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THE GRUDGE GAME (1971bC)
Fall/Winter 1903

PROENITZ ABDICATES TO BIRSAN AND WHAT'S THIS? A LAKOFKA-TRETICK ALLIANCE?!

AUSTRIA: A Boh-Cal, A Tyr-Vie, A Gre-Ser, A Bul S Turkish A Ank-Rum, F Aeg-Gre. Ows: (Lakofka) ~~Boh~~, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gre, Bul (5).

ENGLAND: F Nwg S F Nth, F Yor S F Nth, F Nth holds. Ows: ~~Yor~~, ~~Nth~~, ~~Nth~~ (0). Cut. (Proenitz)

FRANCE: A Liv-Edi, F Nat-Liv, F Iri-Eng, F Eng-Lon, A Bel holds, A Bur S German A Kie-Mun. Ows: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Por, Spa, Edi, Liv, Lon (9). Build 3. (Birsan)

GERMANY: F Den-Nth, A Kie-Mun, A Sil S A Kie-Mun, A Hol-Kie, F Hel-Hol. Ows: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol (5). (Key)

ITALY: A Tun-Alb, F Ion C A Tun-Alb, A Ven-Tyr, F Eas-Smy. Ows: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun (4). (Walker)

RUSSIA: F Bar-Nwg, F Nwy S F Bar-Nwg, A Swe S F Nwy, A Gal-Bud, A Ukr-Gal, A Rum-Ser (a), F Sev-Rum. Ows: Mos, StP, Sev, War, ~~Gal~~, Swe, Nwy, Bud (7). (Smythe)

TURKEY: A Arm-Sev, A Ank-Rum, F Bla C A Ank-Rum, A Smy holds. Ows: Ank, Con, Smy, ~~Arm~~, Rum (4). (Tretick)

1ST STBY: Moves for all seven Great Powers received. (Beyerlein)

2ND STBY: Moves for all seven Great Powers not received. (Naus)

Due to the lack of much activity for Winter 1903, I talked with Edi Birsan and John Smythe in order to get their builds. Edi built F Bre and A Mar while refusing the third build. John built A Mos for the annihilated A Rum. We are therefore ready for Spring 1904.

Spring 1904 Orders are due not later than noon (9:00 A.M. for phone calls) on Saturday, 15 April 1972. Caveat qui in vicem errat.

Buddy Tretick reports that his address is: PO Box 34046, Bethesda, Md, 20034. This will be effective until at least 12 April 1972. We will announce any subsequent change next time.

Last Minute Begrudging:

PARIS TO LONDON (1 April 1972): Hey Gene, it was me!!

HOOSIERIA (1 April 1972): April Fool's!!!

BEGRUDGINGS
Fall 1903

BUDAPEST (27 July 1903): "Where are these foul 'Cow Pastures'?" screamed Crown Prince Leo LaCupcake. "Find all new-born infants and put them to the sword!" (aside)--"Catchy line, isn't it?" said the Prince to his trusted aid, Cordite B. Bombast. (whispering)--"It's been used already, sire--anyway, it isn't the infants you want to slaughter--this time." "Oh my, my yes, humph!" coughed the bedazzled Prince. (again aside)--"Why the hell am I up here then, Cordite?" "To order the Cow Pastures put to the scythe, sire," exasperated young Bombast in a low sigh. "Quite! Have the Cows put on cyanide!" bellowed Cupcake. "Oh my," shrugged Cordite, "no wonder the fop had to get separate bedrooms. He is always getting things in backwards!"

CRETE (19 August 1903): Failing to land in Smyrna, Generalissimo Gaggy baby--er, Baba Yaga--dropped her 200 megafart (or was that megarant?) John Beshara on Crete. The Passive People of Crete were delighted with the talking, bouncing bag of blubber. They hadn't seen or had (to play with) such a wonderful toy since some American company tested its rely-poly punching bag clowns there, some four years before. "Bored? Oh not at all," said one inhabitant. "We hit it, kick it and dump on it and it just bounces up for more."

BUDAPEST (13 December 1903): Russian hordes entered this fair city to be greeted by the corpses of 10,000 babies and 2,000,000 putrefying cattle. Egad, what a stench! After a good meal, the troops began to run back toward Moscow--for a chaser.

COW PASTURES (1 August 1903): Observers (all the inhabitants--97 cows, 5 people, 8 cats, several mice and a dog) in the hamlet of Cow Pastures today watched as the shanefaced Austrian troops trudged out of the province, dragging their scythes behind them. Chortled one old man as he watched, "Heh, heh, they forgot the most important Campaign Tactic For Use In A Cow Pasture--watch your step!"

PARIS TO ROME (20 September 1903): Can't you do anything right? SYRIA, not Smyrna, dummy! OY VAY!

ROME (12 September 1903): Her Holiness the Pope today announced that She had learned to love Leo LaCupcake after all. "What We cannot understand," opined Pope Joan III, "is what his being married had to do with it. Besides, Larkvoice J.C. LaCupcake isn't a member of the Prudish and Utterly Straight Sisters of Yahveh at all. No; she is a member of the Hapless and Utterly Servile Sisters of Yoni. Whether she loves dear Leo is a matter of conjecture. It is well known that she is under the direct influence of her brother, Lingham P. Cannon."

"Isn't it true," asked Herr Doktor Adolf Eichmann Bohrdsman of the Brooklyn Revolutionary Genocide, "that Lingham Cannon is close to all of the Hapless and Utterly Servile Sisters of Yoni?"

"Yes, that is so," answered Her Holiness. "Lingham Cannon is deeply involved with the sect. It is Our understanding that he is definitely on the inside, there."

TIRANE (30 September 1903): In an unexpected change of tactics, Generalissimo Witch Baba Yaga and her thousands of echorts broomed into the capital of Albania today. For hours the air was filled with the sounds of brooms swishing, and John B. Fop swishing (he replaced Lament Cranston), and pestles being mortared, and Albanians being martyred, and vacuum cleaners swooshing (Lament Cranston was allowed to come after all).

RAVENNA (31 October 1903): The chief pleasure city of the Papal Empire was aglitter with lights and gait today as the birthday of Her Holiness was being celebrated by the usual High Holy Natal Orgy, Egg Roll, and Bingo Banquet. Everybody who was anybody was there. Her Holiness was resplendent in a gauzy, diaphanous, peek-a-boc vesture, a bouffant hairdo heaped casually about the Papal tiara, and glass slippers. John B. Fop was also attired in a gauzy gown and a bouffant hairdo, but the word "resplendent" simply does not apply. The English Ambassador, Col. Sir Sebastian Moran, was attired entirely in black (except for his brown shoes). Count Vlad Dracula, the Austrian Ambassador, created a stir with his grand entrance--frightening some of the ladies by fluttering into their hair, and then popping up, aswirl in his black-and-crimson cape, next to the punch bowl.

A great deal of amusement was had by all when the French Ambassador, Marquis Fleurbaucher deSade, tried to whip John B. Fop, and Fop let him. The Russian Ambassador, Prince-Bishop Grigori Raspyutin, spent most of the evening drinking arsenic cocktails (which Her Holiness mixed especially for him, "just to keep in practice"). More excitement occurred when Boris

K. Frankenstein (the German Ambassador and reputed son of Germany's Minister of Public Health, the Baron von Frankenstein) marched through the Grand Ballroom's great double doors before they had been opened. Getting Boris to dance with some unsuspecting girl (always good for a laugh and several broken bones), a standard amusement at Pope Joan's parties, had to be abandoned, as Boris spent most of the evening plugged into a wall socket.

Her Holiness was talking with the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Fu Manchu, and the American Ambassador, Jay Gould, when Count Leo LaCupcake arrived. Excitement at the gathering reached its peak. Leo had not brought his wife, the luscious Larkvoice Julie Cannon LaCupcake. Instead, hanging on his arm was Wanda Girard Smythe, well-known dancer, recently acclaimed in Vienna for her cultural extravaganzas, "Wanda and Her Wanton Whips" and "Wanda's Knives and Knotted Ropes." Needless to say, no one in the assemblage wished to turn his back on Wanda. Meanwhile, they were also wondering if Larkvoice had.

Another stir was created by the unexpected arrival of Queen Suzanne of Hoosieria, having flown by cropduster all the way from the capital, South Forty, by way of Hoosieria's other main area of urban crowding, Cow Pasture. Queen Suzanne immediately swung through the crowd, accepted Tiparrillos from 17 gentlemen, sipped Bishop Raspyutin's arsenic cocktail, trimmed her nails on one of Wanda Smythe's knives, and allowed her ring to be kissed by Hoosieria's ambassador, the Vietnamese expatriate Kun Tri Bhum Kinh. She then danced the fandango with the Spanish Ambassador, Manuel Obay, and the Gwaltney with the Hernian Chargé, Hroz Jezrl Szczaroczeki. She danced so vigorously, that every time she jumped up and shouted "ZUG!", half of those present feared she would come apart and the other half feared the chandalier would shatter. Finally Queen Suzanne faced Her Holiness the Pope. "You brazen hussy!" the Queen shrieked. "How dare you threaten to tell my secret. You will never get away with it!"

"But my dear," observed Pope Joan, smiling, "there is no need. You have revealed it here, for all to see."

Queen Suzanne bit through the stem of her cocktail glass.

WHAT?? Is the Secret Of Suzanne revealed? What is it? Will Pope Joan tell all???

Will Queen Suzanne get a new cocktail glass? What has happened to Larkvoice Cannon LaCupcake? Does it matter? Will Leo LaCupcake tell? Will anyone listen? The answers to these and other exciting questions may or may not be contained in next season's episode. Tune in next season, same game, same dateline, for the next gasp-laden chapter of...DIPLOMESSY!

SAN DIEGO (22 March 1972): Many of you remember the Diplomacy Widow's Questionnaire which appeared in Hoosier Archives some time back (last November, to be precise). The designatrix of that Questionnaire must be congratulated for her acuity, for seldom have I seen a test so accurate. You may remember that anyone getting less than 25 points was advised to see a divorce lawyer. In late November I gave Bonnie the test, and she scored 11. Two weeks later she saw a divorce lawyer.

LEBANON (31 March 1972): Ahem. Kindly note that the Questionnaire appeared in the world-renowned champion-of-the-rights-of-Diplomacy-Widows zine, Naorg-Olipd, not in Hoosier Archives. We condescended to allow Naorg-Olipd to appear in the same publication as Hoosier Archives.

COW PASTURES (5 November 1903): Larkvoice Julie Cannon LaCupcake today returned from her six months tour of the Far East. Julie giggled, "Oh, I did have fun on that trip. And I'm so glad my stuffy old Leo wasn't around. While there, I joined the Kind And Maudlin Association Striving Hard And Strong To Restore Aphredite. We had at least 64 different meetings while I was there. I was even awarded the honorary title of Ganika for my outstanding contributions to the Association."

"Are you no longer active in the Hapless and Utterly Servile Sisters of Yoni?" asked "Walkie-Talkie" (so called because he sends in his stories over a walkie-talkie he ordered for \$1.98 and one box top from Sugar Pops) Rodley of the fast-going Nowhere Daily Pontification.

"Oh goodness, I never joined that group," exclaimed Julie. "That is my sister, Warbler J. Cannon. People often confuse our names, Juliet and Jennette, especially since we look alike. You know that she is actually my triple sister, but I guess we're just twins now that poor Betsy is gone. (Sob) And it's not Henry's brother who is deeply involved in that group --it's her husband! Brothers aren't allowed in the society of the Hapless and Utterly Servile Sisters of Yoni!"

HOOSIERIA (1 November 1903): Having retired to the privacy of her capital city, South Forty, (very private since no one could stand living there except an old crone who kept the castle dusted and George, the dairy man) to recuperate from her most energetic BUCging of the previous night, Queen Suzanne suddenly announced, "I'm tired of the view from the castle, I'm going to change my capital from the South Forty to the Back Forty. Maybe then I can get some privacy!"

AMKARA (22 October 1903): Turkey observes the World situation... as he notes that Army Liverpool to Yorkshire would be an excellent move covering Liverpool with one of the fleets. Of course, the English would counter with an attempted standoff in at least one of those centers. Ah! well, dear England, I knew him well.

NATIONAL CITY (20 October 1903): Let's clean up those press releases, Conrad. I mean this was a respected journal. And anyway, Peery is Greg Long, Turner is Dygert, and Bailey is Greene. Actually Green was red after that wedding, and... Well, that's enough for any clouded mind, even if it does live in the latrines of National City. ((Conrad?!))

THE GRUDGE GAME (1971BC)

ANALYSIS (Spring 1903): Rick Brooks (R.R. 1, Box 167, Fremont, Indiana 46737; comments are invited.)

I have seldom seen a better set of moves for second guessing. Spring moves are the ones to stick your necks out on and several players are undoubtedly rubbing theirs apprehensively. Most fascinating is AA Vienna moving to menace Munich while GA Munich moves to menace Warsaw and RA Warsaw drops down to Vienna with Budapest as a bonus.

Russia took a chance (?) that Turkey would leave him alone and went all out for position against Austria. His moves do present him with an embarrassment of riches. RA Galicia can try for Vienna or Budapest while RA Rumania can try for Budapest or Serbia. Austria can move AA Bohemia to Vienna, AA Tyrolia to Trieste, AA Greece to Serbia, and AF Aegean (S) AA Bulgaria. Since RA Rumania isn't too likely to support TF Black Sea (or convoy of TA Armenia) to Bulgaria or the reverse, Austria can move AF Aegean to Greece if he is worried about Italy. Since he has gained Bulgaria, this should leave him even on centers.

Italy going for Smyrna twice in a row, the second time without support, looks like bad moving. But Turkey has had no trouble blocking his strokes and Italy could be stalling. If Turkey had moved TA Constantinople (S) TA Armenia to Smyrna, he would have two units to hit Bulgaria with. IF East Med. to Aegean and IF Ionian (C) A Tunis to Greece would assure that Turkey could retake Bulgaria. Since Turkey chose to play for the sure retention of Smyrna, I would say that there is no agreement between them.

Russia is another matter. He and Italy could take out Austria, then Turkey. Italy would then do better to convoy IA Tunis to Albania. Russia could move RA Galicia to Vienna, RA Rumania to Budapest and RF Sevastopol (S) RA Ukraina to Rumania. GA Silesia will probably not add another enemy by hitting Warsaw. AA Bohemia is almost certain to drop back and cover Vienna. AA Tyrolia to Trieste, if IA Venice doesn't interfere, will give Austria another army to hit Budapest with in the spring. However, if France would support AA Tyrolia to Munich (which would weaken a power on his flank and help another power that has little chance of hurting him), then GA Kiel (S) GA Silesia would be necessary to hold it. Thus, Austria, if successful, would get an AA Trieste to menace RA Budapest if Italy left him alone. It might be worth the risk.

Turkey has been granted a reprieve. TA Armenia (S) TA Smyrna and TA Ankara (S) TF Black Sea to Constantinople will assure that he will hold three centers even without Russia moving on Austria. But Turkey will be in a poor position to expand if Italy keeps the pressure on him.

Russia has not moved as well in the north. Dropping RF Norway back to Barents has allowed the English to take the Norwegian. However, without GF Helgoland hitting the North Sea, England had the Norwegian. Moving RF Sweden to Norway does leave Russia's intentions toward Germany clear, although it may be a bit late. Still, with Germany dependent on Russia to pressure Austria into falling back, and Russia in a lousy position to hit Germany, I expect to see them patch things up.

I rather envy England. He stands little chance of doing anything in this game. but he

has assured that the player of his choice gets all his centers. I've tried that in several games, but never got it to come off. If England does not interfere, FA Liverpool to Edinburgh, FF Irish to Liverpool and FF English Channel to London (thoughtfully just left open) will gain France all English centers.

France is in a very good position. The distrust for each other of the other players could prevent effecton opposition from materializing. By opening cautiously, France has been able to concentrate his forces where they will do the most good. Now he can probably gain three centers next time. In building he could "save" one for next winter by not building in Marseilles. Since Italy is not in position to bother him, he could start on Germany and hold the line against Russia in the north. He could hold in the north and go after Italy, but that would risk spreading himself too thin.

France has the option of moving FF North Atlantic (S) EF Norwegian and FF English Channel (along with EF Yorkshire) (S) EF North Sea, assuring that Russia and Germany cannot take either the North Sea or Norwegian Sea. He could still take Edinburgh and Liverpool. FA Belgium (S) FA Burgundy to Ruhr along with builds of FA Paris and FA Marseilles would leave France in excellent position to fight in the north.

Russia has the difficult decision of what to do with Germany. Germany is almost certain to leave Russia alone, but without active Russian help, Germany will not present much of a buffer against French expansion. Then, after the fall of England and Germany, France would be in the best position to go after Russia. Besides, Rod Walker doesn't mind playing for second. It would be a fascinating game if we never saw a unit in North Africa, Western Mediterranean, Lyon, Piedmont or the Tyrrhenian Sea. But don't hold your breath.

INTO THE ARCHIVES NO. 28

After his brilliant article on one-to-one FTF play (see Hoosier Archives #42), it is indeed a pleasure to welcome Steve Nozik back. I am especially glad to see the present article since Austria is my favorite underdog. What Steve says seems to give Austria hope in postal games as well as FTF games. It will interesting to see if Steve's theory will improve the chances of that hapless empire of the Hapsburgs.

WHY TURKEY? by Steve Nozik

As a veteran face-to-face Diplomacy player, I've noticed a bit of a discrepancy between the Eastern alliance structure in postal games and my FTF local games.

In postal games, Turkey is a highly favorable country which often wins and is usually near the top of a player's preference list, while Austria is regarded as the hardest country to play, and the country which is eliminated more than any other country (See EREWON #63, p. 6).

Exactly the opposite is true in my FTF group. After a short period of high Turkish placings and wins, Turkey is now virtually always condemned to seventh place and is generally considered to be the worst country because of its limited diplomatic potential. With the introduction of the "Lepanto Opening" a few months ago, it seems Turkey may even fall farther down the list (though it can't go much farther).

It puzzles me as to why there should be such a wide discrepancy. The key, it seems, lies with the country Russia.

At the beginning of the game, Russia is placed in a position very similar to England's diplomatically. That is, there are two countries bordering on it which each require its services to overcome the other country. In this case, Austria and Turkey both compete for Russia, just as France and Germany usually compete for England. It is rare that you see an Austro/Turkish alliance. It seems fairly obvious that if Turkey succeeds in getting Russia as an ally, it is quite certain that Austria will be eliminated. The reverse is also true. Should Austria gain Russia as an ally, Turkey will probably be eliminated. This is where the basic discrepancy lies: Russia, in postal games tends to pick Turkey as an ally far more than Austria, while in my FTF group, Russia rarely picks Turkey and quite frequently picks Austria.

After reviewing the differences carefully, I have come to the conclusion that we are right and the postal world is wrong. (In regard to which alliance would make the best one.)

There are several reasons why I say this. First, a Russo/Austrian alliance has about the same potential as a Russo/Turkish alliance. There is really no appreciable difference, both can stay allied throughout the entire game and both alliances divide the board in the same way. Second, of the two countries, Austria and Turkey, Turkey is the much greater potential danger to Russia due to its corner board position, which makes it virtually the best defensive country. Third, should a squabble develop between allies, it would be virtually impossible for Russia to attack Turkey (assuming Austria is already eliminated); however, Austria, due to its center of the board position, can be attacked by Italy and Germany, or later in the game, France or England, thus providing a natural insurance to Russia in the event things do not go as planned.

The usual formula for a Russo/Austrian alliance is for both to attack Turkey, with Russia getting all of Turkey and Austria getting all of the Balkans, including Rumania, which is usually traded by Russia for the last Turkish supply center. Both then demilitarize the entire area and go off on their separate ways, with Austria attacking Italy, and Russia going against Germany and points north. This formula usually ends in a Russian and occasionally an Austrian victory, provided everything goes right. Thus, I rest my case.

I accept the fact that my logic may be flawed, or I may have overlooked something important. I would like to hear from someone with the opposite point of view. Would anyone care to enlighten me? (If so, write Steve at: 356 Kimberly Drive, Rochester, New York 14610.)

GRI PRESENTS

The following potential players have written in response to the new GRI flyer and asked that their names be passed on to Gamesmasters with game openings.

- John Atell, 10811 Ocean Drive, Culver City, Calif. 90230
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- James A.M. Ritchie, box 878, Killarney, Manitoba, Canada R0K 1G0
- Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell E. Bailey, 3944 Vantage Avenue, Studio City, Calif. 91604
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- Richard Torson, SND521967, Barracks 439, Room 108, Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Fla. 33040

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRD CLASS RATES: I would like to apologize to any of you out there that may have gotten any Hoosier Archives "postage due" in the last couple of weeks. I just discovered a few days ago that the U. S. Postal Service raised their rates on March 11th and they gave this event so little publicity that yours truly only found out by reading about it in the latest Graustark, would you believe?! Anyway, although many places don't seem to collect for "postage due" mail, if you get mailed, please let me know and I will reimburse you in my next mailing. Incidentally, this little episode taught me something. I had the post office mail me some information on their rates and included in the mailing was a little gem entitled "Domestic Postage Rates, Fees Information." I recommend this to all of you. What with mailing out over 100 pieces of mail a week, I thought I was pretty well up on postal information, but I even learned a few things. Get it. I predict it will be economically worth your while.

DIPCON V: DipCon V will be held at the Sherman House on Clark and Randolph in Chicago, July 22 and 23, 1972. Diplomacy fans will be treated to a 49-player Dippy Tourney, OWWII Tourney, seminar for beginners on the Strategy and Tactics of the game, a general business meeting at 9 PM Saturday, and the Presentation Dinner and speech by Allan Calhauer, plus all the Wargaming you could possibly want! A special itinerary is being planned especially for the ladies, too. For more information, contact Len Lakofka, 1806 N. Richmond St., Chicago, Illinois 60647.

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