

Quick! Three players missed moves. If they do not submit builds ( or a letter of intent to continue ) they will be replaced. Anyone receiving this who is not in 71V is invited to submit standby moves ( or letter of intent to take over a position ) for Italy, Turkey, and/or Russia. First come first served if players must be replaced. If no replacements can be found for players who drop out, then the countries they played will go into Civil Disorder.

1971V, Fall 1901 moves:

- AUSTRIA ( WIEST ) A Rum-Bul, A Tri-Ser, F Alb-Gre.
- ENGLAND ( LANGS ) F Nwg-Nry, F Nth-(H), A Bri-Yor.
- FRANCE ( MARSLAND ) A Mar-Spa, F Mid-Por, A Bar-Bel.
- ITALY ( BOMBA? ) No moves received ( NMR ) A Ven, A Apu, F Ion all (H).
- GERMANY ( DUTTON ) A Kie-Hol, A Mun (S) A Kie-Hol, F Den (H).
- RUSSIA ( GAYDOS? ) F Both, F Arm, A Sev, A Ukr all (H) NMR.
- TURKEY ( ADAMEC? ) F Blk, A Bul, A Con all (H) NMR.

Austria: Home, Rum, Gre, Ser. Builds three.  
 England: Home, Nry. Builds one.  
 France: Home, Bel, Spa, Por. Builds three.  
 Italy: Home. Stands pat.  
 Germany: Home, Den, Hol. Builds two.  
 Russia: Home. Stands pat.  
 Turkey: Home, Bul. Builds one.

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Although I have not heard from Tyrone Bomba, I believe his address has changed to: 405 Fireline Rd., Bowmanstown, Pa. 18030.

Press Releases:

First, one inadvertently left out in Spring 1901:

Turkey -- According to unofficial Bulgarian sources, Russian interference with Black Sea commerce has reached an all-time high, and activity in Ankaran ports seems to point to a possible intervention on Bulgaria's behalf. Request by the Bulgarian government for aid in putting down Russian coup attempts have met with a warm reception in Turkey, and a major striking force has been assembled in the capital.

Fall 1901:

Berlin -- ( VPI ) The German government wishes to apologize for its lack of communication with the world powers in the past few weeks. The Emperor reported that the recent increase in the cost of messengers combined with an inadequate appropriation caused this regrettable delay. He says he hopes to have the communication lines open again by late this fall.

Paris ( UPI )-- King Overstarched the Orpulent today announced the unprovoked invasion of Belgium. When queried as to his motives, the King announced that he had to keep up with the Germans. "Something like that of the Jones' next door," he was heard to remark. Prince Phallus then entered and explained that the real reason was that on a funny board he had found Belgium had a big black dot in it and that the way to win was to get the most dots.

the Prince went on to say that he had managed to set up an incredible alliance system, and that "Europe was entirely under his control." When he declared war on Austria-Hungary," he flourished, "it would be destroyed in two years - without us even lending a hand." The Prince then left, leaving an air of expectant tension behind him.

(London) ((Double parentheses indicate that the release does not originate from the country given as the dateline -- LEP )) -- The French ambassador to Great Britain, M. Lecunt, has today achieved a magnificent diplomatic triumph. Virtually unaided by the French Government, he succeeded in obtaining for France a life-long alliance with Great Britain. Specific goals were mentioned, such as "getting a salami on rye" and "closing the window." The treaty was clear-cut and precise, covering all international aspects such as mayo, onion and ketchup. The ambassador was pleased as punch, and he hoped that the two nations would be able to stick together and pick up the garnish around the meat loaf and Turkey of Europe. No word was heard from Berlin, but it was expected that terse congratulations would be sent out (nobody likes to be kept up with, especially the Jones's).

#### FRANCE DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

At 6:15 this morning, the King of France, the greatest and most fabulous of all monarchs, the undisputed leader of Europe, Overstarched the Orpulent, revealed the declaration of war on Austria-Hungary. "Pretty, isn't it?" he was heard to say as he took the golden embroidered covering of pure silk off. The reasons for such a declaration are still obscure, but it has something to do with Austria's unyielding attitude on the Russian Front (hasn't surrendered after nine turns already) and the fact that Austria's attitude toward France in the present sphere is less than hospitable. When trying to obtain information on the Balkan affairs, Austria was uncommunicative. After repeated efforts at communication, the French government had no choice but to take drastic action against the Austrian government. Let this be a warning to all those who would attempt to keep France in the dark!

Vienna -- (Sept. 1) (DOWN) Emperor Franz Joseph today announced that Austria-Hungary had declared war on the Ottoman Empire in front of a hysterical mob here in Vienna.

The Emperor, propped up by the Foreign Minister, Knowall and heir to the throne, Archduke Mayerling, made the announcement from the throne of the Imperial Palace. He stated-- in his own peculiarly undecipherable way that recent actions by the "Sublime Port" as he called Turkey, in the Balkans could be regarded by Austria only as aggressive actions. He maintained that the occupation of Bulgaria, the threats against Greece and the general arrogance by the Sultan's representatives were all part of a plot to crush Christianity in Europe. It was in the name of God that Austria was entering the war, according to the Emperor. (Recent reports by uninformed sources indicate that another reason might be that Archduke Mayerling was not allowed to enter the Sultan's harem on his recent trip to Istambul (Constantinople)). The Emperor stated as soon as Turkey agreed to get out of Europe there would be peace. (Foreign ministry sources later announced that if there was reason, peace negotiations could begin without Turkish preacceptance of these terms).

The Emperor's face was totally hidden during the address by large cards held in front of him from which he read his speech. The large crowd outside the palace continually applauded the fact that a wise old man like Franz Joseph was making the decisions for the Dual Monarchy. Mobs, eager to join the fight, stormed the War Ministry in both Vienna and Budapest.

After the Emperor's declaration of war, the Foreign Office announced that Austro-Hungarian troops would occupy Serbia and Greece in order to protect

news states from the Turkish hordes. No comment was available from either Belgrade or Athens; the prime ministers of both nations were mysteriously assassinated last week. It was also announced that it was hoped that a close Russo-Austrian relationship could be maintained with Austrian entry into their crusade for freedom of the seas.

Winter 1901 Builds or letters of intent to play are due JUNE 30 1971. This is only seventeen days since little negotiation is immediately necessary. Get your moves in! My address is now: Lewis Pulsipher, 8244 Swift Rd., Battle Creek, Michigan 49017. Moves are due at noon of the deadline date. If you find it necessary you may call your moves in -- not collect, of course. My phone is (616) 962-1520.

Thanks to Austria and France, who have supplied me with many comments upon the progress of the game.

If you haven't received Mars Vigils! within two weeks of a deadline, then assume it has been lost in the mail and contact me so that I can hold things up until you receive the issue and have time to negotiate.

#### NEW GAME!

The second Mars Vigils game is now open. Gamesmaster will be Stephen Marsland. I don't know what rules will be used, but this will be a seven man regular game. See colophon below for fee. Send fee ( if any ) and list of the seven Great Powers in order of preference to Steve ( address below ).

Mars Vigils is associated with the American Designers Association. Publisher, Stephen Marsland, 78 Canasee, Greene, New York 13078. Gamesmaster for 1971 V Lewis Pulsipher, 8244 Swift Rd., Battle Creek, Michigan 49017. Subscription 10/\$1.50. Game fee free for ADA members, \$1.00 for others.