The authors love to weave scenes together, and we frequently flash from one event to another. The recent victory over the Armada dominates the book, as it would considering that it was written when England once again went in concern over invasion. We get a blow-by-blow account of the Armada campaign as the Queen and her admirals and captains reminisce during a regatta on the Thames. At the end of it, after the admirals have been over the attack of the fireships at Gravelines, she concludes: "You got at them. You hunted, you harried, you pounded, and you drove these would-be world conquerors, who dared to look toward Plymouth Sound, from our shores forever."

During the novel, Shakespeare writes, and Burbage and his company rehearse and present, Twelfth Night - with Viola, of course, creating the role of that name. The authors put forth the hypothesis that Malvolio is a parody of Sir Francis Bacon. They argue this hypothesis plausibly, and the Queen is distracted from her troubles with Essex by amusement at him. However, Malvolio as presented by Shakespeare is a Puritan, and whatever Bacon was, he wasn't that.

No Bed for Bacon is a lot of fun, but don't ask me where to find a copy at this late date. I bought mine second-hand over 30 years ago.

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"Winter 1912"

In "Fall 1912" England retreats F Nth-Yor and Germany retreats A Vie-Boh.
 ENGLAND (Chafetz): Builds F Liv. GERMANY (Skellie): Removes A Boh, A Tri &
 FRANCE (Addison): Builds F Bré & A Par. A Ser.
 The vote for a concession to France fails of unanimity and is again submitted to the players. The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JULY 1988.

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"Fall 1909"

EUROPE BETWEEN THE MILLSTONES

ENGLAND (Rigley): F Nth & F Hel hold; F Bal S A Ber; A Lon-Bre; F Eng C A Lon-Bre; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Mar; A Kie-Mun; A Ruh & A Ber S A Kie-Mun.

FRANCE (Drakert): F Wes-Tyr; A Gas S ENGLISH F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

ITALY (Ball): F Gre-Alb; A Tri-Bud; A Vie S A Tri-Bud; F Adr S F Gre-Alb; F Apu-Ion; F Nap & F Tun S F Apu-Ion; F Por S ENGLISH F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A Mun-Kie.

TURKEY (Hurley): A Sil-Boh; F Ven-Adr; F Alb-Tri; A Ser S F Alb-Tri; A Gal-Vie; A Bu. S A Gal-Vie; F Aeg-Gre; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre; A Ukr-War; F Eas-Ion; F Bla holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Tri-Tyr; the dislodged Russian A Mun is removed since Russia no longer has a supply center. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol,	ITALY: Nap, Por, Rom, Tun, Vie. (5)
Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nwy, St.P,	TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum,
Spa, Swe. (15)	Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, War. (13)
FRANCE: Par. (1)	

England may build three new units and Turkey may build two. France must remove one unit, and Italy must remove three. (England would have two more builds but supply centers are not available for them.) The deadline for these "Winter 1909" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JULY 1988. This game has certainly lost players fast. All seven powers were in it through "Fall 1908", but then one was ousted in that season, one in "Spring 1909", and one in "Fall 1909".

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Supreme Protectress Fatima has ordered the mobilization of the dread Mujahedettes for the coming campaign against Italy. Prepubescent teenage girls, moved only by the love of Allah and the Sultan, are currently being trained in plastic explosives and basket-weaving in summer camps throughout Anatolia. This fall, the Mujahedettes will go to advanced seminars in Vienna. Next year, they hope to tour Italy.

LONDON to World: Are Great Queen, the Queen of the world. At this point in time demands the unconditional surrender of all states.

LONDON to PARIS: Sorry about Brest the Queen wanted some froglegs for Dinner.

1985HL - GAME REVIEW

GARRET SCHENCK (Germany): I hope Tarlach will get this (I noted that his sub expired with the last issue and he's moving back to Ireland) since I owe my finish in this game to him. I think he could have squeezed me out (even if T/A had been uncooperative), since I had only one fleet and he had ample armies on the Continent. Thanks Tarlach!

This is my first finish in Postal Diplomacy and I can't say I'm displeased. I ended up being a little disingenuous with the Austrian, and for this I'm mildly sorry. However, when I arrived Austria was occupying Munich and Silesia, helped Turkey into Berlin (while claiming to ally with me) and continued to push West instead of East (this after claiming he was attacking Turkey). In fact, given that the T/A war of 1909-11 or so was pressed with such an evident lack of commitment, I was, and still am, of the opinion that it was a sham war staged for Germany's benefit, in hopes of getting me to stab England. This I was clearly unwilling to do, since I saw England as my only hope in stalling T/A.

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An interesting aspect of the game was that Turkey popped a fleet out into the Atlantic. I thought this would be far more deadly than in fact it turned out to be - England actually was able to then move into the Med in force, while guarding against that Turkish fleet without too much sweat. It did little to change the essential stalemate in the game.

1988AA

"Spring 1901"

RUSSIAN ADVANCE BLOCKED

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

FRANCE (Hetland): F Bre-Mid; A Mar-Spa; A Par-Bur.

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

ITALY (Butler): F Nap-Ion; A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Tus.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Schembari): A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb.RUSSIA (Rosen): A Mos-Ukr; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A War-Gal; F Sev-Bla.

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

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 8 JULY 1988.

TURKEY to World: Answering a call for help from our Bulgarian allies, the 4th Infantry Division of Turkey have been relocated to defend the honor of the proud Bulgarians against all invaders.

MOSCOW to ANKARA: The Tsar of all the Russias sends its greetings and felicitations to the Sultan, who should rest assured that the Russian naval maneuvers in the Black Sea are not the beginnings of an invasion. They are merely a naval exercise designed to show the Rumanians who is the master of the Slavs.

The Sultan should, however, be advised that any Turkish move into the Black Sea this fall will be considered an Act of War.

MOSCOW to VIENNA: It is the hope that Your Imperial Majesty will not consider my attack on Galicia to be proof of Russia desires for your supply centers. My move was based on reliable reports from my agents in Rome that the Venicians may be planning on marching into Trieste unopposed. That being true my duty was to protect from Slavic population in Galicia with my Warsaw Garrison. If false I will march through Galicia (in good order), into Rumania in the fall, and gladly pay you a just compensation for my right of passage.

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() - An IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL move is due from you in _____ by 24 June.

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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

() - You are needed as a stand-by in _____. See p. _____.

