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We will continue to publish our stand-by list so that everyone will know which game they're in, and to keep up to date with any changes that occurs in the line-up for each game:

ATTENTION STAND-BYS, WE NEED YOU!

The following games need stand-bys to send in orders in case the players should miss again:

Game 1970BJ: Howard Mahler and Thomas Keller please submit orders for Germany.

Game 1972AZ: Mark Richter and James Fish please submit orders for Germany.

Game 1972CD: David Johnson and Bill Abbott please submit orders for Turkey

Game 1972CJ: Mark Richter please submit orders for France, Michael Gray please submit orders for Germany, and Howard Mahler please submit orders for both countries.

ADDRESSES: DELETIONS, ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

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A Guide To The GM--Part 3, by Len Lakofka (Gamesmaster/Player Communication Insurance)

I. Responsibility of the GM

A. The GM must be very careful to keep his address lists up to date. He should publish a full list every 6 months at a minimum. He should publish COA's in and with the GAME--somewhere in the zine unless reference to that location is given in the body of the GAME text. That COA or note should be next to that player's name--not at the beginning or end of the game text. When a substitute enters the game, be sure the sub and the players know each other's addresses! This is easy to overlook.

B. The GM should request phone #s of players and publish them for player reference. His own phone # should be given along with favorable times to call--never promise to be home at a particular time!

C. The GM must type or print his address labels (or equivalent) clearly, and if there is a delay in mailing, the deadline should be adjusted.

II. Player to GM Communication

A. By mail.

1) File at least two sets of moves on two separate days--use carbon paper--don't copy, you will make errors. Date and sign all orders! 2) Do not send in a change of one or two pieces--send in a whole new set. 3) Use 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11 paper typed or printed, if at all possible. 4) Do not put orders in the body of letters or on two sides of a sheet of paper. 5) Use a stamped-self-addressed post card as a receipt from the GM that orders have arrived. 6) Do not use certified mail! GMs are often not home when letters arrive and most GMs will not travel to the post office just to pick up your orders! 7) Use Air Mail to all metropolitan areas over 300 miles away if the deadline is 3 or fewer days away. Always use air mail to Hawaii, Alaska and Canada! 8) File one set as soon as the zine arrives! You can always change the moves later.

B. By Phone.

1) Avoid this system at all cost! GMs, believe it or not, do have lives of their own. ((Right on, Len! Right on!)) Being late for a deadline cannot be protested because you couldn't reach the GM by phone. This is play by mail Diplomacy!

C. Insurance.

1) Sealed Orders prevent misses. The GM opens them if no moves arrive and follows them (or calls up another local player to make moves from these orders). 2) Prescribed

substitute. The GM will call (at player's expense) a substitute if no moves arrive--He'll call you first, of course. The GM may require a deposit of a few dollars to cover these calls. 3) GM will call player when moves arrive by making a person to person call to himself. That is the GM will call the player and ask for himself. Obviously, he's not there so the player knows the orders have arrived! Careful though--"Ma Bell" can get upset if you try that too often!!

III. GM to Player.

A. Air Mail Fee. This gives a little better service--but not much. Fee: \$1.50-\$2.50 extra.

B. Double Results Method. GM mails two copies of all results--not necessarily two zines. Fee: \$1.00/10 copies or a flat fee.

C. Player sends a SSA Post Card with GM's name on it to GM. When GM sends the zine, he encloses the card. If the GM receives no card in 7 days, he sends another zine and bills the player (or a \$1 deposit). The player can arrange to send orders or a post card himself as soon as zine arrives. The GM will mail a second zine if orders or card do not arrive in 7-10 days!

It is up to the GM which of these he will or will not use. These methods are necessary because of late/lost mail and poor Western Union methods!

NEXT: DEADLINE EXTENSIONS, GM ERRORS, AND SETTING PRECEDENTS!

IMPROVEMENTS COMING UP IN IMPASSABLE!

Combining Len's lessons and the results of the poll in the last issue, it is obvious that changes are desired by both the readers and this editor/publisher/gamesmaster. Our primary concern last issue was to improve our gamesmastering. We think that we have printed one issue without errors as we haven't received any complaints. However, instead of sticking in little pink slips (a pun?) we will now endeavor to double our efforts in catching typing errors as they occur. We have not been making errors on adjudications, but we have been typing them out poorly--like forgetting a unit, or not underlining.

Future improvements will be in the area of contents and in improving the general layout of this zine. Another improvement will be contemplated in having the deadline on Friday to cut publishing time.

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By having it on Friday, we can avoid the problem of Sunday not being a day for the post office. When we were on time, we mailed *Impassable* on Saturday, when we were late, we mailed it on Monday because of Sunday. Even with mailing on Saturday, you lost a day because of Sunday. Thus, Friday would give you another two-three days to negotiate. As a matter of fact, I will start doing this with #10, and we'll see how that works out.

What services will we offer to the players? We will call collect, if you authorize us to do so, whenever you miss sending in orders. We like the idea of some of the players who send a post card along with their orders for us to return and prove that we received the orders. We accept general orders, and we will airmail your copies of *Impassable* if you'll send us a deposit to cover the postal difference.

A method we are now trying in hopes of being more prompt with *Impassable* is to type as much as we can of each issue prior to the game deadlines. In fact, we are typing this on Saturday, August 26. If we were allowed to type up the propaganda together and separate from the orders, we could do these beforehand also, but we want to keep them with the game reports. We don't have the complete returns on our poll, but we have enough replies to establish trends. The major overall result is that everyone wants more non-game material to read like articles on tactics, etc. Also, nobody wants me to start any more games! If you want more articles and the like, you may have to accept a limit on press releases. With perhaps 10 games, we will have to limit coverage of each game to a page. This will leave us two pages which is not enough. We might have to limit press releases to about one-half of a page. However, I can be flexible as I can look at all the press releases received and judge the total space needed. Some games will sometimes not have any press releases. All I can say is that you should write in smaller sections with different bylines so that I can eliminate one or two, if necessary. You can, for that matter, establish a "pecking order" for me to go by. Otherwise, I won't be able to tell which press release is more important.

It looks as if #10 of *Impassable* may be a super issue in celebration of our tenth issue. The way I look at it, if I must go over an ounce, I might as well as go to two ounces or 24 pages! Don't get all too excited as this is only my current thinking.

THE SOLUTION TO PUZZLE #8

I was going to give just the answer, but since nobody got the correct answer, I will give the solution, long though it is.

The men needed half a day to travel 5 miles from Sonoita, deposit $1\frac{1}{2}$ days' rations at the 5 mile pt., and return to Sonoita. Then, they needed 1 full day to travel 20 miles: they journeyed to the 10 mile pt., deposited $1\frac{1}{2}$ days' rations there, and returned to Sonoita, consuming $\frac{1}{2}$ day's rations at the 5 mile pt., where they left the remaining 1 day's rations. Thus far, the men have spent one and a half days and established 1 day's rations at the 5 mile pt. and $1\frac{1}{2}$ days' rations at the 10 mile pt.. Next, they traveled 20 miles in 1 day carrying 2 days' rations of which they consumed 1 day's rations and left 1 day's rations at the 20 mile pt. On their return trip, which took one day, they consumed $\frac{1}{2}$ day's rations at both the 10 and 5 mile pts., leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ day's rations at the 5 mile pt. and 1 day's rations at the 10 mile pt. Now, you can see their method as they progress further and further as they establish caches of food along the way. The expedition then went 30 miles in $1\frac{1}{2}$ days; finally, they made their 50 mile journey using the food caches along the way. All told, they took 18 days to complete their expeditions. There isn't any puzzle this issue, but we will probably make up in the next issue, and we will present a tough, but perhaps a familiar puzzle (so tough I solved it only once myself) to some of you.

It is success that colors all in life;
Success makes fools admir'd, makes villains honest,
All the proud virtue of this vaunting world,
Fawns on success and power, howe'er acquired. —Thomson

There are very few original thinkers in the world; the greatest part of those who are called philosophers have adopted the opinions of some who went before them.

—Dugald Stewart

QUIP: TV has gone haywire! Comedians insist on giving us humor with a message. And politicians give us messages with humor. Unfortunately, the second group is funnier than the first.

GAME 1970BJ, Summer & Fall 1903

Note---Mark Thomas has now taken over England from Inzer and Mark Weidmark has taken over Turkey from Gutierrez. Their addresses are on page one.

BIG BATTLES RAGE IN SPAIN AND TURKEY!
ENGLAND AND TURKEY BOTH HAVE NEW RULERS!

Summer 1903---England retreats F Nth-Edi

Fall 1903---

AUSTRIA (Beyerlein): A Gal-Rum, A Bud S A Gal-Rum, A Ser-Bul, A Tri-Ser, A Con S
Tur A Smy-Ank/nso/a/, F Aeg S A Ser-Bul

ENGLAND (Thomas): F Eng-Lon, F Nat-Lvp,
F Edi-Nth

FRANCE (Lakofka): A Por S A Gas-Spa, F Mid S A Gas-Spa, A Gas-Spa, F Iri-Lvp

GERMANY (Cooper): NOR A Bur H, A Par H, A Pic H, A Hol H, F Den H, F Nth H

ITALY (Phillips): A Mar S F Spa(SC), F Lyo S F Spa(SC), F Spa(SC) S F Tyr-Wes,
F Tyr-Wes, A Pie-Ven

RUSSIA (Richter): F Bar-Nwg, F Nor S F Bar-Nwg, A War-Gal, F Bul(EC)-Con, A Ank S F Bul-Con, F Bla S F Bul(EC)-Con,
A Rum-Bul/r/, A StP-Mos

TURKEY (Weidmark): A Smy H

AUTUMN AND WINTER 1903 ORDERS due Friday, September 22, 1972 at noon.

Fall 1903 Supply Center Chart---

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum (7)
Builds 2 (lost 1 unit last season)

England: Home (3) Stands Pat

France: Bre, ~~Par~~, Por, ~~Spa~~ (2) Removes 2

Germany: Home, Bel, Den, Hol, Par (7)
Builds 1

Italy: Home, Tun, Mar, Spa (6) Builds 1

Russia: Home, Swe, Nor, Ank, ~~Nth~~, Con (8)
Stands Pat

Turkey: Smy, ~~Smy~~ (1) Stands Pat (lost 1 unit last season)

Propaganda---

Moscow---Due to Austrian occupation of Galicia, and the resultant threat to Russia's faithful ally, Rumania, Tsar Markovitch III today announced that he is breaking off diplomatic relations with Austria.
(Congrats, Len, you were right).

Smyrna---To have Phillips as an ally is complete idiocy, and sure disaster. John, don't take me off the list! I want a chance to take over Germany and kill Len! ((Sorry, you can't play more than one country per game.---Ed))

GAME 1972AZ, Fall 1902.

COA---Doug Hollingsworth and Howard Mahler
(see page 1)

Note---John DePrisco is now Russia, and is taking Bessen's place who missed twice in a row. (address on page 1)

RUSSIA IS DEALT DEATH BLOWS AS 3 NATIONS
FEAST ON RUSSIAN CENTERS! REVOLUTION IN
RUSSIA PUTS CZAR DEPRISCO ON TOP!

AUSTRIA (Osmanson): A Boh S Ita A Tyr-Mun,
A Bud S A Rum H, A Bul H, F Gre S A Bul
H, A Rum H, A Ser S A Bul H

ENGLAND (Wiskow): F Swe-Bot, F Nth-Hel,
F Nwg-Bar, A Den-Kie, A Nor-StP

FRANCE (Mahler): F Mid-Wes, A Spa-Mar,
F Lyo S F Mid-Wes, A Bur-Mar, F Bel-Hol

GERMANY (Placek): NOR A War H, A Ber H,
F Hol H

ITALY (Hollingsworth): A Pie H, A Tyr-Mun,
F Ion-Eas, F Tyr H

RUSSIA (DePrisco): F Bot-StP(SC), A StP-
Mos, A Pru-Liv, A Mun H/r/

TURKEY (Thomas): A Sev-Mos, F Bla C A
Con-Sev, A Con-Sev, F Aeg-Con

AUTUMN AND WINTER 1902 ORDERS due Friday, September 22, 1972 at noon.

Fall 1902 Supply Center Chart---

Austria: Home, Rum, Ser, Gre, Bul (7)
Builds 1

England: Home, Nor, Den, Swe, Kie (7)
Builds 2

France: Home, Bel, Por, Spa (6) Builds 1

Germany: Ber, ~~Kie~~, Hol, War (3) Stands Pat

Italy: Home, Tun, Mun (5) Builds 1

Russia: Mos, StP, ~~Sev~~, ~~Nth~~, ~~Nth~~ (2)
Removes 2 (lost 1 unit Spring 1902)

Turkey: Home, ~~Bul~~, Sev (4) Stands Pat

Propaganda---

Belgium to Holland---It's worth a try.

Berlin---The Association of Berlin Beer Brewers has stated there is no truth to the rumor that a group of Russian vodka salesmen who have recently visited Munich plan to come here in retaliation for a planned trip of beer salesmen to Moscow.
Constantinople---Will Italy join me against the Drool Monarch?

France---I have been very busy completing my project at Brookhaven and am sorry that I didn't have any time to write.

Giuseppe Garibaldi---Our German and Russian neighbors are obviously ignoring their American studies for they forget the words of Ben Franklin, "Let us hang together, for if we do not, we will surely hang separately."

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Radio Free Clyde---Our victory in Sweden was a hollow one---alas! Perhaps the Russians will be stronger in St. Pete. An Alliance between Turkey and Italy with Italy stabbing her partner Austria seems like a most logical next step in the south. Austria beware!

Stephan of LWOV: Once again the Germans are threatening Polish liberty. I hope they haven't helped the infidels into Moscow.

GAME 1972BG, Spring 1902

COA---Mark Murray (see page 1). Am also giving Tovson's address, and Mike Keller's address upon request (see page 1).

GERMANY MOVES EAST! TURKISH FOUL UP CAUSES LOSS OF BULGARIA AND ARMY!

AUSTRIA (Pyle): A Tri-Tyr, A Vie S A Tri-Tyr, A Bud-Gal, A Ser S Rus A Rum-Bul, F Gre S Rus A Rum-Bul

ENGLAND (Keller): F Nwg-Bar, F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, F Bel H, A Nor S Rus F Bot-Swe

FRANCE (Murray): F Bre-Pic, F Por-Mid, A Spa-Gas, A Pic-Mar, F Mar-Spa(SC)

GERMANY (DePrisco): A Mun-Sil, A Ber-Pru, F Don-Nth, A Hol H, A Tyr-Boh

ITALY (Hrbek): A Ven S Aus A Tri-Tyr, A Apu S A Ven, F Rom-Bul, F Tun-Wes

RUSSIA (Fish): F Bot-Swe, A StP-Liv, A Gal-War, A Rum-Bul, F Bla-Con

TURKLY (Tovson): F Smy-Aeg, F Ank-Bla/nsu/, A Bul H/a/, A Con S A Bul H/nsu/

FALL 1902 ORDERS due Friday, September 22, 1972 at noon.

Propaganda---

Cupcakeville---The western builds are really stranger! Perhaps a 3 power alliance is really going to take shape, but at least one by England would have been favored to bring real impact to such an alliance versus Russia. Obviously, the strongest western alliance is between France and Germany with France being leary of England, but Germany placing full faith in England!

Russia has seriously compromised his south and its collapse is eminent! He is sticking his neck out way too far being in Galicia and Black Sea! Turkey will have a full deck of diplomatic cards to play this season.

Italy has chosen the sea defense/offense, but it will avail him nothing if the Russian blunder cements a Turkish-Austrian alliance and F Gre or F Smyrna moves west! Italy's

only course is to try to get England in his camp or get those French fleets to attack England. Yet, France is better served in the east while England checks Russia.

At this moment I'd favor these predictions on countries for 1902:

England: Plus 1!; Germany: Plus 1; France: Plus 1 or even; Italy: Minus 1; Austria: Plus 1 or 2!; Turkey: Even; Russia: Minus 3!

Atlantis---After being missing for over 5 weeks, the Sultan has been found floating on a raft SW of here and is now able to reply to correspondence.

Budapest---Russian soldiers should spend more time fighting and less time inspecting the latrines.

Budapest (LRV)---An Austrian stationed in Greece

Found his nervousness start to increase

When the Turks start to chant

He'll drop a load in his pants

And retreat to Albania in peace.

Barents Sea, Spring---Today it was let out that a D K R fleet was sailing around in this little cared-about body of water. When a reporter from Punch asked Admiral Stanly Smallsy if he really came to hunt polar bears, he said, "Well, we haven't found any yet, but I've heard there's a lot of girls and booze in St. Petersburg, and by jove, I think I might just go in and get my fill."

Iceland---Who says that Polish are stupid? They don't defend Poland because nobody wants it, anyway. And the rumors about putting a fence around Poland and having the world's largest compost pile are untrue, also. They couldn't get anybody to get close enough to erect any kind of enclosure.

Marseilles---France to Italy. Could not reach you before regular moves for sure. So here are mine, you see I have decided not to press on; now it is up to you. I am sorry about all earlier aggressions. Merci.

Moscow---Her Imperial Majesty Queen Ruby of Begonia has asked that the heads of the countries of Europe declare war upon the United States Navy for interfering in European affairs. The Queen hopes that the Navy will quit screwing up our wars over here. They can't even win the one that they have.

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NSG—"Cupcakeville," Lenard who??

Rome, 1 April, 1902—Rumors have reached this capital city concerning the existence of a pretender to the Italian throne. A sometimes cabaret performer and all the time charlatan by the name of Hubert Horatio Humdinger has been quoted in certain foreign press as claiming to be the real power in Italy. King Ernesto il Ginzo has ordered a country-wide search to find and eliminate this potentially disruptive factor. The King stated that if Humdinger were found alive, he would be exiled to France where his irrational governmental decrees would represent an improvement in the caliber of leadership.

RRINGG—"Hallo, Minister? This is the Kaiser. Why did you order those two armies east? I thought we were going to attack Italy." "Sorry, sir, my secretary was at fault. She reads her shorthand notes wrong and typed 'east' instead of 'south' on the stencil. I had her replaced, so it won't happen again." "Okay, but don't let it happen again. Now order those armies south." "Yes, sir."

St. Petersburg—Queen Ruby again appealed to the German government to restore diplomatic contact with the Russian government so that war may be avoided. The Queen restated her desire for peace with Germany, but warned that German aggression towards Russia will be stopped at all costs.

Sweden—"I tank it gonna blow purty hard purty soon."

Venice, 15 April, 1902—Italians in this city were just recovering from the brutal attack by German and French forces. King Ginzo immediately moved to patch relations with the neighboring Austrians and extended his declaration of war to cover the aggressing Germans. In view of the continuing hostilities which have enveloped Europe, the King proposed a Federated European Counter Enmity Session to iron out problems that plague the nations of Europe. The King stated that if enough advance warning was given, he would offer the facilities of the city of Marseilles for the meetings. Vienna(LRV)—April 17, 1902—The Dictator today announced the declaration of War he prepared last night against Germany and Turkey. He said that this was decided upon because of the three-way alliance of the Western Powers. With the help of the forces of Italy and Russia, this alliance can easily be stopped. He stressed the word easily since there are already rumors of dissent from that three-way alliance, but

the specific parties were not mentioned. Let us hope that France watches her borders.

Winter Palace—After a meeting lasting far into the night, the Imperial Russian General Staff ordered the 2nd Army to move to the province of Silesia in order to end German aggression in that area. Noting the recent German expansion in the armed forces and the German interference in Russian affairs in Sweden, the General Staff informed Queen Ruby of Begonia that war with Germany seemed eminent. Sources in the Foreign Office confirmed reports that Diplomatic contact had been broken by the Germans despite many attempts by the Russian government to establish contact.

GAME 1972BW, Winter 1901

COA --Davies and Hollingsworth (see page 1)

FRENCH ARM FOR LAND WARFARE! LEADS ALL
OTHER NATIONS IN NUMBER OF ARMIES!

AUSTRIA (Hollingsworth): B A Bud
ENGLAND (Nielsen): B F Lon
FRANCE (DePrisco): B A Par, A Bre, A Mar
GERMANY (Davies): B F Kie, A Ber
ITALY (Lindauer): B A Ven, F Nap
RUSSIA (Knudsen): B A Mos, A War
TURKEY (Abbott): B F Smy

Winter 1901 Positions—

Austria: F Gre, A Scr, A Vie, A Bud (4);
England: F Nor, A Yor, F Nth, F Lon (4);
France: F Por, A Spa, A Bel, A Par, A Bre,
A Mar (6); Germany: A Mun, A Hol, F Den,
F Kie, A Ber (5); Italy: A Tyr, A Tri, F
Tun, A Ven, F Nap (5); Russia: A Rum, F
Swe, F Sev, A Gal, A Mos, A War (6);
Turkey: F Aeg, A Bul, A Con, F Smy (4)

SPRING 1902 ORDERS due Friday, September
22, 1972 at noon.

Propaganda—

Italy, Dec. 21, 1901—This past year, though tragic, war has been brought forth onto the European Continent. The Italian Government is pleased that, even though we didn't want war, Italy was prepared for war, and in the major skirmishes of the first year, the Italian forces were victorious. Because of Italy's overwhelming victories, the Dictator of Italy today announced his plan for the expansion of the Italian Military. It is expected that by mid or late winter, the Italian Army will have been increased by 50%, and
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the new unit will be stationed at Venice. The Italian Navy has projected that by late winter, the Navy will have been increased by 100% of last year's figures. This new unit will be harbored at the port of Naples and is expected to be ready for action by this spring.

Lisbon---Pierre the Pest fell out of bed today and immediately ordered a bottle of wine from the bar maid. Unfortunately, she gave him a bottle of water. Since Pierre can't see straight when he's sober, he just assumed it was wine. He didn't bother sniffing the wine because he had wine on his breath. Well, Pierre took a healthy swig of water and got sick. His executive officer, Ruanchy Raol, ordered the fleet to stand down for the winter. Then he dispatched a rowboat to Brest to bring back some sherry or something. One thing that nobody can stand is a sober Pierre. That's why he is known as The Pest.

Moscow---Boris the Bear is in tears today. His German doll, the one that says "Don't shoot, I surrender," suddenly collapsed and broke into 479½ pieces. "I should have known," said Boris, "those Germans never could do anything right."

Paris---The Minister of Defense was pleased to learn today that there were enough volunteers to mobilize 3 more armies. He would have liked to mobilize a fleet, but when questioned about sea duty, all the volunteers reported a tendency to get seasick.

Reykjavik, Iceland---Here we are again bringing you up to date coverage of the war in Europe between games of the World Chess Championship Farce of 1901. So far the war has been devastating, but I'll have to make the war news quick, because they are almost ready to play the next chess game in this tournament. In Western Europe, England has finally committed herself, and it seems that the English-French alliance will completely devastate Germany, especially since France got 3 new units. Further east, Italy continues it's attack on Austria, or has Italy decided to move north, to take a piece of the Fatherland also. The Russian-Turkish alliance is moving along just as everyone expected, but speculators are taking bets on just how long that alliance can hold together with such a large mass of forces in southeastern Europe. Austria is most probably trying to break this alliance up, because if it doesn't, it will be Austria's doom. One of the big questions in the war, is how will Russia act in the north. Will

he move against that little isle in the North Atlantic, upon which's empire the sun never sets, or will Russia also want a piece of the Fatherland?? That's the war news for now, but I'll be back with more up to date coverage in a few short months.

GAME 1972CD, Fall 1901

RUSSIA LEADS WITH SIX UNITS! CAN BUILD 2 MORE THIS WINTER! WINS A BATTLE FOR GAL!

- AUSTRIA (De Lucia): F Alb-Gre, A Ser S
F Alb-Gre, A Vie-Gal
- ENGLAND (Schleinkofer): F Nwg-Nor, A Yor-Den, F Nth C A Yor-Den
- FRANCE (McKeon): A Spa H, F Mid-Por, A Bur-Mar
- GERMANY (Ray): A Ruh-Bel, A Kie-Den, F Hol S A Ruh-Bel
- ITALY (Morris): A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Pie, F Ion-Tun
- RUSSIA (Brennan): F Bot-Swe, A Ukr S A War-Gal, A War-Gal, F Rum H
- TURKEY (Nelson): NOR F Bla H, A Bul H, A Con H

WINTER 1901 ORDERS due Friday, September 22, 1972 at noon.

- Fall 1901 Supply Center Chart---
- Austria: Home, Ser, Gre (5) Builds 2
 - England: Home, Nor (4) Builds 1
 - France: Home, Spa, Por (5) Builds 2
 - Germany: Home, Hol, Bel (5) Builds 2
 - Italy: Home, Tun (4) Builds 1
 - Russia: Home, Rum, Swe (6) Builds 2
 - Turkey: Home, Bul (4) Builds 1

Propaganda---

Berlin---The German Empire wishes to extend recognition to the Kingdom of Poland and hopes that the Red Baron will join in to free the Poles from Russian control.

Camelot---King Arthur today announced that the sea pirates are being pursued into Norway and Denmark.

Camelot---The King states to the world that the North Sea is now considered to be a vital part of Great Britain and he will not allow any other nation to sail vessels of a military nature in it.

London---In a recent poll, the people have shown that they support their King solidly.

Marseilles---Oct. 1, 1901---Dr. Pangloss, the famous French Ambassador, today arranged a meeting between the Emperor and the Pope. Marseilles is to be the
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Pope's first stop on a good will tour of France. The Pope's reason for visiting France is to promote two new products made by King Robert's Frozen Food Company. The names of these products are Pieta Pasta and Peter's Pizza. The Emperor is to try them for lunch this afternoon.

Paris--Oct. 2, 1901--Today the Emperor was unable to attend the marriage of his son due to stomach trouble.

Paris--Oct. 3, 1901--Dr. Pangloss, world famous French Statesman and Philosopher, was recalled from Rome today to discuss an "important matter" with the Emperor. Little did the Doctor realize that the "important matter" the Emperor had in mind was his execution.

Rome, Sept. 5, 1901--This morning General Garibaldi, the young commander of the northern armies, secretly met with the Foreign Ministry. The nature of the council was not revealed until the general commented on it later in the day: "Due to the Italian government's commitment to the welfare of the German Empire, our militaries have been ordered to take temporary action against France. We had hoped to avoid this, but their Burgundian army has made a dual threat against Belgium and Munich, both being supply centers belonging to Germany. This attack will only last as long as France chooses to endanger the security of our ally. Relations with the Third Republic will, in the meantime, be severed."

The Red Baron via Vienna--We were dismayed to hear that many thought my Island nation friend was England. We were referring to the islands of Greece. By invitation of the Greek Emperor, my fleet is proceeding. We will stop first to drop off arms to build a force between Albania and Greece. I hate fighting demoralized Poles so may I suggest an old Russian technique. It is a change of underwear. Luvendusky gives his to Kurdock and Kurdock gives his to Loven-dusky.

CAME 1972CJ, Spring 1901

COA--Steve Cairns (see page 1)

ENGLISH TAKE ENGLISH CHANNEL! TURKISH AND RUSSIAN SHIPS FIGHT BIG NAVAL BATTLE IN THE BLACK SEA! AUSTRIA AND ITALY MOVES TOWARD MUNICH! WAR BREAKS OUT ALL OVER EUROPE!!

AUSTRIA (Verheiden): A Vie-Boh, A Bud-Ser,
F Tri-Alb

ENGLAND (Cairns): F Edi-Nth, A Lvp-Yor,

F Lon-Eng

FRANCE (Cooper): NOR A Par H, A Mar H,
F Bre H

GERMANY (Ostapkovich): A Mun H, A Ber H,
F Kie H. NOR

ITALY (Lakofka): A Rom-Tus, F Nap-Tyr,
A Ven-Tyr

RUSSIA (Wrobel): F StP(SC)-Bot, A War-Ukr,
A Mos-Sev, F Sev-Bla

TURKEY (Atteberry): F Ank-Bla, A Smy-Arm,
A Con-Bul

Note--This is really too bad when you have two players who won't send in their moves. This is really going to hurt them, but I have decided that there would be nothing to warrant any delay in the deadline as I have been keeping records of copies of Impassable mailed out to the readers. If they didn't get it, the post office is to be blamed, but I am sure that they have nothing to blame but themselves. Well, that's the way the cookie crumbles.--GM

FALL 1901 ORDERS due Friday September 22, 1972 at noon.

Propaganda--

The Dream Master (came too late to print in last issue)--"Man has often sought a life after death or another one to supplant his dull existence. I am the man who will give you that second life." Below the impressive quote, which was depicted in 30" high block letters on a tattered billboard, appeared a likeness of himself. In the setting of ruined byways, decaying buildings and crime in the streets; this dogmatic sentinel, perched upon the top floor of an aging tenement just above clothes lines and spidery antennae, scanned Seattle streets and the Southern Expressway some 300 yards distant. From that carrier of man, at mile-a-minute speeds, the billboard was barely visible--sandwiched between two other gothic art pieces set closer to the thruway. Forgotten even by the "air way" sign company as too out of the way to service, demolish or consider--this poster--a 30 day rental--had stood for 17 years. In the building below, in a small room at the back of the tenement, upon a shabby, but once highly polished door, stood the Gold Embossed letters that spelled "the Dream Maker--by appointment only"

Stan Rumble was not drawn to this door, that building or that sign as he sped at 70 miles per hour from Vancouver south

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toward Oregon, so little was his regard for Washington as he passed through "the sterile state."

His eye was caught by another sign--"GAS FOR LESS" and being half Polish, $\frac{1}{4}$ Jewish, and $\frac{1}{4}$ Scottish, something tugged inside him. He zipped up the exit ramp. But now he had to negotiate the one way street back to that sign. First one turn then another--then the screech and bang of breaks and tin cans! "Damn kids," he cursed under his breath as a number of pop containers crashed in his path from the upstairs window of a creaky old building. He began to start again just to realize his front tire was gashed by one of the cans he failed to stop quickly enough to avoid. "Damn kids!" he bellowed and burst from the car and ran up the stairs. He battered the 3rd floor door, but the report of his knocking seemed only to wake creatures amid the woodwork of the structure. He strode to another door and another. Finally, upon embossed golden letters his knuckles rapped. The door creaked open and he blustered forth. "Welcome to your new life, you've been expected."

London (February 5, 1901)--Several of the top British agents in Europe were in London last night for a late night conference with General Bull Winkle. They reportedly brought documents pertaining to the mobilization of the Continent. General Winkle left the conference muttering something about frog's legs for dinner.

British fighting forces are once again at top strength, should war break out. In fact, two fleets left port today, but their destinations were not revealed to the press, and we won't speculate. This is David Bunco for BBC News.

Warsawa--Stanislaw Wrobel is Polish!
Stanislaw Wrobel is Ruling Russia
Until the Czarczik grows up.

The Dream Maker (was "master" the last time)
Chapter 2--Stan Rumble, by the purest chance, stumbled across the tiny cubical where no man, save its occupant, had traveled for years. His bluster and anger over the incident in the street vanished at the cryptic words of the man seated before him, "Welcome to your new life, you've been expected!" Wonder and amazement kept back both fear and anger as Stan looked about the inky black chamber. Upon the walls were runes known, unknown, and vaguely familiar. As he would later recollect them, they appeared as "black light" paintings upon which a series of synchopated strobe lights flashed and silver speckles danced.

Yet, this was not the effect of any visual manifestation he knew of. As his eyes moved about the walls, the symbols became more animated, till the last of these were alive with frenzied movements. Deeper into the velvet blackness drifted, and....

His hand stuck to the steering wheel as he reached for the cigarette lighter. There, in his palm, he noticed a number of "Gas for Less" trading stamps which had become moistened by the sweat of his hand and now formed a bond between him and his Studebaker. As he gazed back to the dash board he saw that he was traveling at 90 miles an hour. Quickly he looked up to seek a speed limit sign--instead the greeting "Welcome to California" met his eyes. "California!" he shouted. He took his foot off the accelerator and slammed on the brakes. The blare of horns about him, however, told him that the raging tide of vehicles about him would not tolerate his abruptness. He rushed to an exit ramp and pulled to the side of the road. His heart was pounding in his ears and beads of sweat glistened upon his forehead. "But I was in Seattle! The gas station, those kids, the flat tire...the flat tire!" Out of the car he jumped. There on his left front wheel was a brand new Goodyear. He sped to the trunk and found his spare with a deep gouge in its blacked and worn surface. He walked back to the driver's door, opened it and sat down. There beside him was a paper dated tomorrow--"No, it must be today," he thought, "the Seattle World News"--4 lose lives in tenement fire. Below the 72 pt headline was a picture of the frame of an ancient building with a large billboard atop its burned out shell. "the Dream Maker" were the only words to be seen upon the charred sign.

GAME 1972CK, Spring 1901
COA--Gary Davis and Lowell White (see pg 1)

GALICIA'S A BATTLEGROUND! ITALY MOVES EAST OR NORTH?! TURKEY STANDS STILL! WAR!!

AUSTRIA (Waldron): A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Ser
F Tri-Alb
ENGLAND (St. John): F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth,
A Lvp-Yor
FRANCE (Gray): A Par-Bur, A Mar S A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mid
GERMANY (Lindauer): A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh,
F Kie-Den
ITALY (Gershenson): A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven,
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F Nap-Ion

RUSSIA (Davis): F StP(SC)--Bot, A Mos-StP,
A War-Gal, F Sev-Rum

TURKEY (White): A Con-Bul, A Smy H, F Ank-
Con

FALL 1901 ORDERS due Friday, September 22,
1972 at noon.

Propaganda--

Adrianople, April 7---The announcement to the troops of forthcoming operations and the prospect of plunder was greeted with enthusiastic cries of Ileri! Ileri! (Forward! Forward!)

Constantinople, April 6---Caught early this morning leaving his seraglio by an energetic reporter, an exhausted Sultan Abdul Hamid II reluctantly agreed to a brief interview. When questioned about the Balkan situation our great potentate replied confidently that although it may be necessary to annex the troublesome Bulgars into the Empire he expects peace to reign for at least one more year. But, he added that if current secret negotiations over certain unnamed areas break down, the long feared war may be unavoidable.

Constantinople, April 18---Apparently enthused over the coming conquest of Bulgaria, the Sultan's voice was heard throughout his seraglio last night shouting Ileri! Ileri!

Germany, April 1, 1901---The German government most humbly greets all the nations in Europe, especially the nations that we have not been so fortunate as to have correspondence with yet. Germany wants peace, and as the German Military maneuvers have shown, we do not wish to cause hostilities between Germany and any other nation. We truly hope that this lone press release sent in by the German government will promote peace between Germany, and all other nations of Europe.

Indian Story Teller---Once upon a time, when men and animals could talk to each other, there lived the white sheep and a yellow-eye wolf. The sheep lived in peace with us, always keeping to themselves. But this wolf looked greedily toward the sheep. He first insulted we men and then offered us some sheep. We refused. He then told the sheep that we were going to raid them and make blankets out of their skin. But even the sheep were smart enough to know they were forked tongued. So, the evil feelings grew and to this day the yellow-eye wolf spews out evil in the darkness to the moon for no one listens.

Italy---If Austria's Emperor decides to make his Winter home in the Western Mediterranean, all of his seasons will be a lot hotter than he expects.

London, England---The British government today announced its concern over the recent French radical movement to rename the English Channel the French Channel, (Oh, how vulgar!!). A high government official before a large crowd of British subjects today made an official address to the French government. In this speech, he was quoted as saying, "...such French radicalism as that of Jacques Anderson, shall not be tolerated by the British government. We hope that the French government will do everything in its power to suppress such radicalism, and if it can't, the English 'lime heads' just might do something about it, and soon!!"

Marseilles, January 1, 1901---The Governor General of the Military District of Southern France awoke this morning with a terrible headache and asked where his troops were at the present time. His aide, Col. Pierre Dildeaux reminded the General that they were at home where they would remain for the spring.

Paris, December 31, 1900---On the eve of the New Year, the President of the Republic of France toasts all of the nations of Central Europe and prays for peace in our time.

Spy from S.I.T. (spy is there)---Today after getting back from Moscow, we find the bear is looking longingly toward Norway and Denmark. I would say to these nations to watch out.

Turkey---Russia just might lose his early lead!

Winter Palace---The Tsar announced today that diplomatic relations had been established with all nations of Europe, with the exceptions of Austria-Hungary and England. He added that since their intentions were unknown, the Imperial Armies would be dispatched to take up defensive positions to guard against invasion. At the close of the interview, the Tsar expressed the belief that the nations' differences could be peacefully worked out if a little serious dialogue took place before Autumn came to Europe.

THE SIXTH NOVICE GAME, Winter 1900

Note---no number for this game has yet been received from Rod Walker.

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CAPITALS OF EUROPE FULL WITH TALK OF WAR!

SPRING 1901 ORDERS due Friday, September 22, 1972 at noon.

Propaganda---

Constantinople---It came to the scribe that the new century was fast approaching. Attending the Divan on bended knees, with his head touching the floor, he implored the Sultan saying, "Oh Grand Sultan, Descendant of Kings, Father of Emperors, Shadow of Allah, Emir of the East, King of Kings, what are your words for the Century?" Quoth the Sultan, "All is not groovy." The courtiers inquired of him, "How so?" Quoth the Sultan, "There is much strife in the world. The nations are suspicious of each other. The western lands, now gossiping about each other, will soon be at each other's throats with sharpened swords. The Balkan states, having fought for their own freedom now seek to free each other from liberty. Neither the western states nor the Balkans are ready for freedom. The westerners are foreigners, and may be left alone. The Balkans are our little brothers. It is the duty of he who is strong to watch over his weaker brother. It is the duty of all great nations to protect the smaller. We therefore call upon the two other mighty Eastern Empires to join us in this holy duty. It is a blessing to watch over one or two smaller brothers, but to try to oversee all is to open the door to political intrigue, and civil excesses. Let the three of us enter the new century knowing that we have taken under our wings one or two of these little brothers, and with a feeling of pride that we have not crossed the far borders of these small states to overwhelm their equally small neighbors. If the eastern nations can work together in this small thing, and can continue to do so in large things, then we have nothing to fear from the squabbling west. Let these words be inscribed and published," and so it is done.

Glasgow---King Alexander III while on a northern visit in his realm, professed a growing concern over the deteriorating conditions in Europe. He said, despite parliament, he was going to carry on with peaceful negotiations to stop any widespread conflict. Militants such as Minister Leech would not stop him, he added.

London---Today the minister of war, Thaddeous Leech, proclaimed that Great Britain was once again going to be a land

power on continental Europe. Leech said that territory that Britain held in the 14th and 15th centuries would be recaptured first.

Parliament---A general resolution was passed in Parliament today on tossing out rum as the official drink of Parliament. A spokesman for the body hinted today that wine would replace rum as the official nectar. A trade agreement for the importation of wine is being drawn up now. If the agreement fails who knows what the inquenchable thirst of parliament will guide the British armies to what lengths in search for the fabled fruit-of-the-vine.

CHESS NEWS: BOBBY FISHER IS THE NEW
WORLD CHESS CHAMPION---THE FIRST AMERICAN
OFFICIAL FIDE CHESS CHAMPION IN HISTORY!

THE EN PASSANT GAMES.

I just found out from Platypus Pie (published by Brenton Ver Ploeg) that Greg Warden has returned from Italy. Greg has not informed me of this, yet, but I think that this is the last time his games will be game mastered by me. With that in mind, I won't be printing these games in this issue of Impassable. Instead, they will be separate, and given to Greg as soon as we get in touch with each other. This will leave me more room to print other kinds of trash until new games are started in Impassable.

OKAY....ABOUT THAT RECENT POLL

With 24 returns out of 93 is bad, but good considering the usual response from busy Diplomacy players. I guess that you guys probably make up the best dippy readership any zine has bar none. Three cheers for you fellows! Now, the results: Oops, before we go one, many of you noticed that there wasn't a question #15. What happened was that I overlooked it---the questions was: Does Impassable have too many errors? You can imagine my embarrassment. Oh well, to the results!

Yes or No Questions*

1. Yes 9, No 12 This was one of the close ones and I will be asking this question on black propaganda again (see end of this article)

2. Two weeks deadlines: Y 8, N 14

3. 3-weeks deadlines: Y 12, N 8

4. 4-weeks deadlines: Y 7, N 15

*Not everyone answered all questions.

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The results indicated that the players want the 3-week deadlines to be continued.

5. More games? Yes 3, No 19 This was a big surprise to me! As we go on, we find that you fellows want more of everything but games---but the reason you entered Impassable was because it had openings. Contradiction!

6. Puzzles? 14 Yes, 8 No

7. Color of paper? 14 Yes, 6 No

8. Two-columns? 19 Yes, 2 No

9. 16 lb paper? Yes 10, No 11 This is another close one, and will have to be decided in the future by actual samples.

10. Variants in Impassable? Yes 9, No 9

11. Have a variant zine? Yes 11, No 5

12. Biographies? Yes 20, No 1 Gee Whiz!

13. Articles by guest writers? Yes 22, No 1

14. Articles by me? Yes 21, No 1

15. My mistake, fellas!

16. Have a Question & Answer column?

Yes 19, No 3 Consider this done

17. Is Impassable improving? Yes 18, No 2 I'll get those two no votes! Growl! Snash!

18. More game articles? Yes 21, No 1

19. Have non-game articles? Yes 9, No 12

Consider this question defeated

20. More dippy news? Yes 20, No 1

21. Quotes? Yes 16, No 4

22. Jokes? Yes 13, No 8 Hmmm.....

23. Press Releases? Yes 15, No 5

24. More drawings? Yes 9, No 10 Aw no!

Objective questions:

1. Best articles: Backstab 4, Options 4, Gamesmaster Series 1, Tactics 2, Cupcakeville analyses 1, Chicago, MD, IDA & Other 1

2. How do you rank Impassable? The best 6, top rank 1, tied for 1st 2, 2nd 2, 3rd 2, top 10 1, high 1, above avg. 1, 6th 1, 4th from middle 1, great 1, 2nd or 3rd among all top zines 1

3. What is best about Impassable? The games 3, readable 2, interesting 1, prompt 3, it comes 1, overall quality 6, biographies 4, print and style 1, dippy news 1, press releases 1, 2-columns 1, quotes 1, puzzles 1, diversity 3, layout 2, articles 4

4. What is worst? too many games 2, 2-columns 1, it goes 1, no staples 1, GM errors 3 (ouch!), getting late 1, game presentation 1, more to read 1, not big enough 1, not frequent enough 1, too little audience participation 1

5. What make you enter a game in Impassable? openings 7, substitutes 1, quality of zine appearance 4, GM recommendation 3, IDA association 1, quality of sample 3, free stand-by 2, was "forced" by me? 1?

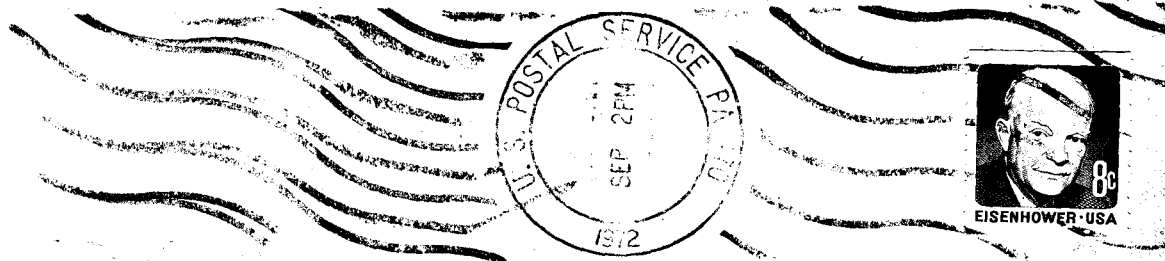
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A NEW POLL FOR #10 THAT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PLAYERS IN IMPASSABLE GAMES!

Sorry about running out of space, but couldn't tell exactly. The big question for next time is very important. Everyone wants more of everything, but this will have to be at the expense of having a lesser number of games or less propaganda. The questions are: 1. Should we have black propropaganda or not? This is mandatory as the result could change the houserules. 2. Should I limit space for propropaganda for each game? Thanks, and just put your yes or no answers on your order sheets.

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