

MOOSTER ARCHIVES

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The Oracle Speaks on Diplomacy

France

Hsi

 Waiting (Nourishment)

If you are sincere, you have light and success. Perseverance brings good fortune. It furthers one to cross the great water.

England

Chin

 Progress

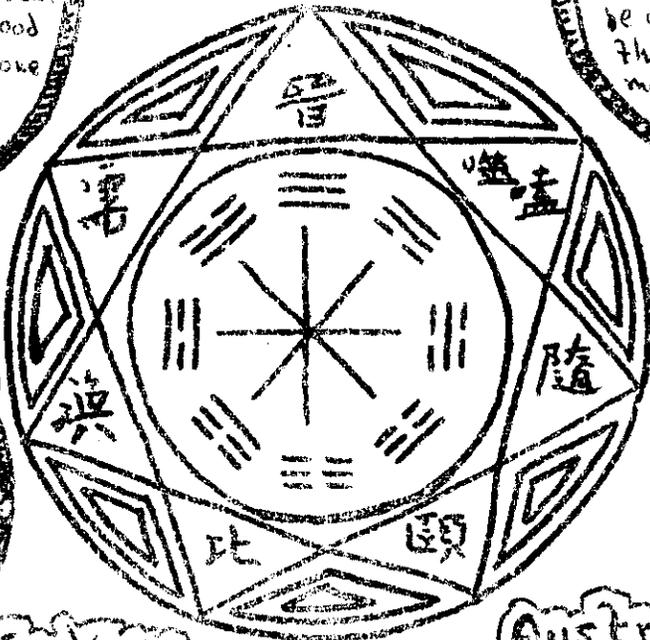
The powerful prince is honored with horses in large numbers. In a single day he is granted audience three times.

Germany

Sui Ho

 Biting Through

Biting Through has success. It is favorable to let justice be administered.... Thus the kings of former times made firm the laws through clearly defined penalties.



Italy

Huan

 Dispersion (Disolution)

Dispersion. Success. The King approaches his temple. It furthers one to cross the great water. Perseverance furthers.

Russia

Sui

 Following

Following has supreme success. Perseverance furthers. No blame. Thus the superior man of right falls into doors for rest and recuperation.

Turkey

Pi

 Holding Together

Holding together brings good fortune... those who are uncertain gradually join. Whoever comes too late meets with misfortune... Thus the kings of antiquity bestowed the titles of nobility on their officials and on their sons and daughters.

Austria

I

 The Corners of the Mouth (Providing Nourishment)

Perseverance brings good fortune. Pay heed to the providing of nourishment, and to what a man seeks to fill his own mouth with. Thus the superior man is careful of his words and temperate in eating and drinking.

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INTO THE ARCHIVES NO. 24

With this fine article of Len Lakofka's, Hoosier Archives is proud to announce that an original article on the openings has now been published for every country. We won't rest on our laurels, however. In addition to the second article on French openings already published, we have a third one on file, plus a second German opening article now in the mill.

TURKISH OPENINGS
by Len Lakofka

Turkey is one of the easiest countries to play initially. Let us examine why. Turkey's defensive position is one of the strongest on the board. Only England, safe behind the hard-to-crack North Sea, can begin to claim such a rich chance to withstand repeated attacks and to hold out for a number of years. This defensive advantage comes from the fact that only 6 spaces impinge directly upon the Turkish homeland, and one of them (Syr) can only be reached through one of the remaining 5 (Ark or Eas). The other countries have a number of other such spaces which attack the homeland, and each has a number of non-supply centers within the supply center complex that composes the country. The second contributor is that Bul's a unique center. Fleets attacking one coast cannot move to help pieces in the other coastal area, and an army in Bul cannot aid moves into the bodies of water off each coast. Thus, any piece in Bul is at a disadvantage of one type or another, in that it is not as functionally usable as pieces in other spaces, such as Tyo or Nth, WITH reference to attacks upon Turkey!

Turkish occupation of Bul in offensive is just the the opposite! A Turkish ARMY in Bul is a very powerful attack piece! Turkish moves largely center about Bul and thus this digression upon its properties and Turkey's key corner position were necessary to a discussion of the opening for Turkey. We may also note that Turkey's second major defensive advantage is that a fleet in Ark, Syr, or Eas can attack only one supply center, and having captured the supply center it is adjacent to, it can have no effect upon one of the other Turkish centers. Therefore, fleet attacks of Turkey, while necessary, have poor results unless armies are convoyed into the country or its adjacent spaces. (Note the Lepanto opening's (Hoosier Archives #43)) emphasis upon an army convoy to break Turkey from the rear.)

The basic Turkish openings are highly dependent upon the diplomatic atmosphere. Turkey's logical alliance is with Russia. This alliance is one of the most powerful because it allows for the four main alliance advantages to their utmost. These are (1) ability to cooperate along adjacent borders (versus Austria and later Germany and/or Italy), (2) ability to build with only one or no restrictions (Turkey is usually asked to refrain from building pieces, especially fleets, in Ark and Russia is asked to refrain from building in Ark, especially fleets--but few if any restrictions are placed upon the other home centers),

(3) ability to ally with another country(s) without affecting the primary alliance (Turkey with Italy and/or France, Russia with England and/or Germany), and (4) ability to expand without interference (Turkey can move straight west and so can Russia and they will not be tripping over each other). Examine the same 4 points with an Austrian alliance with either country, and you will find less ability to move with the same degree of freedom.

If Turkey gains the Russian alliance, she has two gambits:

1. A Con-Bul, F Ank-Con, A Smy hold; then A bul hold or support a Russian move, F Con-Aeg, A Smy-Con (note that A Bul can move but then F Con must go to bul(ec) and that is not as strong)

2. A Con-bul, A Smy-Con, F Ank hold; then A Bul-Gre or Ser, A Con-bul, F Ank-Con. The first assumes a potentially hostile Italy (in that case, the fleet to the Aeg early is most important); the second assumes a neutral to friendly Italy, and thus the backward fleet is not a weakness.

If Turkey does not obtain a friendly Russia, she must play to guarantee that the Black Sea not fall to Russia! The Black Sea is fantastically important to whomever holds it, as it has direct access by move (or convoy) to 5 supply centers! If Russia gains it, she can insure Rum and can aid Austria versus bul or even attack the Turkish mainland. Such a large "aid" cannot be granted Russia, carte blanc! Thus, if Russia is even neutral, F Ank MUST go to Black Sea! The precise total move is a function of whether you HAVE an ally in Austria and/or Italy. With an Austrian ally and a neutral Italy, you can play F Ank-His, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Arm. This is your strongest attack. Since Italy is neutral, Alb needs no support to Greece and Ser is free to cooperate with A Bul (or A Bul or A Gall). Even if F Ank is bounced, A Smy must gain Arm--if A Smy is bounced, you gain black. Thus, Turkey is in powerful position to prevent Russian occupation of Rum, at a minimum. Only German intervention can save an early Russian southern collapse.

With a potentially hostile Italy (or a definite belief that Ger will move to boh or Tyo), the move to Con (i.e., A Smy-Con) is more constructive. The attack upon Russia is not as severe, but you have mobility. You can move bul to Rum and have Con still capture bul for the build. You can still cooperate with Austria to insure Russia will not get Rum via A Vie-Gal (hope for a bounce), A Bud-Ser, F Alb-Gre and your standard move. If you bounce in Gal, you have two on two for Rum at a minimum and thus it stays neutral. If you gain Black or Gal, of course then Russia will likely lose Rum.

With a definitely hostile Italy, Austria must defend his borders but your move is the same: A Vie-Tyo or A Vie-Tri being semi-standard for Austria. The Russian-Italian pincer of A Mos-Ukr, A War-Gal and A Ven-Tyo, A Rom-Ven can drive Austria right up the wall! If that happens, you are next!

Lastly, if you have reason to believe that Russia and Austria are teasing on you, but you have a friendly Italy, you are again forced into F Ank-Bla, A Smy-Con, A Con-Bul, then support A Bul in place for good 1902 play with Italy.

If you have NO ally at all, the move to black and the army train in bul and Con is the wisest. Turkey can never give black up for free, and that is the thing to remember.

Turkey's 1902 play is a function of alliances, obviously. One of the most dramatic in the game of Diplomacy is the Austrian-Russian-Turkish alliance keyed by: A War-Sil, F Swe-Dan, F StP(ec)-Lot, A Rum-Gal; A Vis-boh, F Tri-Adr, A Ser-Tri support by A Bul (or A Bul-Vie; and F Aeg-Ioni, F Smy-Eas). This sudden three-power eastern shift can knock the slots out from under the unwitting western powers! The alliance can be deceived quite easily. It is a tricky one to hold together, but the benefits are fantastic!

ANALYSIS (Spring 1902)--Rick Irocks (R. R. 1, Box 167, Fremont, Indiana 46737; comments are invited.) (Thought we would put this before the fall 1902 moves this time so you can watch wits with the swastika!)

This game has finally jelled and alliance structures are becoming apparent. Italy and Austria are allied against Turkey while Russia seems content to hold the line in the south. Germany and Russia have an agreement over England, and France is helping, though whether by

invitation or not is another matter. These players must take their Calhoun seriously, going all out after his "Wicked Witch of the North" and "Wicked Witch of the South"!

Harring a diplomatic miracle, England and Turkey are done for. Turkey now has to out-guess Italy and Austria, RA Ukraina (S) RA Sevastopol and AA Budapest (S) RF Rumania assure that Turkey gets no Russian centers. From his attempted convoy out of Armenia, Turkey may be willing to leave Russia totally alone now. In the spring, Austria could have moved AA Trieste to Albania and AA Serbia to Greece. Then he would have AA Albania to block TA Bulgaria out of Greece this fall. But if TA Bulgaria had moved to Serbia, he would have taken it, which could have been messy. If added to a successful convoy from Armenia to Bulgaria, Turkey could have held another center in the fall, depending on how he outguessed the supports for Rumania and Sevastopol. Even without a center, he could have slowed the attack on himself.

but the big question is what IA Tunis is snickering and leering in anticipation of. Was Sir Rodney (Bashara is a fink!) Walker forgotten his manners? Or was he counting the fall of Smyrna before it hatched? Italy can convoy A Tunis, but he might choose Syria instead of Smyrna. Turkey cannot take a chance on moving TA Armonia to Syria, while AF Aegean (S) IA Tunis to Smyrna could cost him a center.

Turkey has a choice to make. RF Rumania and AF Aegean (S) AA Serbia to Bulgaria can be held off by TF Black Sea and TA Constantinople (S) TA Bulgaria. But again, this leaves Smyrna a possible loss. The only bright spot is that Austria must cover Greece with either AA Serbia or AF Aegean, or risk its loss. Italy could move IF Ionian to Greece and block it while going after Smyrna with IF Eastern Mediterranean. However, this not only risks the loss of a build for Austria, but also makes Italy's attacking position worse.

I favor Italy and Austria playing for position in the fall. IF Ionian and IF Eastern Mediterranean (C) IA Tunis to Syria, AA Trieste to Albania, AA Serbia to Greece, and AF Aegean to Greece. Then in the spring, Bulgaria can be hit by three units while Smyrna is being hit by two or vice versa. Turkey is bound to lose a center and AA Albania to Greece as well as the Russian supports assure that he can't take one.

The English position is worse than Turkey's with one more attacker and one less unit. RF Norway and GF Helgoland (S) GF Skagerrak to North Sea will dislodge EF North Sea. Russia could move RF Norway to Norwegian and RF Sweden (S) RA Finland to Norway. This would assure Fall possession of Norway and could set up convoying possibilities. The best convoying possibilities would be to move GF Skagerrak and GF Helgoland (S) RF Norway to North Sea and RA Finland to Norway. If EF North Atlantic moves back to Norwegian to guard that flank and takes it, the French could move to the Irish Sea and menace Liverpool. FF Brest (S) FF Mid-Atlantic to English Channel would set up convoying possibilities unless England moves EF London (S) EF North Sea to English Channel. Again, if France moves elsewhere, England leaves Edinburgh in trouble. I see no worthwhile moves for England.

FF Mid-Atlantic (S) FF Brest to English Channel if it went would allow for FF English Channel (S) FF Mid-Atlantic to Irish Sea and FF Spain(sc) to Mid-Atlantic. This would get France into position sooner, but either EF London (S) EF North Sea to English Channel or EF London to English Channel and EF North Atlantic to Mid-Atlantic could hold it off.

While Turkey and England have the action, watch the sideshows, too. The border between Germany and France could indicate how deeply they are attached to each other. Scandinavia could give an indication on how trusting Germany and Russia are toward each other. The same with respect to Austria and Italy over Trieste and Venice.

INGREDIENTS, FALL 1902

VIENNA (Sept. 11, 1902): with great unrest and unease we view the demise of BRITANIA. Her envoys plead for our aid and we shall answer at once if the attack on her borders are not discontinued immediately.

LONDON (Sept. 24, 1902): Miss Songbird B. Cannon has just been appointed the royal aid to the court of the Dual Monarchy. Miss Cannon blushed crimson at the royal ceremony which Lord MacSpoke convened at her weekly meeting of the PRODIGEN and UTTERLY STRAIGHT SIS-

TERS OF YAHWEH. Miss Cannon accepted after her fellow sisters in PRUDISH and UTTERLY STRAIGHT SISTERS of YAHWEH convinced her she could make a milestone contribution to the cause of justice in Austria!

COW PASTURES (Sept. 24, 1902): Rumor reached here late this evening that after the royal ceremony at Lord LaCupcake's court, Miss Cannon retired to her room and PRUDISHLY and UTTERLY hanged herself. She is said to have murmured before her demise, "Who wants to be an aid in Count LaCupcake's court, anyway?" The world mourns her passing.

LONDON (Oct. 6, 1902): In view of the Russian and German treachery, we have decided to give all our supply centers to France. We don't consider Bircon treacherous because we make it a policy never to believe anything he says anyway!

LONDON TO BERLIN (Oct. 6, 1902): The English government wonders why France and Russia have made a deal to attack Germany and changed their minds at the last minute. It seems obvious that their plan is to wipe out England first and then Germany. This will be easy since they are not giving you any of the spoils, not even Belgium. You are being played for a prize sucker.

TUNIS (Aug. 26, 1902): Generalissimo Baba Yaga and her thousands of sister witches took to the air today as the order came from Her Holiness in Rome that the attack was on! "Death to the Infidel Turkey!" shrieked Generalissimo Yaga as she pecked her mortar into an absolute frenzy of aeromagical energy. "On to Smyrna!" At Baba Yaga's command, 500,000 witches, all mounted on brooms of the finest hazel (witch hazel, of course), soared into the air and sailed east. With them, astride a Hoover vacuum cleaner, was the famous sad reporter, lament Stanton, who promised to shadow the Witch Army regardless of where it went. Only he would take such an assignment. Lament, as everyone who reads his column knows, has the power to cloud men's minds.

BRASILEIRA (Mar. 4, 1972): before you count your infidels, Lucretia, take a look below! (There in next time for the exciting conclusion of the Fall 1902 begradings!)

THE CRUDGE GAME (1971!)

Fall 1902

TRETTICK FOLLS WALKER! PROSNITZ ABDICATES

AUSTRIA: (Jakofka)	<u>A Vie-Bud</u> , <u>A Tri-Bud</u> , <u>A Bud-Ser</u> , <u>A Ser-Gre</u> , <u>F Aeg S Italian</u> <u>A Tun-Say</u>
ENGLAND: (Prosnitz)	<u>F Nat-Nwg</u> , <u>F Nth H</u> , <u>F Lon S F Nth H</u>
FRANCE: (Birson)	<u>F Mid-Iri</u> , <u>F Ire-Eng</u> , <u>A Gas-Bur</u> , <u>A Nur-Pic</u> , <u>A Bel S A Cas-Bur</u> , <u>F Spaisse</u> , Mid
GERMANY: (Key)	<u>F Ska-Nth</u> , <u>F Hol S F Ska-Nth</u> , <u>A Hol-Ruh</u> , <u>A Mun-Ruh</u> , <u>A Dan H</u>
ITALY: (walker)	<u>A Ven H</u> , <u>A Tun-Say</u> , <u>F Ion and F Eas C</u> <u>A Tun-Say</u>
RUSSIA: (Smythe)	<u>F Nwy-Nwg</u> , <u>A Fin-Nwy</u> , <u>F Swe S A Fin-Nwy</u> , <u>A Ukr S A Sev</u> , <u>A Sev S F Rus</u> , <u>F Rum S A Sev</u>
TURKEY: (Trettick)	<u>A Bul H</u> , <u>F Bla S A bul</u> , <u>A Arm-Say</u> , <u>A Con S A Arm-Say</u>

2ND MOVE (Leyerlein): Moves for all seven Great Powers received

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As can be seen from the above moves, the only activity for Winter 1902 is one ball for Lucretia. I therefore called John Smythe and gave him the adjudication results, whereupon he Wilt A War. We are therefore ready for Spring 1903.

Spring 1903 Orders are due not later than noon (9:00 A.M. for phone calls) on Saturday, 10 March 1972.

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