

Maniac's Paradise Lost

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Welcome to the first issue of Maniac's Paradise Lost, the only Dipzine to carry both the Antisocial Society of America's Seal of Disapproval and Four Paws Up from the Organization of Stinkypants Felines. That's right, sports fans, like an oozing herpes sore I have returned when you least expected me...ready, willing, and able to reclaim my title as Grand Poobah of the ever-shrinking PBM Diplomacy hobby, with scores of simpering toadies surrounding my like remoras on a Great White.

Enough foolishness. For those who don't know me, I am 33 years old (34 later this month) and currently work for a transportation company as a customer service rep, occasional dispatcher and sometimes a driver. It isn't glamorous work – we pick up and deliver corporate fleet vehicles throughout the country. But it pays the bills...or comes close. Back in the late 1980's I started a Dipzine called Maniac's Paradise which eventually became just one of many hobby zines I published. In 1998 due to a series of personal and marriage problems all coming to a head at the same time, I had to drop out of the hobby. Now, four years later, I'm sticking my toes back in the water.

Which brings us to MPL. Warren Goesle's zine I Digress is folding for a variety of reasons, and I have volunteered to take over one of his Diplomacy games, and two no-press Gunboat. You will find the latest adjudications in this zine. I will GM these games through their conclusion. All players in those games will receive this zine free of charge until your game/games end.

I'm keeping my sights low for now. Each issue will contain the games, and whatever other content I decide to include. Next issue I'll toss in some letters (if you send me any), commentary, some more on my job and where my life is at, etc. I'll offer a new game opening sometime in the next few months, to see if there is any demand. For now it'll be a small zine, if I have the energy, inclination and favorable feedback thing monster may start to grow and develop – either back towards the old MP or perhaps in new directions. For the moment I just wanted to get these results in the mail right away so all the players can keep their interest level high.

A few brief words about my Gming style. A copy of the MPL houserules appears elsewhere in this issue. They are almost identical to Goz's rules...which were almost identical to my old MP houserules. Deadlines are *very very strict* – any of you who played in Maniac's Paradise will remember I do not accept late orders..even 5 minutes late. My turnaround time used to be lightning speed. I'm probably a bit more relaxed these days, but I will still strive to get the results in the mail within 2 or 3 days of the deadline. Zine deadlines will generally be about 4 weeks from the mailing date.

Questions? Feel free to ask. I prefer communication by email or postal mail. Phone should only be used as a last resort! By the way, orders **can** be left on my answering machine. If there's nothing further, I'll close by announcing the next deadline is:

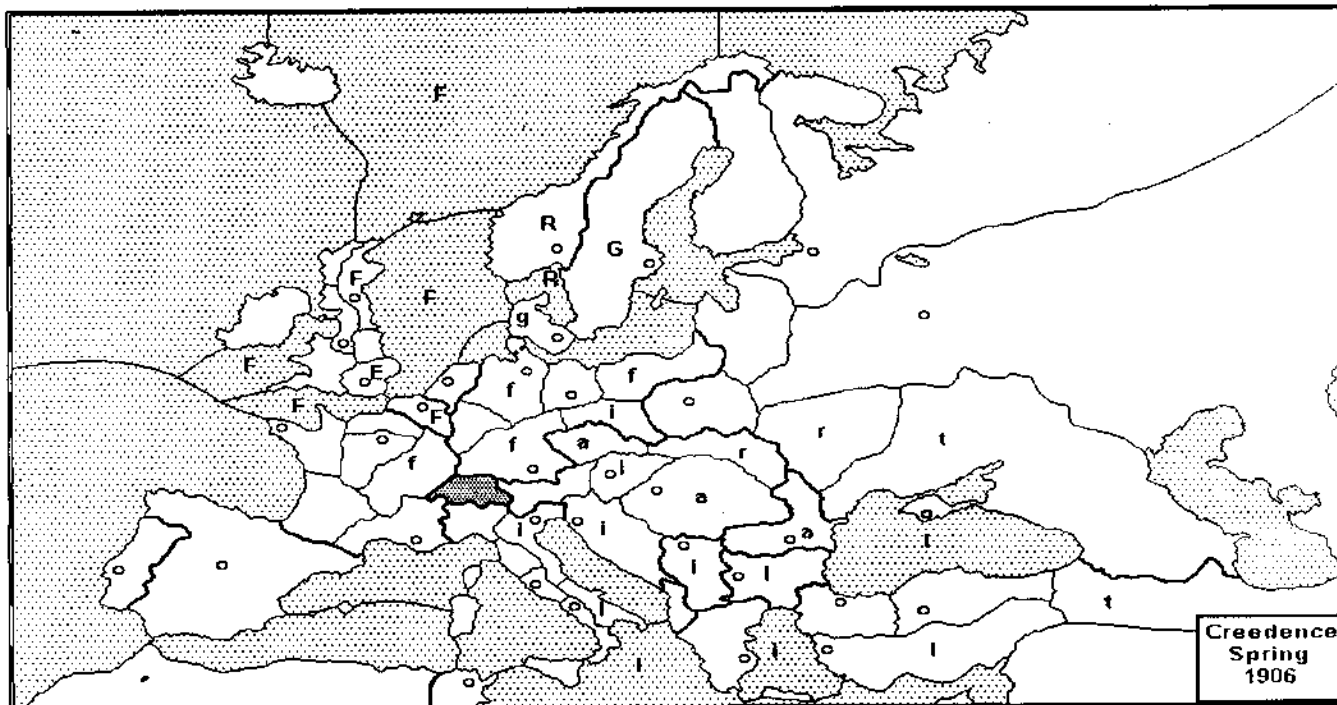
Saturday November 9 at 12:00 noon central time

Diplomacy Houserules for Maniac's Paradise Lost

1. Standard abbreviations will be accepted, as long as it is unambiguous. I tend to use Nwy = Norway, Nwg = Norwegian Sea, Nth = North Sea, Nat = North Atlantic, Naf = North Africa, Lvp = Liverpool, Lva = Livonia, Tyr = Tyrolia, Tyn = Tyrrhenian Sea
2. GM errors not reported by the following deadline will stand.
3. Any attempt to fool the GM will result in expulsion from the game.
4. Standard season setup will be of the North American variety, Summer retreats/Fall moves and Autumn retreats/Winter builds/Spring moves.
5. Seasons separated on request of two or more players.
6. Conditional orders allowed for separation of seasons, builds, retreats, standby orders, GM error, and the like. Conditional press allowed for the same.
7. NMR retreats are OTB. NMR removals by GM decision. I will usually do it by: Out-of-country non-SC (farthest from the capital), in-home-country non-SC, out-of-country SC, in-country SC. Alphabetical order from there.
8. Standbys are called after one NMR. There may be occasions where I won't, such as only one unit left, etc. If the original player doesn't submit orders for the next season, the standby's orders are used and he becomes the player of record. If someone NMRs in the Spring 1901 turn, the game will be held up, and a standby will be called.
9. Any draw proposal or concession proposal is valid, but must be unanimous. NVR = Yes. If a draw/concession is passed only by NVRs, it will be repropoed. If it happens again, it will pass. If 2 or more draws/concessions pass, every country involved in the passed proposals will share in the decision.
10. Non-white press will only be permitted in games where it is specified. I will not edit press for content, and I hope I don't have to edit it for length.
11. If a situation comes up that is not listed here, I will make the final decision.
12. Maps are for assistance only. The moves are the official record of results. Note that I, like all right-thinking GM's, use Capital Letters for fleets.

Creedence, Diplomacy O-1, 2001C, Winter 05/Spring 06

"A new Tsar. France & Italy disengage and march east. Will the board look like pasta or snails"



Austria (Frank Martin): NBR, plays 1 short.. A Bud -Gal, A Rum s a Bud - Gal, A Vie-Boh.

England (Peter Boyum): F Lon H.

France (Phil Reynolds): Bld F Bre..A Mar-Bur, A Ruh-Mun, A Hol-Kie, A Ber-Pru, F Pic-Bel, F Bre-Ech, F Mid-Iri, F Nat-Nwg, F Cly-Edi, F Edi-Nth.

Germany (Adam Silverman): A Den S F Swe, F Swe H.

Italy (Marc Ellinger): Bld A Ven, A Rom, F Nap..A Ven-Tri, A Tyr-Vie, A Mun-Sil, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Apu, F Tyn-Ion, F Eme-Aeg, F Con-Bla, F Smy H, A Bul-Rum, A Ser S A Ven-Tri.

Russia (Bob Dowrey): Ret A Rum-Ukr..NRR! GM Ret F Edi-OTB,rem A Boh,F Bla.. F Nwy-Swe, F Ska S F Nwy-Swe, A Gal H, A Ukr-Mos.

Turkey (Jim Sayers): A Con-Arm, A Sev-Mos.

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PRESS:

France - All: I changed my mind.

(Rome) -- The Emperor Marcus Vinicimus announced today that the Archduke had committed "grave offenses against the Italian people."

"We shall not let this affront to our nation stand unanswered. I am ordering all forces to advance upon the Austrian borders and bring the Archduke back to Rome for a fair trial and summary execution," thundered the Emperor.

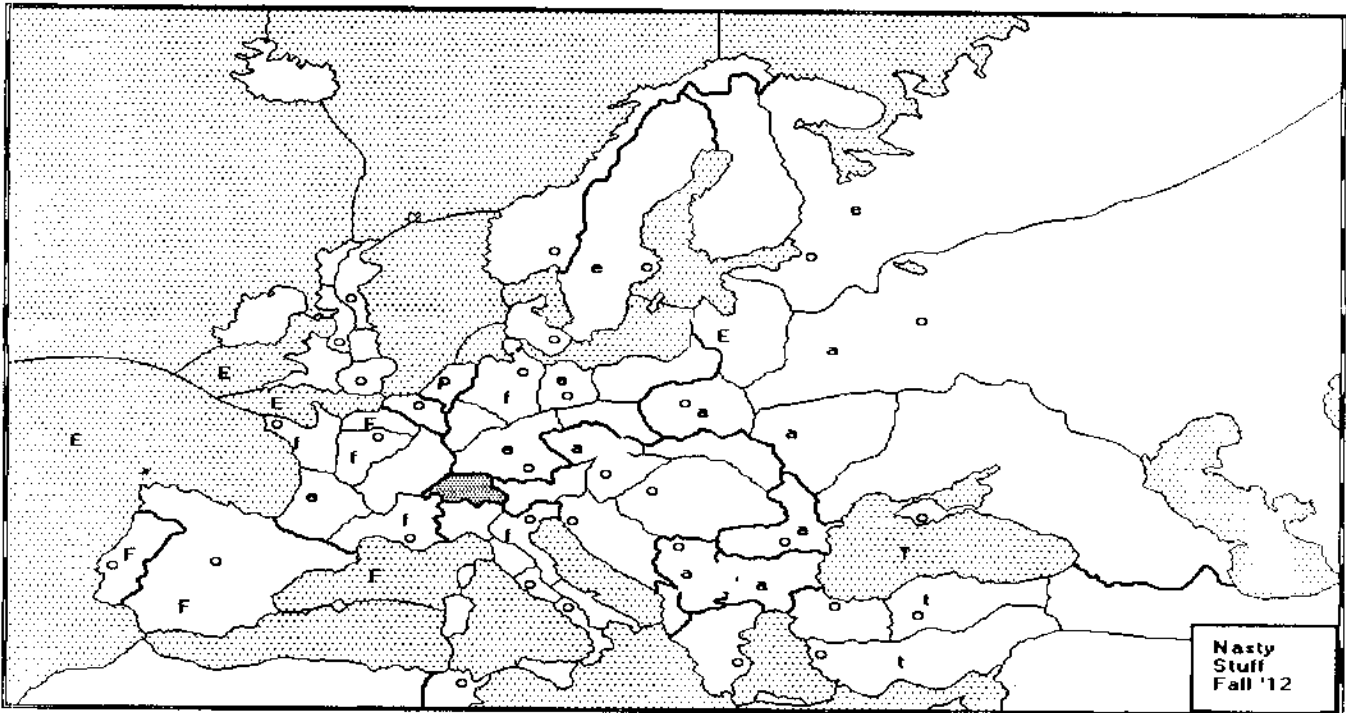
"Three new legions and fleets were drafted this winter and are embarking from Venice, Rome and Naples to points east," stated the Emperor. "The Austrians will now feel the cold steel from our men and the seas shall be scoured of any remaining Austrians who flee our legions."

When questioned about the affront which brought on this glorious new march to conquest, the Emperor responded, "No comment."

Russia - All : I remain open to any offers.

Nasty Stuff, Gunboat, 1999Brb32, Fall 1912

"And then there were 4. German army finally finds no place to land."



Austria: A Vie-Boh, A Tri-Ser, ~~F Con-Bla~~ (dis-ret Ank,Aeg,OTB), A Gal-Ukr, A Mos S A Gal-Ukr, A Rum S A Gal-Ukr, A Bul S A Rum, A War S A Mos.

England: A Kie-Mun, A Ber S A Kie-Mun, F Pru-Lva, A Stp S F Pru-Lva, A Nwy-Swe, A Gas S G. A Bur-Mar (NSO), F Mid-Spa(sc), F Ech-Bel, F Iri-Ech.

France: A Bre S A Par, A Par S A Bre, F Pic-Bel, A Hol S A Ruh-Kie, A Ruh-Kie, A Mun S A ~~Ruh-Kie~~ (dis-ret Sil,Tyr,Kie,OTB), A Ven H, A Pie-Mar, F Spa(sc) S A Pie-Mar, F Wme S F Spa(sc), F Por-Mid.

Germany: A Bur-Bel.

Turkey: A Sev-Con, F Bla C A Sev-Con, A Smy S A Sev-Con.

Supply Center Chart:

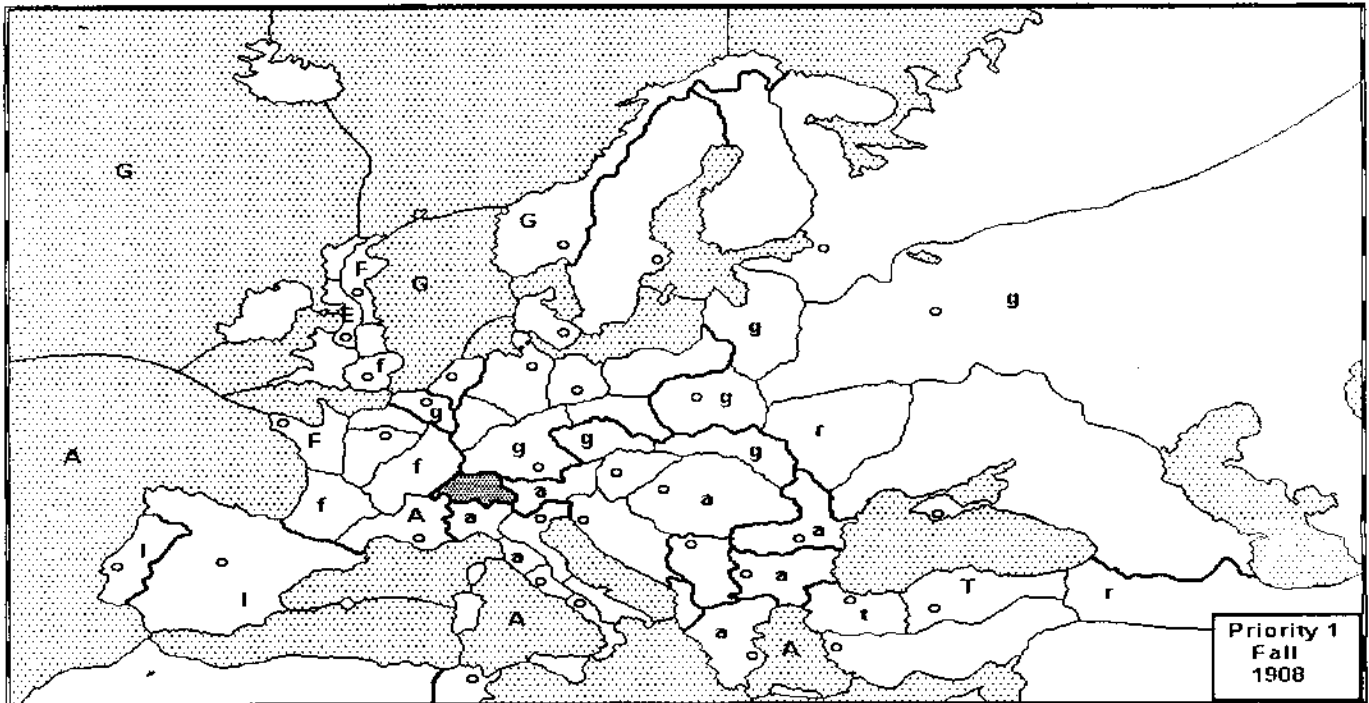
Austria: Ank?, Bud, Bul, Gre, Mos, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie, War = 9 or 10
 England: Ber, Den, Edi, Lvp, Lon, Mun, Nwy, StP, Swe = 9
 France: Bel, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven = 12
 Germany: None
 Turkey: Ank?, Con, Sev, Smy = 3 or 4

Build 1 or 2
 Even
 Build 1 or 2
 OUT!!
 Even or Build 1

There is a new Austrian.

Priority One, Gunboat, 2000Arb32, Fall 1908

"A new Pope, but the old Tsar. Austria & Germany grow again. STILL no one eliminated."



Austria: A Bud-Gal, A Gal-Ukr (dis-ret Vie,OTB), A Rum-Sev, A Bul-Con, A Gre-Smy, F Aeg C A Gre-Smy, F Ion-Tyn, A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Tus, A Pie S F Mar, F Mar H, F Mid-Spa(sc).

England: F Cly-Lvp.

France: A Bur-Mar, A Gas S A Bur-Mar, F Ech-Bre, ~~F Cly-Lvp~~ (NSU), A Yor-Lon, F Nth-Edi.

Germany: F Nat S F. F Ech-Mid (NSO), F Den-Nth, F Nwg-Nwy, A Bel H, A Kie-Mun, A Mun-Boh, A Sil-Gal, A Lva S A Mos, A Mos H, A War S A Sil-Gal.

Italy: F Por S F Spa(sc), F Spa(sc) H.

Russia: ret A Mos-Ukr. A Ukr-Sev, A Sev-Arm.

Turkey: A Con-Smy, F Ank-Con.

Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie = 13

England: Lvp = 1

France: Bre, Edi, Lon, Par = 4

Germany: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, StP, Swe, War = 11

Italy: Por, Spa = 2

Russia: Sev = 1

Turkey: Ank, Con = 2

Build 1 or 2

Even

Remove 1

Build 1

Even

Remove 1

Even

We have a new Italian player. The old Russian player has returned.