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"Spring 1910" (1965A); "Winter 1904" (1965L);
"Spring 1904" (1965NT); "Fall 1902" (1965Q)

9 January 1966

1965A

ENGLISH NAVAL VICTORY OFF HEBRIDES!

ENGLAND: F North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea; F North Sea-Norwegian Sea; F Edi-Cly; F Liv S F Edi-Cly; F Lon-Eng; A St, P holds; F Bot S A St, P; F Bai S GERMAN A Kio; A Par-Pic; A Bel S A Par-Pic.

FRANCE: F Por S F Mid; F Mid holds.

GERMANY: A Kio S A Ruh; A Ruh S ENGLISH A Bel.

RUSSIA: A Pic-Bel; A Bur-Ruh; A Mun-Kio; F Ber S A Mun-Kio; A Pru S F Ber; A War S A Liv; A Mos-St, P; A Liv S A Mos-St, P; A Gal-Boh.

TURKEY: F Wes-Mid; F North Africa S F Wes-Mid; F Tyr-Wes; F Ion-Tyr; F Lyo-Spa; A Gas & A Mar S F Lyo-Spa; A Tyr & A Pic hold; A Tri-Ven; F Cly-North Atlantic.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish fleet in Clyde is annihilated, and the Russian army in Picardy retreats, if you can call it that, to Brest. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is SATURDAY 22 JANUARY 1966. If players can submit their "Winter 1910" moves at the same time, two weeks will be saved in the play of the game.

ROSTOCK, OCCUPIED GERMANY: Five days ago the battleships of Rozhostvensky's Baltic Squadron steamed past the fortifications and batteries of Warnemunde to commence a daring journey through the Mecklenburger Bucht. Great were the risks, but equally great were

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1965L

RUSSO-GERMAN ALLIANCE RAISES NEW ARMIES

In GRAUSTARK #77 the Russian move "A Vio S GERMAN A Tri" was inadvertently not printed. This move supported the German army in Trieste so that it was maintained in its position despite the Austro-Hungarian attack. Thus, the assignment of supply centers and the orders for "Winter 1904", printed in that issue of GRAUSTARK, are correct.

The "Winter 1904" moves are:
ENGLAND: Removes F Eng.
GERMANY: Builds A Kio, A Ber.
RUSSIA: Builds A Mos, A Sev.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: No moves or other communications received; the Gamesmaster removes A Alb & F Nap. John Smythe indicates he will stay as Italy, so Anders Swenson is called upon to stand by as Austria-Hungary. The deadline for Spring moves is 22 Jan. Lloyd's Intelligence Estimates

SAN MARINO (August 23, 1904 - Brooklyn Magnetic Transmission) We're still safely tucked away here, free from revenuers and creditors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Grand Prize Winner of the trip to the St. Louis Exposition this fall is Kimball Kimballson, with an adjusted Analysis Accuracy Factor of 88.01. Typically, Loony Lance-Not Biggs scored 56.26.

The management is considering another prize competition among staff Intelligence Analysts, grand prize to be a trip to the Jamestown Exposition of 1907.

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1965NT

ENGLISH LANDING IN PORTUGAL

In "Winter 1903" the Lafayette Powers ordered the establishment of an army in Trieste. Since Trieste was already occupied by an Austro-Hungarian fleet, this order was invalid. The only new Austro-Hungarian unit to be established, therefore, was an army in Vienna.

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ENGLAND: F Norway-Swe; F North Sea S F Bel; A Hol-Ruh; F Bel S F Eng; A Lon-Par; F Eng & F Mid C A Lon-Par.

GERMANY: A Kie S ENGLISH A Hol-Ruh; A War-Mos; F Bal S A Kie.

ITALY: A Ven-Tus; A Rom-Tus; F Ion-Tun.

FRANCE: F Wes-Tun; F Pic S A Bre; A Bre S F Pic; A Bur-Par; A Pic-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Mun-Ruh; A Tyr S A Mun (sic); A Nap-Rom; A Vie-Boh; A Tri S
FRENCH A Pic-Ven; F Adr S
FRENCH A Pic-Ven.

RUSSIA: F Aeg-Gre; F Bot-St.P; A Mos-War; A Ber-Kie; A Pru-Sil.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian army in Venice is forced to retreat to Apulia.

The usual confusion is observed in the Austro-Hungarian moves. Since there is no Austro-Hungarian fleet in the Adriatic, this fleet having moved into Trieste in "Fall 1903", said fleet cannot very well support a French attack into Venice. The support move from Trieste is allowed because "A badly written order, which nevertheless can have only one meaning, must be followed," and this support move would be valid whether Austria-Hungary had an army or a fleet in Trieste. The present disposition of Austro-Hungarian units is: armies in Naples, Tyrolia, Bohemia, and Munich, and a fleet in Trieste.

The Austro-Hungarian army in Munich was ordered into the Ruhr. This means that the Austro-Hungarian army in Tyrolia cannot still be supporting it in Munich. A unit can support into only one province at a time, and cannot simultaneously support a "hold" and an "attack".

It is possible for one unit to support a second if the second unit is either ordered to hold, or to deliver its support elsewhere. This is illustrated by the above English moves. The fleet in the North Sea supports the fleet in Belgium, which in turn supports the English Channel fleet which is taking part in the convoy.

The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is SATURDAY 22 JANUARY, 1966.

VIENNA: The Bureau of the Imperial Censor announced the suppression of England, Germany, and Italy.

TRYPHEME: The foreign press corps of this tiny neutral nation was today called to a press conference in an unusual location - the main lobby of the Hotel du Sein-Blanc et de Westphalie. The royal page Giglio, reported to be in the official confidence of King Paulsole and the unofficial confidence of most of the King's 365 wives, told the press that "TrypHEME is prepared to offer asylum to the Austro-Hungarian government. We feel that this offer is justified by the confusion that has manifested itself in that empire's campaigns over the past year." In response to a question he said, "Well, no, I didn't mean we offer them a political asylum..."

1965Q.

NEW GERMAN OFFENSIVE DRIVES FRENCH OUT OF BELGIUM

ENGLAND: F Edi-Norwegian Sea; F Ska-Norway; A Lon holds.FRANCE: F Bel-Hol; A Bur-Ruh; A Pic S A Bur; F Mar & A Por hold.GERMANY: A Mun-Bur; A Ruh-Bel; A Hol & F North Sea S A Ruh-Bel;
F Bal-Den.ITALY: A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie; A Pie-Mar; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr
S F Tun-Ion.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Ser-Rum; F Gre S
ITALIAN F Nap-Ion.RUSSIA: A Boh-Vie; A Rum-Bud; A Gal S A Rum-Bud; F Norway S F Swe;
F Swe S F Norway; F Sev-Rum.TURKEY: F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; A Bul holds; A Con S A Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French fleet in Belgium is forced to retreat to the English Channel.

The orders given to the Italian army in Tyrolia and to the French army in Picardy are invalid, and the order given to the Austro-Hungarian fleet in Greece is valid, for reasons explained on p. 2 for the similar situations that arose in 1965NT.

The English moves were those sent in by John Koning, since none were received from Boh Lake. The Austro-Hungarian moves are the last that Derek Nelson will be able to send in to this game, since he is forced to drop out of the game. The player roster in 1965Q is now:

ENGLAND: Kim Pattee, 707 Bryson St., Youngstown, Ohio

FRANCE: Bob Whelan, 77 Kendall Dr., Ringwood, N. J. 07456

GERMANY: John Smythe, 621 E. Prospect, Girard, Ohio 44420

ITALY: Larry Reinstein, 1765 E. 7th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11223

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: John Koning, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509.

RUSSIA: Charles Reinsel, 120 8th Ave., Clarion, Penn. 16214

TURKEY: Terry Kuch, 2323 Nebraska Ave., Washington, D. C. 20016

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser,
Tri, Vie. (5)

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

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie,
Mun. (6)RUSSIA: Mos, Nor, St.P, Rum,
Sev, Swe, War. (7)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

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

Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Russia may each establish one new unit. The deadline for "Winter 1902" moves is SATURDAY 22 JANUARY 1966.

ATHENS: Our preparations for the Bay of Warthogs expedition are nearly complete; Austrian forces attacked the Turkish First Army (the Vulgar Bulgars) in a diversionary tactic last spring, while we landed men and supplies on the Turkish mainland. Our loyal royal forces are now fomenting discord among the heathen. We don't like Russians either, by the way. - Grand Duke Spiros Preposterous, Imperial Minister of Information.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Although we had not molested the Austrians, they vilely attacked us. Therefore it pleases the Sultan to declare WAR on Austria-Hungary, and also the Italians, while we're at it. - Allah Ben Had, Chief of Staff.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN A. McCALLUM, "A" Quarters, "S." E. S., Ralston, Alberta, Canada: You are running out of alphabet. You announce WT, the Davidson-Nelson game in this issue ((GRAUSTARK #73, p. 5)) and 1965V of Don Miller's. Then there is the new ~~Paris-Dar~~ game, the new Costaguana game was to have been announced this week, and Krannar tells me he has his 1965KR all lined up and has only held off announcing it for administrative reasons. Would it be possible, next year, on team games to put the T in front of the date, and to put them in a separate series? T1966A, T1966B, etc.? Reason I suggest this is the following: Tactically, of course, the team game and the regular one are identical. Atrategically, they are poles apart. In the regular game, the third man is always there. ((Except, perhaps, in 1963B, which bids fair to become a tie. The situation there, like the 1756 alliance between Bourbon France and Bourbon Spain, might well be called the "Family Compact.")) Not only are alliances made with a view to attacking a third party, or to defend one's self against third parties, but even when two powers are at war with one another they must always be asking themselves, "How will this affect so-and-so?" Therefore, I think it will always be impossible to treat team game winners in the same way as regular game winners. This is likely to make it awkward if there is only one series numbering.

Who won game 1965H?"

"So-and-so."

Who won 1965I?"

"That one is still going on. Should be over soon now."

Who won 1965J?"

"Oh, that's a different kind of game. We don't count it."

"Awkward, yes? It could be avoided by putting all the team games and similar things in a separate category, not serially listed with the regular games."

((Team games in postal Diplomacy seem to have attracted so little interest that the point has become moot.))

Ref. Calhamer's proposal to eliminate Italy rather than Turkey from 6-man games. When played as a team game it certainly makes more sense to leave Italy out. On two-man games that Ken and I have played according to my rules, i. e., alternate picking of countries, Italy has normally been the unpicked seventh. However, his statement that Italy has relatively weak offensive power must be weighed against the fact that 1965A was a 5-man game and was won by Italy. ((Mainly because Derek Nelson, playing Italy, had had far more experience in military board games than any of his opponents.)) Calhamer's further statement that Austria-Hungary is the outstanding weakling must be balanced against the further fact that of the two 7-man games completed, Austria-Hungary has won one. And the next one due to be completed will either be won by Austria-Hungary, or by Russia, or will be a draw between these two powers. That is, of the three 7-man games so far completed or just about to be completed, Austria-Hungary has won one and a half. ((Furthermore, note that in 1964A and 1965A Austria-Hungary was played by a player who lost interest early and stopped sending in moves.)) If that is the outstanding weakling of the board, which of the seven can be rated a strong power?

I am glad, though, to see that Calhamer is proposing a revision of the rules with further sets. It seems to me that there are a large number of points that are in far more urgent need of discussion than the 5 and 6 man boards. As I tried to point out in Probingag #29, due to the contradiction between the rules in the rule book and the illustrative example there given, we don't even know whether the rules are meant to be interpreted literally or not. Now that you are dropping the 7-man War discussion, let us consider all of these points before the revision, which Mr. Calhamer promises, is made.

ANDERS SWENSON, 145 Ponderosa Lane, Walnut Creek, Calif.
 94578: How about some games in the Diplomacy 'zines using Calham-
 er's new rules for the 6- and 5-man games. The new 6-man rules look
 good for Team games. The Russian advantage in the previous team
 games - such as it may be - would seem to be eliminated under this
 new system. I will play a team game under these rules with whom-
 ever will accept my challenge.

((Is anyone interested?))

JIM SANDERS, 14 Edgewood Road, Skyline Lakes, Wanaquo, N. J.:
 John Koning: I personally applaud an organization like the Intercol-
 legiate Society of Individualists, since I realize the need for a
 strong opposition viewpoint in the nation, even though I am a John-
 son (domestic)-Fulbright (foreign) liberal. I do not like the state-
 ment which you quote ((a racist opinion which appeared in the first
 issue of the ISI publication)), and am also surprised at John K.'s
 getting involved in it, if this statement is representative of the
 group's thinking and not just an isolated comment by one member of
 the group.

((John Koning says he never heard of this ISI publication. I
 cited the statement as illustrative of the fact that American conser-
 vatism is racist, because the former relationship between whites and
 blacks in this country is one of the things which they are trying to
 conserve. It is not exactly accidental that the most ignorant Klans-
 man and the most intellectual conservative whose articles grace the
 pages of the National Review find common ground in opposition to the
 civil rights movement and the laws which it has caused to be enacted.))

Your parallel between the supporters of Nazi Germany and the
 supporters of various views on Vietnam fails in one crucial point.
 There has been no evidence that I have seen that the government is
 behind any of the pro-war forces, nor that any Communist government
 is behind the anti-war movements. But your parallel still leaves
 open my statement that you cannot criticize an idea on the actions of
 its supporters. Since there is no such thing as International Law,
 except as a group of unenforceable statements, while I certainly
 find everything about the Nazi regime horrifying, I can find no jur-
 isdiction except the practical "we won, thus we have
 complete power over the losers" for the Nürnberg trials. This is
 Atrocities were committed, true, but not crimes.

John McCallum: I completely disagree about shut-
 ting off debate in GRAUSTARK. This is the only place
 where such a rapid turnover discussion can take place.
 (I know, there's always Kipple, but...) POINTING VEC-
 TOR comes out so infrequently, and will soon be ex-
 tinct anyway, that it is pointless to have it there.
 Here there is sufficiently rapid response that it is
 possible for me to read a comment addressed to me be-
 fore I have forgotten what I said in the first place.

O At
 P Great
 E Intervals
 R This
 A Appears
 T To
 I Inflammo
 O Optic
 N Nerves

((Yes, but GRAUSTARK is primarily a Diplomacy fan-
 zine. I printed John Smythe's original letters on
 Vietnam in GRAUSTARK #71 at his request, but by now I
 feel that the discussion has gone on quite enough. I am therefore
 closing it with this issue. POINTING VECTOR #26, which will be the
 last issue of my publication on topical matters, will come out soon.
 Any further views on Vietnam will be printed there. If you want a
 fast turnover for discussions on politics, there's always APA-L or
 the Cult.))

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I am very interested in obtaining the following copies of GRAUSTARK which I either did not get or lost. I will trade copies of various zines I have or will be putting out (mostly one-pagers on politics that are aimed at TAPS, but which I think GRAUSTARK readers will be interested in, but also copies of ZEUS #1-2, genzines) on a page for page trade (2 pp for one in the case of the earlier zines, 5 for 1 in the case of the first 10 issues. #1-7, 9-41.

JOHN McCALLUM: Am also a bit doubtful if there will be anything like the rash of new games in 1966 that there was in 1965. It was after all Wild in Woolly's year and also the year that Diplomacy hit Washington and environs. The reason I suggested keeping two lists instead of one is not really the shortage of letters in the alphabet but because I think that the whole philosophy of team games is so different from regular games that there should be two rosters.

...I once suggested to Derek the following rating system: The three players who have actually won games to be called 5-star Diplomats, though I realize that that is taking a military ranking scheme into the diplomatic service, where they do things differently. ((This wouldn't be the first time. A French pulp writer is pouring out James Bond type stories about an American who is a "major" in the FBI.)) Each of the three winners to prepare a list of those players who, with himself, would make up the most interesting board. That is, each to chose those whom he regards as the 6 best postal Diplomacy players around. This list of six not to include any of the three who have actually won games.

((Those three are Derek Nelson, James MacKenzie, and John Smythe. Apparently they will shortly be joined by the Pelzes and Charles Wells.))

The three lists to be handed over to an honest and secretive bystander, if such can be found in Diplomacy circles, and collated. Anyone whose name appears on all three lists would be ranked as a 3-star diplomat, anyone on two lists would be a 2-star diplomat, and anyone mentioned on just one list would be a 1-star diplomat.

Note that this gets around one of the objections that MacKenzie makes to the current rating schemes. Someone like Wells, for example, who has been around postal Diplomacy for a year or so, but who has not yet been in a completed game, can be listed by the winners if they think he is deserving.

I must say I think this vote by those best qualified to judge is more likely to be a fair assessment than MacKenzie's proposed vote by all players, which is more likely to turn into a mere popularity contest.

FRANK CLARK, 5506 Fiske Place, Alexandria, Va. 22312: I'm interested in the Tolkien-map game, but believe it should have variable-strength pieces (orcs, dwarves, Nazguls, men, Gandalf, etc.) if only to make up for the lack of fleets.

JOHN McCALLUM: I have been thinking over Calhamer's recent suggestion of taking Italy out but letting it have holding forces in the 6-man game. I am inclined to think that you could have a good 6-man game, picking countries by lot, under those conditions, i. e., the seventh, whichever it is, to be garrisoned.

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the rewards. Rozhostvensky, carefully hoarding his ships, had ever avoided a conflict with the Grand Fleet. Perhaps that was the reason for the success of his daring maneuver. The British admirals never imagined that Baltic Squadron would sortie.

Early dawn, June 15th, with a crash and a blinding flash the twelve-inch and the six-inch guns of the Kniaz Suvoroff opened the spring offensive for mastery of the naval complexes of northern Germany. Echoing the roar of the Suvoroff's salvo were her three sister ships, Borodino, Alexander II, and Cryol. Using the four great ships as floating batteries the Russians began the battering of the seemingly endless trench works surrounding Wismar. Bunkers and trenches which for two years had withstood the shelling of the largest calibre artillery possessed by the army were battered to nothingness by the great naval guns. Not even the twenty inches of reinforced concrete of the main bunkers saved the defenders. For if the concrete turned aside the armor-piercing shells the concussion of their hitting, more often than not, snuffed out the lives of the terrified defenders.

When the bombardment lifted the first wave of Plewe's infantry stormed the outworks. But it wasn't until the attackers entered the environs of Wismar did they meet resistance worth the name, and even then the lead elements of Alexejew's XIII Corps quickly overran the German defenders, taking 244 prisoners. During the next three hours the battle for Wismar was fought, street by street, house by house, until at 1640 hours the city was declared secured.

The fall of Wismar leaves hanging the northern flank of the last German position east of the River Elbe. And with the Brandenburg Division (6 Div/III Corps) being forced from Stieten back upon Mahlen-Eichson by Zoulow's grenadier divisions, the positions about Schwerin are quickly becoming the point of a rapidly disintegrating salient. De Lochow will be hard pressed to save his command. For to the south the news is also very bad. Litvinow's V Corps has taken Lubesse and threatens the Schwerin-Lubeck road. And with the almost inevitable loss of Schwerin a successful defense of Kiel seems impossible. For the only remaining obstacle facing the advancing Russians is the River Elbe and the Elbe-Trave canal. There is great doubt whether even with the great strength of these natural defenses the Germans can hold. The heavy casualties suffered by the Germans in the current fighting have depleted their reserves until they have ceased to be of any significance.

It will be most informative to watch the remains of the once great Prussian Empire attempt to save the last strongholds in Germany. But most observers believe that they will be forced to seek safety in Holland or Belgium. H. Alfass, Novoe Vremya

LONDON: The guilt-stricken Turkish Third Fleet surrendered, asking only to be punished for their part in the assassination. The Prime Minister, the Earl of Thompson, urged leniency, saying they were only innocent tools of the real guilty one, the Tsar. When this war is over, the Tsar will be brought to trial and justice!

WASHINGTON: President Thomas Watson today made yet another appeal to the warring powers of Europe, to permit American arbitration and an armistice to end the frightful war, now in its tenth year. His appeal was ignored by the combatant powers, but warmly hailed by the thousands of refugees who have fled to America since the President's Farmer-Labor Socialist Peace Party took power in 1905.

PRESS RELEASES - 1965L (continued from p. 1)

Your current analyst is R. Daneel Olivaw.

Survival Test: Has that English Channel Fleet put into Brest just to escape the September storms?

How many of our rather dreamy subscribers noted the strategic tip-off given by the Lone Wolf of Europe in GRAUSTARK #75?

To repeat for the sleepy benefit of those who may have missed the original intelligence:

Coded message: HOOOWWLLL!

Deciphering: H = Holland.

OOO = OttOman Ompire.

WWWLLL = An obvious Welsh language reference to the area wherein the pivotal strategic actions and reversals of 1905-05 will take place.

Tactical Tip-off: Syria = Clyde.

The Copenhagen Express is about to be derailed.

Electric Rapid Transit to be instituted between Burgundy and Munich, under French auspices.

Cisalpine action will be heavy this year.

Ultimate control of the Mediterranean is still in doubt.

Look for the Lone Wolf to expand his operations into North Africa.

SMYRNA: "El Big Brother" today made these announcements:

1) War is declared on the big bad Russians.

2) Help will be given to Austria where possible.

3) A treaty with a western power will be signed soon.

TURIN: Build space ships to carry the mass migration of the Sons of Italy to Little Sicily. For the ignorant and misinformed Little Sicily is the third star left three parsecs right of Stab. Now I believe everyone is familiar with the star Stab. If anyone is not, I would advise them to get in touch with Mr. Bernie Kling. He knows everything there is to know about such things.

BERLIN: Diplomatic note to Russia: Europa est in tres partes divida, son.

ROSTER ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

The team game between Derek Nelson and Ken Davidson, announced as "1965WT" in GRAUSTARK #75, will instead be played across the board during Nelson's forthcoming visit to Ralston. The designation "1965W" instead goes to the new NFFF Games Bureau game.

1965E: I - James Goldman (out W05)	1965R - Ron Bounds, <u>Barad-Dur</u> (GB1965A) This game appears in <u>Orthanc</u> after W03.
1965C: F - F. Middleton (dro W05) Conrad von Metzke	
G - Bill Schreffler (dro W05) Jerry Pournelle	1965W - Ron Bounds, <u>Orthanc</u> E - Pat McDonnell(GB1965D) F - Donald Miller G - Alan Huff I - Joel Sattel A - Conrad von Metzke R - Jerald Jacks T - Charles Reinsel
1965Q: E - Robert Lake (dro S02) Kim Pattee	
A - Derek Nelson (res F02) John Koning	

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