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THE GRUDGE GAME (1971BC)  
Spring 1904

A DOUBLE REVERSE WHAMMIE AS WALKER MAKES SMYRNA AT LAST!

AUSTRIA: A Boh-Gal, A Vie-Bud, A Gre-Ser, A Bul S Russian A Bud-Rum, F Aeg S Italian  
(Lakofka) A Alb-Smy

FRANCE: F Liv-Cly, A Edi S F Liv-Cly, F Lon-Nth, F Eng S F Lon-Nth, A Bel S A Bur,  
(Birsan) A Bur S A Bel, F Bre-Mid, A Mar-Pie

GERMANY: F Den S French F Eng-Nth, F Hol-Hel, A Kie-Hel, A Sil-Boh, A Mun S A Sil-Boh  
(Key)

ITALY: A Alb-Smy, F Ion S A Alb-Smy, F Eas S A Alb-Smy, A Tyr (h)  
(Walker)

RUSSIA: F Nwg and F Nwy S German F Den-Nth, A Fin S F Nwy (nsu), A Swe (h), A Mos S  
(Smythe) F Sev, A Bud-Rum, A Ukr S A Bud-Rum, F Sev S A Bud-Rum

TURKEY: A Rum-Bud (a), A Arm-Rum, F Bla C A Arm-Rum, A Smy H /x/ (Con, Ank, Syr, d)  
(Tretick)

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

2ND STBY (Naus): Moves for all seven Great Powers received.

Fall 1904 Orders are due not later than noon (9:00 A.M. for phone calls) on Saturday, 29 April 1972. Submit orders conditional on the direction of the Turkish retreat.

Last Minute Begrudging: ALBANIA (11 March 1904): Imperial Sorceress, Generalissimo Baba Yaga, ranned her knees between her legs and screamed at the top of her lungs! An hour later, she decided to fly the thing on her final raid on Smyrna. "Have to keep in shape," she was heard to exclaim as a fellow witch inquired about her ear-bursting yell an hour before. (17 May 1904): Bedraggled and haggard, the scythe brigade returned from the pastures. "First we kill a lot of babies, then poison the cattle, now that jerk has us cutting down the grass-- what next?" a yeoman was heard to say. (19 May 1904): Crown Prince Leo laCupcake divorced his wife, the prudish Larkvoice J. Cannon, after his newest flame, Pope Joan, excommunicated her on some wild pretext. Miss Cannon was relatively unaffected by the news save for the wild shriek of ecstasy heard for ten miles from the castle. How out of form for Miss Cannon! One would think she were schizophrenic.... (20 May 1904): The wedding of Pope Joan and Crown Prince Leo was a sight to behold. The weak fainted dead away at the thought of it and the strong were struck dumb with terror upon seeing the ceremony! Crown Prince Leo was dressed in his favorite long black bat-wing cape with the blood-red lining, his Texas spurs, knee-length black boots, and a 16' Mexican bull whip. Pope Joan was bedecked in her dark brown, floor-length leather toga, shark tooth tiara and chain mail vestment. The audience for this Black Mass was indescribable. All in all, an event to miss!

BEGRUDGINGS

BUDAPEST (3 Jan 1904): Returning from Her Holiness' two-month orgy, the limping Count Leo LaCupcake burst into the royal chamber...."Egad....," gasped the bedeviled Count. Czar Vladimar deSmythe...retorted....Turning white with amazement, red with rage, and blue with bluster, the Count looked like a Betsy Ross reject. "Swine," he retorted and slew the Czar with Wand Snythe's sharpest knife! (Wonder how he got that?) "So,...Larkvoice? I told...me! Back to the Cow Pastures...!"

COW PASTURES (3 Jan 1904): We regret that we are currently experiencing transmission difficulties. Please standby.....We now return you to the regularly scheduled transmission.

EDDburgh (4 April 1904): Deep within the clenched walls of a Norran castle, the displaced soul of a warrior out of time graces an empty cell with his thoughts:

To see or not to see, that is the problem  
Whether it is nobler in the civic to suffer  
The modes and moods of outrageous usurpation  
Or to take therapy against a sea of troubles  
And by adjusting to join them--to rationalize  
No more--and by a rationalization to over-ride  
The heartache and the thousand natural shocks  
That liberty is heir to! 'Tis an avoidance  
Devoutly to be denied. To ignore, to rationalize--  
To rationalize--perchance to blind, ay, there's the catch  
For in that blindness to reality what horrors may be encouraged  
When we have removed our awareness and politic;  
Such must hold us fast. There's the aspect  
That makes calamity of such usurpation  
For who would risk the whips and jails of revolt  
The oppressor's wrong, the chauvanist's dreams,  
The pain of imperialism, the laws delay  
The insolence of office and the power  
That the unworthy of respect do take  
When he himself his peace could attain  
With a bared libido? Who would barricades bear  
To chant and shout in a weary march  
But the fear of something beyond idle blindness,  
The discovered land from whose hell  
Germany has only returned, encourages the will.  
And makes us rather oppose those ills we have  
Than to fly to others that we know of.  
Thus reason does make heroes of us all  
And the highlight of opposition  
Is enhanced by the depth of our thoughts  
And undertakings of great facism and radicalism  
With this in opposition are currently turned away  
And lose the name of revolution--behold the young,  
The fair citizen--sun to our horizons

Be all your activity remembered.

BARAD FELTON (to Cow Pastures of 5 Nov 1903): Touche, my dear.

RAVENNA (25 December 1903): Excitement at the Sin City of Central Europe reached new heights today at the opening of the 12-day First Annual High Holy Xmas Orgy, Diplomacy Tournament, and Fish Fry, under the personal (one might even say "intimate") supervision of Her Holiness, Pope Joan III. On the opening day, the Pope's vestments had been retailored to be kintight and were in brilliant swirling striped of red and white, making Her Holiness look like a huge delicious stick of peppermint candy. We won't even tell you what every man at the affair asked Her Holiness, at one time or another. Her Holiness chose not to wear the Papal Tiara, but it was nonetheless very much in evidence, having been cleverly put to use as a nut bowl.

The high point of the day was a moving pageant, A Demonstration of Christian Love, put on

conjointly by Prudish and Utterly Straight Sisters of Yahveh, the Hapless and Utterly Sex-ville Sisters of Yoni, the Kind And Maudlin Association Striving Hard And Strong To Restore Aphrodite, and the Guys Reviving the Old Same Stuff. Reviews of the pageant were mixed. "Wild!"--D. O. Mann in the Novi Sodom Leer. "The Cannon sisters were definitely the stars of the show."--Letch Feely in Variety. "Disgusting. All those women!"--John B. Fop in Worshipful Arab 'Zine of Incredible Raunchiness.

At about the time of the fish fry, King Gauthier and Queen Suzanne of Hoosieria showed up. His Majesty, with a wild look in his eye, quickly vanished into the Papal Library, Ravenna Annex, to see if he could find more information on the rumored "First Diplomacy Game" of 29 A.D. Her Majesty attracted a good deal of attention in her Mammy Yekua outfit (complete with corn cob pipe, of course). Pope Joan instantly greeted her...um, interesting guest. "Welcome to Our little affair. Why, my dear, you have no idea how that gown flatters you! You must have searched both the dress shops in Hoosieria diligently to come up with that... that.... that.... ."

"The dress shop," put in Her Majesty. The other one closed in 1872. The other is still operating on back stock it bought when the first one closed."

"So we see. Well, my dear, are you ready for us to reveal your secret?!"

HORRORS! Is the Pope really going to tell all? Just what is the dread Secret of Suzanne? Anyone who guesses the Secret correctly will receive a prize! Really!! Certain people are ineligible and they know who they are. Anyway, the answer to these questions, and others you could also care less about, will be in the next installment of...DIPLOMESSY!

(Guesses on the Secret may be sent to Rod Walker, 4719 Felton St., San Diego, Cal. 92116.)

HOOSIERIA (25 December 1903): One could say that the Papal Tiara was not really being put to a new use at all as a nut bowl at the First Annual High Holy Xmas Orgy, Diplomacy Tournament, and Fish Fry, but rather was simply being extended in its normal function of encircling a nut by including more varieties within its golden boundaries.

BACK FORTY (28 December 1903): In a glowing account of Her Majesty's appearance at the Papal Fish Fry, Hoosieria's rag sheet, The Hoosier Archaic, revealed in an exclusive interview with Queen Suzanne the source of her corn cob pipe. "That corn cob pipe was handed down to me from my great-great-grandmother, Queen Mahala. She certainly loved that old pipe. She even carved her initials on it--see, "M.A." Would you like to see my snuff box? It was handed down to me, too, but it originally belonged to my great-great-great-grandmother, Queen Cassandra. She took snuff, but great-great-grandmother Mahala didn't indulge. Neither do I. My great-great-grandmother gave the snuff box to my grandmother, who was her oldest granddaughter, and she, in turn, passed it on to me since I was her oldest granddaughter. It's well nigh on to 140 years old. And I'll tell you a secret about Pope Joan, if you promise not to tell anyone--she even asked me if she could use some of the snuff out of the box. 'Course I had to be polite and let her use some, since she's the Pope and all, but I didn't dare tell her the snuff was 140 years old! She has a bad temper, you know, but I watched her and it didn't seem to affect her none. She acted just as though she was used to the stuff!"

MOSCOW (12 April 1904): The Russian Empire placed its "political neck" on the line in an effort to aid a beleaguered neighbor. The "neighbor" promptly grabbed his little ax and chopped the "neck." As he chopped, the "neighbor" giggled, "Oh! lookie, what a big boy I am!" (The little curr.) Needless to say, the "neighbor" will never be given a second opportunity.

BUDAPEST (13 April 1904): After savoring the fleshpots of this most ancient town, the Russians are straggling out of town. It seems that they are in a bit of a hurry because of the "social problems" acquired by the troops after only two weeks on the town. Rumors have it that nearly 70% of the Russians are unfit for duty because of the "problem."

ST. PETERSBURG (14 April 1904): Well, it seems that the English were sincere when their government's spokesman stated that England would take its marble home and refuse to play if the other nations did not play by England's rules. Sigh, the English, picking up what is left of their marbles, left in a huff.

RUMANIA (5 April 1904): Foul lies are told and have been told in such a way as to make bitter enemies ally against a liar. Now, we look to Germany to see if there be another form of liar there.

CONSTANTINOPIE (8 April 1904): What form of disgust caused Gene Prosnitz to quit the game. Shucks, throw the game is a better terminology. Now, Edi, you will have the play of the field. Certainly Jeff Key will have to bring some power to bear against you.

UPPER DEIZURA VALLEY (10 April 1904): Fuddle, Fiddle, what do you mean, Sir Rodney?, clean up the press releases, I rather thought it was clean as it was, a little silly. And now we get to the age old Question, who is pulling the strings for that bread in France? Is Smythe a reincarnation of James MacKenzie? Is Jeff Key a real Texan? Or is he the surname of Buddy Tretick who is in reality James Sanders? Are there really Rattlesnakes in Rattlesnake Hills? And what pray tell me is a Len Lakofka? And what is the smallest History book on record,--a book on Polish war heroes, and that the Fiddle did diddle and the Great God of Diplomacy Sir Rodney C. Beshara did diddle and boy did he diddle, which in its self is a great feat considering how far he must bend over to diddle.

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

This fall features a nice move set by Lakofka and Tretick as well as Prosnitz going down with all flags flying. Poor trusting Smythe wasn't expecting Tretick to hit him after John had been thoughtful enough to hit Austria and take some of the pressure off him. Hindsight is much better than foresight. If Russia had moved RA Galicia to Vienna, RA Rumania to Budapest, and RA Ukraina (S) RF Sevastopol to Rumania, he would have held Galicia and Rumania, but at the risk of losing Sevastopol. A Turkish army in Sevastopol along with no Russian build would have been poison. But Russia did risk losing Sevastopol anyway.

Turkey could have taken Sevastopol, but an army in Rumania can prove more immediate use to the alliance. With TA Rumania, TF Black Sea and TA Armenia, Sevastopol can be hit with three units. Russia's build of RA Moscow assures that he can hold Sevastopol by moving RA Moscow and RA Ukraina (S) RF Sevastopol. RA Budapest is in a bind. RF Sevastopol and RA Ukraina (S) RA Budapest to Rumania could be blocked by TF Black Sea (S) TA Rumania and TA Armenia to Sevastopol. This does risk losing Rumania to Sevastopol unless AA Vienna hits Budapest. But if Turkey moves TF Black Sea and TA Armenia (S) TA Rumania to Sevastopol, he not only gets a trade, but he wipes out Russia's southern fleet while Austria can take both Galicia and Budapest.

AA Vienna (S) AA Bohemia to Galicia would assure that RA Ukraina couldn't support RA Budapest to Galicia. AA Greece to Serbia along with the above would assure that either Serbia or Galicia would be taken while AA Bulgaria and TF Black Sea could support TA Rumania. AA Bulgaria (S) AA Greece to Serbia would assure that Austria would take Serbia. TF Black Sea (S) TA Rumania and TF Armenia to Sevastopol would hold Rumania unless Russia moved RA Ukraina and RA Budapest (S) RF Sevastopol to Rumania. Then TA Rumania would be wiped out. However, RF Rumania could only be supported by RA Budapest and RA Ukraina (Sevastopol probably being a standoff) while it could be hit by TF Black Sea, AA Bulgaria, AA Serbia, and AA Galicia. AA Vienna could hit Budapest while TA Armenia was conveyed and supported into Rumania. AA Serbia (S) AA Vienna to Budapest would be sure to go and Turkey could take Rumania by moving TA Armenia to Sevastopol and AA Bulgaria and AA Galicia (S) TF Black Sea to Rumania. Putting one of the Austrian armies into Rumania would give better position, but leave Turkey without a build.

There is the question of Italy. The convoy of IA Tunis to Albania does look hostile. Combines with IA Venice to Tyrolia, it could be quite different. If IA Venice had moved to Trieste, Venice would be left open. IA Venice to Tyrolia covers their flank from Germany, and IA Tyrolia to Trieste along with IA Albania to Trieste will keep out RA Budapest. But will Italy help Austria while still trying to take a supply center from Austria's ally?

The French builds along with FA Burgundy (S) GA Kiel to Munich are confusing, perhaps deliberately so. France has carefully saved up a build so that he is sure of getting one next winter. With Russia, Austria, Turkey, and Italy all tangled together, it hardly looks like he needs to. Of course, Russia has three units in the north, but he and Germany haven't been working together too well lately.

A build of FA Marseilles seems to be aimed at Italy. However, builds of FF Marseilles and FA Paris could move FF Marseilles to Lyon, FA Burgundy to Marseilles, and FA Belgium (S) FA Paris to Burgundy in the spring to be followed either by FF Lyon (S) FA Marseilles to Piedmont or by FF Lyon to Tyrrhenian instead. FA Marseilles can be blocked by a suspicious Italy moving IA Tyrolia to Piedmont. So FA Marseilles cannot be sure of troubling Italy, nor does he appear to need to consider blocking Italy in the present situation.

FF Brest is almost surely aimed north. FA Belgium to Holland, FF London (S) FF English Channel to North Sea, FF Liverpool to North Atlantic, and FF Brest to Mid-Atlantic will block the North Sea unless RF Norwegian, RF Norway, and GF Denmark get together on it. In this case, France would have the North Atlantic. A move of FF Brest to Mid-Atlantic would allow moving to the North Atlantic on the next move. RF Norwegian to Clyde and RF Norway to Norwegian would put two units on Edinburgh, but France would take either Holland or the North Sea. Then Edinburgh could be held by FF North Atlantic to Clyde and FF North Sea to Norwegian. This would risk the loss of Liverpool, so it might be better to go after Holland or Helgoland.

Russia probably has enough trouble in the south without bothering France. France may be playing the game of wait-and-see as he did at the start. In his place, I'd be going all out for Germany before the other four powers get things settled.

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INTO THE ARCHIVES NO. 30

In Hoosier Archives #66, Steve Nozik authored an article entitled "Why Turkey?" to explain why he thought it was better for Russia to ally with Austria vice Turkey. At the end of the article, he asked for anyone to prove him wrong. Our Grudge Game analyst, Rick Brooks, attempts this below. Care for a rebuttal, Steve?

WHY NOT TURKEY?  
by Rick Brooks

My favorite country is Russia and I make no bones of the fact that I prefer a Turkish alliance. I drew and won my first two games with Russia on a long-term Turkish alliance. I'm currently playing Russia in four games. In one, I have a long-term alliance with Turkey. In two others, I had one. Only in the fourth did I avoid even trying for one, and that was due to previous experience with the other player's style of play.

There are several reasons why I prefer this alliance. First, the Black Sea makes a better defensive area than the land area between Austria and Russia.

Second is the matter of momentum. While Austria and Russia are mopping up Turkey, their "backs" are to the rest of the powers. After the fall of Turkey, both must turn their forces and bring them back across their territory to attack unless one attacks the other. In contrast, when Russia and Turkey have mopped up Austria, both are aimed out and toward the rest of the board. It is much more sensible for Turkey to go after Italy as they have probably already locked horns over Trieste.

Third, Turkey and Russia can much more easily form the classic "elephant and whale" alliance than can Austria and Russia. Turkey has three centers to build fleets in to Austria's one. Turkey can also afford to build almost all fleets due to his excellent defensive position while Austria must build armies in case Italy and/or Germany (or even Russia) prove troublesome. Turkey also probably will only have Serbia as the only landlocked center to worry about, as the rest can be supported by fleets. With mainly fleets, Turkey cannot attack Russia very well and is almost compelled to enter the Mediterranean for expansion.

Fourth, a fast drive through Austria usually has Russia and Turkey ready to move on before France, England, and Germany have quite settled their differences. While Turkey has a much better defensive position than Russia, he is between Italy and Russia where Italy may be looking for an alliance as Italy is most usually odd man out.

As Russia, I prefer to get both Turkey and Italy after Austria. This gets Austria out of the way faster and also has Italy in position to help me if Turkey doesn't fleet up or do other naughty things.

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