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THE GRUDGE GAME (1971BC)  
Fall/Winter 1904

MARY ANN KEY'S BEST FRIEND'S KNIFE ARM COVERED WITH BLOOD!  
NEW SULTAN IN TURKEY HOLDS THE LINE AGAINST INCREDIBLE ODDS!

- AUSTRIA: A Gal-Vie, A Bud-Vie, A Ser-Bud, F Aeg-Con, A Bul S F Aeg-Con. Owns: Tri, (Lakofka) Vie, Gre, Ser, Bul, Bud (6). Builds A Vie.
- FRANCE: A Edi-Hol, F Nth C A Edi-Hol, A Bel S A Edi-Hol, F Cly-Edi, F Eng S F Nth, (Birsan) A Bur-Mun, A Pie-Tyr, F Mid-Wes. Owns: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Edi, Liv, Lon, Bel, Hol, Mun (11). Builds F Bre, A Par, A Mar.
- GERMANY: F Den-Bal, F Hel-Den, A Hol-Bel /r/ (Kie, Ruh, d), A Mun-Sil, A Boh-Gal. (Key) Owns: Ber, Kie, Den, ~~Nap~~, ~~Par~~ (3). Removes A Kie/Ruh, F Bal.
- ITALY: A Smy S Austrian A Bul-Con (nso), F Eas S A Smy, A Tyr-Ven, F Ion-Tyr. (Walker) Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Smy (5). Builds A Rom.
- RUSSIA: F Nwg S F Nwy, F Nwy S F Nwg, A Swe S A Nwy, A Mos-War, A Ukr S F Sev, (Smythe) A Rum S Austrian A Bul, F Sev (h). Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Nwy, Swe, ~~Nap~~, Rum (7). Constant.
- TURKEY: (Su04: A Smy R Con); A Cen H, F Bla S A Con, A Arn-Smy. Owns: Ank, Con, (Beyerlein) ~~Smy~~, ~~Nap~~ (2). Removes A Con.
- 1ST STBY (Naus): Moves for all Great Powers received.
- 2ND STBY (Eller): Moves for all Great Powers received.

An explanation on the above is in order. Due to my law finals, I was very pressed for time and so the above moves went out to the players on schedule although in special one-page interim issues, Hoosier Archives #69½ and 70½. These issues are not part of any subscription or trade but are available to collectors at 10¢ apiece.

During this interim period an important event took place. Buddy Tretick, the Turkish player, failed to send in both the Fall and Winter 1904 moves in spite of repeated attempts to contact him and he was therefore replaced by the first standby, Doug Beyerlein. Hal Naus therefore moved up to the first standby slot and we were very fortunate to get Tom Eller to take over the vacated second standby position. His introduction appears below.

The press releases for this interim period appear with this issue as well as Rick Brooks' regularly scheduled analysis. The Spring 1905 will appear as normal in Hoosier Archives #72. Also, for the record, although it was obvious from context, in the moves published for Italy in Spring 1904, the "S" should have been a "C".

Second Standby: Tom Miller, 29 Winthrop St., Charlestown, Mass. 02129. Tom is amply qualified for this position, being one of the most rapidly ascending stars on the Diplomacy scene today. He just won his fifth game which makes him a "Diplomacy Ace" as well as placing him among the top ten of all-time winners on the latest Calhamer Point Count Rating List. In addition, he places second on the latest ODD Rating List and places on the top board of the latest Brodningnag Rating List and Averaged Numeror Rating System. Need we also mention that he is among the top ten in both the latest Beyerlein Player Poll and the Archives Publishers Poll?!

REGRUDGINGS  
Fall/Winter 1904

ROME VIA BUDAPEST (23 December 1904): Pope Joan III was aghast when she heard that the College of Cardinals decided she was unfit to wear the "nut holding" tiara or carry the Royal Scepter! (She kept doing obscene things with it in public, anyway.) They decided that she must abdicate in favor of her husband, King Leo I of Austria who acceded to the throne earlier that month when he father, Leo VII died a natural death at the age of 69 (if being found in a vat of nitric acid may be called natural). "I will not abdicate," she screamed--for seven days while wearing out eleven of the dungeon's most capable torturers! Finally on December 30, 1904, she was heard to say "anything" seconds before she was drawn and quartered. The pieces were fed to four packs of hungry wolves, who promptly died. "She was a bad woman to the end," sighed Pope Leo I, her former husband, with a tear in his eye. His first act was to excommunicate all the former Leos so that He was truly the FIRST. Pope Leo, King of Austria, Lord Protector of Constantinople and Leige Lord of Greece, then retired to prepare for the New Year's Eve orgy the next day.

EDInburgh (28 December 1904): To Friends and Foes

If Ye do lie  
'Tween victory and I  
On Diplo's troubled Sea,  
Rest in Peace and Harmony  
If in past, t'were I al'ied.

But had ye rippled  
Water's gone by  
With distrust and trickery  
Then to thy back is sent  
With most deadly intent  
Armies and fleets for victory.

Were no tricks parried  
By me from humbled thee  
Through this game's treachery,  
Then n'er a stab nor cross  
Will catch you for a loss  
In this game's history.

So be wary friend  
And wary foe  
For what in past thoust sow  
Shall in future vengeance grow.

BERLIN (30 December 1904): With all bands bravely playing "Fatherland, Der Fatherland" the Kaiser is reportedly touring Germany looking for a handbasket.

HITT AL-GUSHER (12 al-Muharram 1322): As practically no one knows, Hitt al-Gusher is one of the numerous islands in the Persian Gulf. It has long been under the rule of the lanu-Penuri, or the Povertid Dynasty, founded by Batrak ibn-Bednyak the Abject in the middle of the 15th Century. For centuries the population of the island made a hand-to-mouth existence by picking up anything they could find and eating it. They also made pin money by selling pins stolen from shipwrecked sailors. The main industry of Hitt al-Gusher was the cultivation and harvesting of lint. The was sold in quantity for use by belly dancers, laundries, and ski lodges.

In the year 1896, in the reign of Emir abu-Ishaq Shadrak Makk-ad-din-b'illah ibn-Meshak ibn-Serednyak ibn Bednyak ibn-Batrak ibn-Matrak (etc.) the Impecunious, there came a great change. Oil was discovered. Everyone in the island instantly became filthy rich (they were all standing around the drilling platform when the well came in). Emir Shadrak died that same year, of shock upon receipt of his first royalty check from the East Central Near East Oil Company. He was succeeded by his son, Emir Batrak III. In 1897 Emir Batrak changed his name and title to Sultan Kulak the First or, in full, abu-Muhammad al-Kulak al-Hajji Nuri-ad-din-b'illah al-Mansur ibn-Shadrak ibn-Meshak ibn-Serednyak (etc.).

Sultan Kulak converted his island into a paradise. The capital, al-Shabli, was completely rehabilitated. The entire island was air-conditioned. Gardenias and jasmine were planted everywhere. Indoor plumbing was installed in every building, including the outhouses,

in every tent, and in most of the large bushes. The University of Al-Shambiz opened its doors in 1899, and in 1902 recruited its first student. Progress was everywhere.

In 1903, Sultan Kulak I opened the most lavish gambling establishment anywhere outside the Monte Carlo: the Golden Tent. The place was so plush that the indoor plumbing used gold pipes and platinum fixtures. Already the gambling elite of Europe, Asia, and Africa are making their way to Hittal-Gusher in order to Hitt al-Jackpot.

HITT AL-GUSHER (26 Sha'tan 1322): In case you wonder, 1322 H.E. is equivalent, roughly, to 1904 A.D. The jaded gambling elite of 3 continents swirl in and out of al-Shambiz and the Golden Tent in ever-increasing numbers. The latest craze is of course the Great European War, now completing the fourth year. Even now, Chief Croupier Ambrando Honj (an Old Believer with an incredible beard) is posting the odds on the contestants:

FRANCE: 3-2.

"Mais, oui!" shouts Mme. Edie Birsane, the French Ambassatrix. Her Excellency has been betting heavily on her country to beat its rivals, and has already collected a great sum upon the collapse of England.

AUSTRIA: 3-1.

There is visible disappointment on the face of Baron Leonardo von Karika, the Austrian Ambassador, who has been bragging that his country's stellar victories in the Balkans, and the liberation of Budapest, would put their chances well ahead of France's.

RUSSIA: 11-2.

Ivan Shmidze, an Armenian by birth and now the Russian Imperial Ambassador, scowled deeply. "The burning of the decadent slum of Budapest proves the armies of the Tsar far superior to the rabble of Vienna. How can you rate a country led by the likes of Leo LaCupcake anywhere but last? That miserable conglomeration's chances are 1000-1. The East is White!!"

ITALY: 6-1.

The Italian Ambassador, Ruggiero Zucchini, Contino di Baradfelton, smiled. "That's the best we've gotten anywhere. Do you know we can't even get insurance with Lloyd's?"

"Naturellement," said Edie Birsane, coyly fanning herself. "We burned them out." Zucchini gasped. "You mean...?" "Oui, mon cher. They had no fire insurance."

GERMANY: 27-2.

The ear-splitting screech you have just heard was from the Germany Ambassador, the Graf von Warren, cousin to the Kaiser. "Vat??? Vat iss dis? Haff ve no defeated der Englische schwein? Haff ve not liberated Prag from der decadent Oesterreicher schweinhund untermensch Kaiser who hangs aroundt in his muttonchop viskers and lets that dumkopf LaCupbcage run things? Ja, ve will vin ofer sudch tom-foolery!"

TURKEY: 259-3.

There was no reaction from the Turkish Ambassador, Kemal Pasha Atatreturk. Rumor has it that he is busy packing.

ENGLAND: SCRATCHED.

Mme. Birsane smiled. "Well, at least nobody will call them redbacks any more."

SMYRNA (18 Spetember 1904): Witch-Generalissimo Baba Yaga surveyed the smoking ruins of the Turkish quarter of Smyrna, leaning against her mortar and pestle. "I wonder," she said, "what stupid nerd who can't read thinks I have a broom?" Bearing her commission as Governor of the Italian Province of Caria-andCilicia, Her Excellency then went off to establish her government.

ROME (23 Spetember 1904): Her Holiness has decreed the revival of an ancient Roman custom. Henceforth, the boy soprano in the Papal Choir will wear several plain white robes. "Thus, you see?" said the Pope. "Brat and circlices."

RAVENNA (31 October 1904): At the Annual Natal Orgy of Her Holiness the Pope, several reporters decided to interview Her. After the interview, they asked Pope Joan some questions. In response to a rather pointed query about snuff, Her Holiness replied. "Did you expect 140-year-old snuff to have any effect? Nor did we expect Queen Suzanne to indulge--she was too busy with her grape-flavored Prince Albert. And then, there's her Secret...." Finally, Her Holiness dropped the bombshell of the evening. She was pregnant--and by Leo LaCupcake! "How do you know?" asked the sad reporter, Lament Cranston. "Silly boy," replied Pope Joan. "Are we not infallible in matters of faith and immorals?"

AAAAAARGH! Will Pope Joan really have a baby? And where is Queen Suzanne? Is she busy hiding her Secret? Where are the Cannon sisters? For these and other questions which may or may not be answered, tune in, same 'zine, same game, for the next unnerving chapter of

"Devilish queer!" exclaimed Dr. Watson. "What do you make of it, Holmes?"

"Elementary, my dear Watson," replied the famous detective, playing "Love in Bloom" on his violin. "Once upon a midnight dreary this bust of Pallas Athena above the door fell down and...."

"Great Scott!" interjected his companion. "You mean...?"

"Of course." Pausing, Holmes set fire to his pipe. "He's dead."

Watson was dumbfounded. "How did you know?"

"Elementary, my dear Watson," explained his friend, setting fire to his violin and searching for a vein he hadn't punctured recently, "I knew he was dead because he had stopped typ

BACK FORTY (16 November 1904): Reporters today found Queen Suzanne rummaging around in the storeroom of the capital's general store. In response to a question by Rodly Talker, the Queen replied, "No, grape-flavored Prince Alberts aren't really my favorites. I really prefer lime-flavored, but that provincial town of Rome didn't have anything but grape." She paused, "Yes, I heard the news about Pope Joan--that's why I'm digging out all the old flour sacks--so sh<sup>o</sup>ll have something decent to wear in the months to come!"

BULGARIA (3 November 1904): The remnants of the Turkish First Army are being eliminated by a massive search-and-destroy maneuver. Field reports indicate the 180,000 of the nearly 250,000 men and officers of the First Army have been either killed or captured. The remaining 70,000 are expected to be accounted for within the next several weeks.

NEW YORK VIA ST. PETERSBURG (19 November 1904): The Pope of the Holy Virgin Church is really Red Light Mary, renowned expropriatoress of the largest bordello on the New York dockfront.

THE SWISS ALP HILTON VIA VIENNA (2 January 1905): Crush your mouth into mine, Edyth, it's morning!" an anxious bell-boy heard from the room of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Padlock. "Edyth! No! Put down that knife, Edyth! "Now it's all mine," mused the widow Padlock, the former Miss Edyth de Birsan. "I wonder if Pope Lee I would like to get married...?"

ROME (25 December 1904): Her Holiness the Pope put in only a brief appearance at the Annual Yule Orgy and International Get Day here in the Holy City today. The reason was very easy to see. It was the same reason Her Holiness could not button Her cassock. Prime Minister Count Ritorno Vincitore later told reporters, "Any time, now!"

TURKEY (RADIO FREE SEATTLE) (7-December 1904): Mayday! Mayday! Turkey will sell its soul for survival. Turkey will puppet to any country or combination of countries in return for surviving with one or more units. It is a buyer's market, first come, first serve. Address all offers to 3934 S.W. Southern, Seattle, Wash. 98116.

BEYERLEIN (8 December 1904): It is just my luck that Trotick starts missing moves when Turkey is going down. I was waiting for Birsan to resign before replacing anyone. Some luck.

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ANALYSIS (Spring 1904): Rick Brooks, (R.R. 1, Box 167, Fremont Indiana 46737; comments are invited.)

This game is getting interesting. Poor Buddy seems to have been suckered in completely. Lenny, how could you?

But the doublecross has been effective. AA Bohemia to Galicia, AA Vienna to Budapest, and AA Greece to Serbia blocked all spaces to which TA Rumania could retreat. AF Aegean (S) IA Albania to Smyrna was a bit risky. If Turkey had smelled a rat, he could have moved TF Black Sea (S) TA Rumania to Bulgaria and TA Armenia (S) TA Smyrna and got out with four centers. He could have taken Sevastopol, but it would have taken the support of TA Armenia as well as TF Black Sea. This would have meant the loss of Smyrna.

The question is why move TA Rumania to Budapest and TF Black Sea (C) TA Armenia to Rumania. If Russia moves RA Ukraina and RF Sevastopol (S) RA Budapest to Rumania, he dislodges TA Rumania unless TA Armenia moves to Sevastopol to cut support. And Austria could only support his move with AA Vienna.

Unfortunately Turkey doesn't have anyone to throw the game to as England did. TA Smyrna can retreat to Constantinople but he can't hit AA Bulgaria successfully as AA Serbia has nothing better to do than support AA Bulgaria. If Austria is worried about Italy and Russia, he can move AF Aegean to Greece, AA Galicia to Vienna and AA Budapest to Trieste and be sure of holding five centers.

Turkey cannot retake Smyrna if IF Eastern Mediterranean supports it, no matter whether he retreats to Constantinople or Ankara. Retreat to Syria has the same shortcoming and also

Leaves Constantinople open for two Austrian units to take against only the possible opposition of RF Black Sea. AF Aegean (S) AA Bulgaria to Constantinople and AA Serbia to Bulgaria would take Constantinople and hold Bulgaria. So Turkey has little choice.

Russia can't hold Rumania if Austria wants it and Turkey can only hit it with TF Black Sea. So there is little sense in supporting it. What he does with his units depends on his relationship with Austria. If the attack on Budapest was an elaborate feint, then he can afford to leave Warsaw open and move RF Sevastopol to Black Sea and RA Moscow (S) RA Ukraine to Sevastopol. Otherwise it might be better to drop RA Ukraine back to Warsaw. Besides Austria has to decide soon whether he is going after Russia or Italy as Turkey has about another year to go.

Italy has finally taken Smyrna and really shouldn't risk moving IA Smyrna which can support the Austrian attack on Constantinople. The support by IF Eastern Mediterranean almost assures a Turkish removal. Italy can drop IF Ionian to Tyrrhenian for better defensive position against a possible French attack. IA Tyrolia is almost certain to drop back and cover Venice. Italy's build is likely to depend on French moves. I'd expect IF Rome as it would have maximum flexibility if Italy were blocked out of Venice. Otherwise IF Tyrrhenian to Rome and IA Venice to Rome could block out FA Tuscany and a IF Naples to move to Ionian, then Tunis.

Austria has a fair shot at Constantinople. If TA Smyrna retreats to Constantinople and Russia is willing to hit the Black Sea, Austria can support AA Bulgaria in. If TA Smyrna retreats to Ankara, RF Sevastopol to Black, RA Moscow (S) RA Ukraine to Sevastopol, IA Smyrna to Ankara, IF Eastern Mediterranean to Smyrna, AA Serbia to Bulgaria, then AF Aegean (S) AA Bulgaria to Constantinople will take Constantinople. This is the best move set in terms of position. Naturally, if Turkey doesn't retreat TA Smyrna to Ankara, IA Smyrna can hold. If Turkey does dislodge IA Smyrna, he still only has two centers and IA Smyrna can retreat to Syria. (I'll get Walker there yet!) But Italy might need a build.

If Turkey goes down to one unit, he can be wiped out in the spring unless he keeps his fleet. If two, he has his choice of removing TA Armenia, TA Smyrna, TA Ankara or TF Black Sea. I also like the above set of moves since it forces Turkey into only a few options and allows for long-term planning such as sparing a unit (probably AF Aegean) to guard the Ionian.

Austria can best protect Vienna by moving AA Galicia to Vienna and AA Budapest to Vienna. This keeps GA Bohemia out of Galicia and keeps Vienna open for a build if Germany ignores it. Austria could try for Warsaw with AA Galicia and drop AA Budapest back to cover Vienna. However, Russia doesn't have anything to do with RA Rumania and could move to Budapest.

And what is Germany up to? He seems to feel that he has an understanding with France. But he did support the wrong French fleet to the North Sea. He has dropped back GF Holland to Helgoland and moved GA Kiel to Holland. This looks friendly, but he can move GA Holland (S) GA Munich to Ruhr and GA Bohemia to Munich. If this goes, FA Burgundy will be menaced and France will be forced to put his delayed build into FA Marseilles or FA Paris. Germany would gain a better defensive position and he and Russia could take the North Sea, especially since GF Helgoland is now where its support cannot be cut. Germany might have moved so that he could take the Baltic and follow up with GF Helgoland to Denmark, but he'd better wait until France commits himself.

France is in great shape with everybody apparently going the other way. The move of FA Marseilles to Piedmont might not mean an attack on Italy, but an attempt to turn the German flank by taking Tyrolia as Italy is almost certain to cover Venice.

France can hold the North Sea if Germany and Russia don't co-operate by FF English Channel (S) FF North Sea. If dislodged, he can retreat back to London. Leaving the North Sea would leave Belgium vulnerable. FF Clyde (S) FF Mid-Atlantic to North Atlantic is sure to go. If RF Norway is successfully supported into the North Sea (though GF Helgoland would be a better choice as RF Norway will be needed to support RF Norwegian), FF Clyde (S) FF North Atlantic to Norwegian and FF English Channel (S) FF London to North Sea would wreck an attack on Edinburgh.

France is in a good position for defense and a fair position for offense. He is risking that Italy will reverse his two fleets (a good reason for saving a build) and head them west. But he is moving slowly enough so that Italy can afford to leave them in position.

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