

Dedicated to GRAUSTARK,
and its 300th Issue, &
to the de-criminaliza-
tion of John Boardman.

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This issue, marking the grand ending of game 1971EH (The Winner's Game), is the first to be sent to my former mailing list, though it may take me a little time to get around to all that. I am one harried individual, and former subscribers may be a bit surprised to note that I have been late with both issues since I have been in Miami. This issue is late--by one week--because I delayed mailing Mike Rocamora's copy of the magazine simply through an error. Hence, a one week extension. His moves came in Thursday, but I have NO time available these days except on the weekends.

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WALTER BUCHANAN VICTORIOUS IN 1971EH--THE WINNER'S GAME
ENGLAND GARNERS ANOTHER WIN; RUS & AUS 2D

CENTER CHART:

	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
AUSTRIA	5	7	8	7	6	9**	11*	11*	11	9	6
ENGLAND	5	7	8	9	10	14*	15	15	15	17**	18
FRANCE	5	3	1	-							
GERMANY	5	5	4	4	5	2	-				
ITALY	4	4	6	8	8	5	3	3	3	3	4
RUSSIA	7	6	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	6
TURKEY	4	2	2	1	1	-					

AUS: Bob Ward (Tie for 2d)
ENG: Walt Buchanan (1st, 1911) Walt's sixth! In a row!
FRA: Greg Warden (Out, F'04)
GER: Edi Birsan (Out, F'07)
ITA: Conrad von Metzke (res F'02); Arn Vagts
RUS: Randy Bytwerk (Tie for 2d)
TUR: Buddy Tretick (Out, F'06)

I am happy to announce, as is apparent from the center chart, that 1971EH had no players drop from the game. The orderly transition from Conrad to Arn was without event, and certainly changed the character of the game. Walt has not sent in a statement, because he is quite busy with his own affairs. He has, however, authorized me to relate the story of the end game, which he explained to me when I visited those hallowed Indiana halls where GRAUSTARK #1 and Birch Bayh hold honored positions.

Those comments relate mainly to the play of the end game. Stated succinctly, the events which led up to it were these: the 1906 attack of Ward upon Vagts, coupled with the English stab of Germany, was to lead to a three-way draw between England, Austria, and Russia. Arn, however, wasn't very keen about being the last eliminated before the other three took their glory, and Walt wasn't really too happy about the draw either,

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RUSSIA TRIES HARD TO OPEN ST PETE, BUT NO BUILD FALL 1909
 OSMANSON DEFENDS LIGHTLY; LOSES TWO TO FRA
 HOW MUCH LONGER TO RUN HERE?

AUSTRIA (Vagts): F Adr S RUS F Ion; F Gre S RUS F Aeg-Ion [NSO]; A Ruh
 S RUS F Ber-Kie; A Mun S A Ruh; A's Ruh, Tyr, Pie, Ven, Tus all H.
 ENGLAND (Osmanson): F Swe S F Nwy; F Bar-StP(NC); F Nwy S F Bar-StP;
 F Kie H; F Bal S F Kie; F Den S F Kie; F Hel-Nth.
 FRANCE (Rocamora): F Wal-Liv; F Eng-Lon; A Hol S RUS F Ber-Kie; A Pic
 S A Bur; A Bur S A Pic; A Mar H; F Tyr H; F Tun S F Tyr; F Wes-Mid.
 RUSSIA (Lipson): F Ber-Kie; A Pru-Ber; A Sil S A Pru-Ber; A Mos-StP;
 A Liv S A Mos-StP; F Bot-StP(SC); A Fin S F Bot-StP; F Apu-Nap;
 F Ion S F Apu-Nap; F Aeg S F Ion.

 CENTER CHART -- END OF FALL 1909

AUS: Home, Ser, Bul, Mun, Gre, Ven = 8, Even.
 ENG: ~~Liv, Lon~~, Edi, Nwy, ~~Wap~~, Den, Swe, Kie = 5, remove two.
 FRA: Home, Por, Spa, Bel, Tun, Rom, ~~Wap~~, Hol, Liv, Lon = 11, build two.
 RUS: Home, Rum, Con, Ber, Smy, Ank, ~~Kie~~, Nap = 10, Even.

The Winter 1909 builds are due SUNDAY NOON, DECEMBER 23RD, 1973.
 The only real issue are the English removals, because the French builds
 are almost guaranteed. I therefore request, in order to speed up the
 game, that SPRING 1910 orders also be submitted, conditional on the
 English removals. As I see it, this will inconvenience only Russia, and
 the state of this game is not so crucial that I think it makes much of a
 difference.

There is, as usual, no press. Sigh.

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REPOSITIONING CONTINUES AS WINTER REJOINS GAME!!!

WINTER 1909

AUSTRIA (O'Regan): No change required.
 FRANCE (Winter): Build Army Paris, Fleet Brest.
 GERMANY (Hall): A Sil R to Munich. NO change required.
 RUSSIA (Rocamora): Remove Army Sweden.
 TURKEY (T.S. Williams): No change required.

 Positions for start of Spring, 1910:

AUS: F Gre (1).
 FRA: A's Nwy, Den, Ruh, Par, Tyr, Tri, Ven; F's Bar, Nrg, Hel, Bre,
 Wes, Apu, Ion, Eas (15).
 GER: A's Mun, Boh, Vie, Alb; F's Ska, Pru (6).
 RUS: A's Fin, Ukr, War, Sil, Gal, Bud, Ser, Con; F's Bla, StP(NC) (10)
 TUR: A Smy; F Ank (2).

Spring 1910 moves are due SUNDAY NOON, DECEMBER 23D, 1973. Fred
 Winter has responded to my requests for his continuance in this game, in
 spite of the fact that he has resigned from others and considered it his
 duty to do so from this one too. I appreciate it, and apologize to Fred
 for not managing to find time to write the promised letter (thats better
 than a mere letter). This game, at any rate, will continue until a vic-
 tory criterion is reached. At the end of the game, there will be a sum-
 mary, winner's statement, editor's comment, and the like.

-- coitus interruptus --

PS: I plan a much more extensive commentary on 1971EH, probably due out
 with the commentary on whatever game ends next.