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Welcome to another issue of The Podunk News. Subs are 30¢ per issue, 20¢ if you play a standby spot. There are no gamefees for subscribers, but ~~gamefees~~ Traders pay whatever they charge in their zines. I'm not giving free games in PODUNK, then turning around to pay whatever you charge. How do you like them apples?

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Game Openings

Due to my recent election as President of the IDANA, it has become necessary to close all games save one. I will open 1 game of regular Diplomacy in May. The Kingmaker game will not be run due to lack of interest. Sorry, but time presses heavily on me these days.

News

The Hot Air section of PODUNK is hereby cancelled. Now that I am President, I can spout off in the pages of Council Courier and Diplomacy Review. If you'd like to know about politics, etc. let me know, join IDA or ask to see a Council Courier. Activities presently include: Acensus, Publisher's Relations Project, Novice Handbook, History Handbook, and anything else anyone would like to see. We are also looking for someone to take a seat on the Diplomacy Variants Commission.

Latest news is that Fred Davis' Bushwacker will phase out starting in July. Another of this hobbies really fine zines bites the dust. We who receive it will miss it, I'm sure.

Another bit of info: Diplomacy World is going on 2 months late. We hope that this won't continue in the future or that someone more reliable can be found. Conrad von Metzke is very creative, but seems to lack the drive to get things done on time. (Look who's talking!).

*** ** TPN **

After the shortest opening inages, we'll move on to what a Dipzine is all about - the Games! (I wonder where I got that idea? I thought a Dipzine was something for a publisher to spout off in! God, how I hate to ramble on trying to fill a page. It all seems so senseless. Would anyone like to send ideas on how to fill the bottom of a page creatively, instead of with this drivel?

*** THE GAMES ***

1975 BDDi - Winter, 462 - Anarchy.

GM: Bob Hartwig

Acheson (UKWRYD) - F Lon R - Nth. Remove A Ruh.

Has F Nth, F Hol.

Baumeister (Greasola) - F Lon, Den, StP(NC), EDINBURGH,

A Tri, Rum, Ser, Gal, BUDAPEST. (2 short).

Dominskyj (UGBB) - F Eng, Mid, Mar, Tyn, Bul(SC), Aeg, GREECE,

A Bur, Spa, Tyl, Ven.

Greening (CD) - F Lyo, Con, Swe, A Mos, Sev, ~~Bel~~, Ank, Mun, Kie, Ber, All Hold.

UGBB: Dodecanese Archipelago, Aboard the Potemkin II -

First Citizen Vladimir Illyich Dominskyj today denounced the decrepit and decaying regime of the United Kingdom of White Russians and Yankee Dollars for its vacillatory and deceitful conduct of foreign relations and announced a new friendship with the proletarian dictatorship of the new Big Grease. The broad masses of workers and peasants have been urged to resolutely struggle against the one world imperial splittism of the decadent neo-nazi Greenite horde and their spineless Achesonian ~~lady~~ lackey, soon to go the way of the revisionist crypto-capitalist death-mongers of the REAMite fanatics. Political observers here are calling this speech one of the most significant to come out of the UGBB in a long time. He finished the 6 hour address with the following quote: "Mr. Greening, you now have a Diplomacy game on your hands!"

Greasola: Budapest to Belgium: Yes, Dominskyj is pretty sly, but at least it's to my advantage!

(Spring moves on file for UKWRYD and UGBB)

1976 BJ - Spring, 1909 -

GM: Bob Hartwig

Austria (Acheson) - A BudeRum.

England (Carman) - A Edi-Bel (C F Nth), F Kie//H, F Lvp-Iri, F Eng-Mid,

F Mid-Wes, A Bel-Bur (S A Mun), A Bre-Gas, A Bur-Par.

Italy (Mackes) - NMR! F Tun, Nap, Por, Spa(SC), A Ven, Mar, Gas, All Hold.

Russia (Wilson) - A Sev-Rum, A Mos-Ukr, A Gal-Bud(S A Vie), A War-Sil,

A Ber//H, F Nrg-Nwy, F NAE//H.

Turkey (Baumeister) - A Tri-Ven(S F Adr), A Ser S Austrian A Bud(NSO),

F Bul(EC)-Bla, F Aeg-Ion(S F Gre), A Con-Bul, A Smy-Arm.

***Turkish A Smyrna (now in 'Arm) incorrectly listed as F Smyrna in Winter. If Jim wants, we'll play Spring over, but there's not a whole lot of difference, so I hope you'll send Fall orders.

***Italian A Ven//A (Civil Disorder rule).

***Austrian A Budretreat to Tri or OTB.

Russia: "That ought to teach Austria-Hungary to double-cross the Big Bear."

c.1908 - Czar Wilsolas I

The illiterates in Turkey have difficulty with our names, as well as with their own orders occasionally, but fortunately this is a gentle bear.

Turkey: Constantinople: January 31, 1909: The Achmed Purah Column for THE SMYRNA DISPATCH:

The Sultan's moods were becoming sporadic, as the war seemed to close in around him. Only one month ago, he had said that things were looking up for our wonderful Ottoman Empire, and lately, based on Russian perfidy, he has mentioned that we were all doomed to die in the powerful Russian

1976 BJ - Press - Turkey (Cont'd)

juggernaut in the north. And what ailed him worst was the fact that this unfortunate fact was an indirect product of the Russian revolution of some months ago, which Tsar Wilsov has been successfully suppressing. For if that uprising had never occurred, then the attempt at Rumania would never have been made. The poor Sulatan had merely defended himself against the Gibsov dynasty that appeared to be in the making.

It was for this reason of National Security that the Sultan, Abdul ben ~~Ma~~ Baumeistah, quickly altered the build of a fleet for that of an army, which had been needed, but was not ordered built due to the Sultan's trust in the Tsar. This army has been mobilized in the hope that it will not end up being put to use; however, every precautionary measure has been taken, as the entire empire is now at stake. This specially built army, which comprises some of the strongest troops in all Europe, has been given the most important task of guarding the Sultan's private retreat on the outskirts of Kars, Armenia. It appears that the building of a fleet will have to wait until Russian intentions are clarified.

Achmed Pmrah signing off; long live the Sultan and may Allah be with him!

GM: Bob Hartwig

~~Page 3~~1977 (N) - Spring, 1905.- Squirrel Game II.

Austria (Erwin) - Orders: F Ion, Gre, A Bul, Ser, Gal, Bud, All Hold!
 England (Pariseau) - Orders: F Wal, Hold!
 France (Mackes) - NMR! A Bur, Pic, Gas, Bre, All Hold.
 Germany (Richards) - F Den M S F Bal, A Kie S F Den, A Ruh-Hol, A Ber-Prus.
 Italy (Hartwig) - A Sil-War, A Bel S German A Ruh-Hol, A Boh-Sil,
 F Edi-Yor, F Lvp-Cly, F Aeg-Con, F Rom-Tyn, F Nap-Ion,
 Russia (Baumeister) - F Bot-Swe, A Swd-Nwy, F Ska-Nth, A War-Sil, A Rum-Ukr,
F Bla-Con (S E Ank).
 Turkey (Rapp) - F Con-Ank (S E Smy).

***Russian A Ank retreat to Arm or OTB.

Austria-Hungary:

Wir, Franz Joseph der Erste von Gottes Gnaden erwahlter Romischer Kaiser in Germanien. Zu Hispanien, bei der Sicilien, Jerusalem, Ungarn, Dalmatien, Cfaatien, usw. Konig, Erzherzog von Osterreich, Herzog von Burgundien, usw. Graf zu Hapsburg, Flandern, and Tyrol, usw., usw., usw.

Be it proclaimed throughout the Empire and the World that a General Council of the Church is called, to consist of the prelacy and clergy of the Catholic Church, as well as the princes and laity of Europe, and that this Council shall convene at Zurich, in the Swiss Confederation, in the Spring of 1905. All entitled to attend should announce their intention to do so, and specify the content of the delegation they plan to send.

Let the General Council of Zurich decided the questions of doctrine and heresy that divide the Church, and arbitrate the election of the Pope.

(Francisus Josephus)

Ad Mandatum Domini Imperator's proprium.

(Clipping from the editorial page of the Vienna Neue Freie Presse of Feb. 11, 1904.)

Robert Who?

Once again the political writhings of our antic neighbor to the west have caused a stop-gap government to be spewed forth. It seems that Italy's many woes are now to be eased by a Church-State one-man show, in the person of H.M. The current King of Italy. After his succession to the Italian throne, Roberto I deposed and seized the tiara of the Pope.

1977 (N) - Press - Austria (Cont'd)

This wanton snatching of the keys from ~~the~~ the hand of Peter is a crime comparable to that of Philip IV against Boniface VIII. Once again the Church is in a shambles, and the status of believers everywhere is in doubt. By wholesale declaration and papal fiat, the King has managed to throw confusion into the faith of Augustine, Jerome, and Thomas Aquinas. The rumblings among the northern and eastern European prelates would indicate widespread doubt in the validity of Robert's pontificate, indeed on the validity of his entire Curia.

The movement for the restoration of the Church to its ancient glory must, to be effective, be led by one of the monarchs of Europe. Our own Emperor, as head of the oldest Catholic house, would be the ideal leader of such a crusade against heresy and usurpation. Let him exercise the prerogative of his ancestor Sigismund and call a General Council of the Church, to meet outside of Italy, in order to investigate these mysterious and intolerable upheavals.

England: (London) The ministry has fallen! Suspected of intentionally turning the country over to the hideous Papist, King Robert I of Italy, also known as the anti-Christ, the Lords Arlington, Clifford, Buckingham, and Shaftesbury have fled to the Dutch Republic, seeking asylum from the furious London mob. The King, enjoying a holiday at Newmarket, was apparently unaware of the disastrous bungling which allowed the enemy to capture Edinburgh. An unofficial source reports that, reluctantly putting aside Hortense Mancini, his mistress of the moment, the King has plunged into furious work to solve the crisis.

In a move to quiet unrest, it has been announced that the King will divorce his present Queen, and remarry with the intention of producing a legitimate heir. This would legally exclude his brother James from succeeding to the throne. It is widely suspected that James is but a tool of the tyrannical madman who now reigns in Italy. This move, along with the measures taken by the new ministry of the competent Earl of Danby, should act to quiet, stabilize, and protect the Kingdom.

(Oxford) A Great Council of the Church of England has just announced that it finds no doctrinal differences with the Catholic Church which cannot be solved. In this surprise decision, the Anglican Church has expressed a willingness to be reconciled to the Catholic faith under the condition that the "buffoonish prelate" who now serves as Pope be deposed and a new Pope, one unintimidated by the inhuman oppression of the tyrannical, egomaniacal, psychotic Robert I, be elected. The Great Council further went on to say that it would cooperate with any other powers which chose to move toward this deposition.

Italy: (Rome): Napoleon Returns to Watergate - Part 19.

At this time we wish to interrupt our story for an important announcement:

(From the New Roman Times): (March 14, 1905).

Vienna & Budapest: It was announced today in a press conference with Franz Joseph, primate and baboon of the bumbling House of Hapsburg, that he was calling a General Council of the Catholic Church to meet in Zurich this Spring. This reporter can only hope that he meant 1906, and not 1905, as there is only one week of Spring remaining, even on Austria-Hungary's Polish made calendars.

Berlin: The government of Kaiser Phil I announced that all Electors of the Catholic Church in the German Empire, along with a delegation of Lutherans and Lutheranized Catholics, will attend the Emperor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire's Council in Zurich. He also announced

1977 (N) - Press - Italy (Cont'd)-

his desire to have the Council meet in 1906, as there is only one week left in Spring, even on Austria's Polish made calendars.

Paris: President Mackes announced that France will also participate in Frank's coming Council and announced his desire ~~is~~ that the council be held in 1906, as there is only a week left in Spring, even on Austria's Polish made calendars.

Rome: Reports arriving from Tunis, North Africa, Marseilles, the Austrian and German colonies, Scotland, Liverpool, Ireland, and Iceland all indicated strong support for the upcoming Council, and all will be sending delegations, including French Spain and Portugal. All have reservations about the date however, as there is only one week left in Spring, even on Austria's Polish made calendars.

The Vatican: Emperor and Pope Robert I held a news conference announcing the Italian and Catholic governments' intention to attend the Austrian's coming Council in Zurich. Robert's answer to a question concerning why the Austrians use Polish made calendars brought this response: "Because they're too stupid to make them themselves. I've heard that they're having their contract cancelled next year, though. Now they'll have to get them from a worse place yet - Oklahoma!"

Following this announcement Robert went to a meeting of the Catholic electors, where he abdicated as Pope. The temporary Pope elected was a famous Austrian, much talked about in their Press recently - Robert Who of Tyrolia. When asked if the Emperor of Italy had him on a string, he told this reporter: "No, he told me to answer that I am unintimidated by the inhuman oppression of the tyrannical, egomaniacal, psychotic, Robert I."

Whose statements have brought about the expected reconciliation between the Catholic and Anglican churches, and the English Lords Arlington, Clifford, Buckingham, and Shaftesbury were reported headed home to London to aid the Unification, following their meeting with the Italian Secretary of State in the Italian Crown Colony of Belgium.

Well - while Austria continues to fume over the conversion of the Catholic Church to Lutheranism, Most good Catholics are converted. In addition, the Anglican Church has ~~also~~ joined the Unification movement. Bob is now headed for Ankara and Moscow, to get the Muslims and Orthodoxists to join the growing movement. Will he succeed? Will we ever get back to our story? For the answers to these and other fortunately unmasked questions, tune in again next time to Napoleon Returns to Watergate - Part 20.

Russia: 1. As of Fall, 1905, all Russian units and Supply Centers become Austrian.

2. Units can be built in either set of home centers, only units earned by Russian units can be built in Russian centers, and Austrian in Austrian.

3. Russian treaties no longer apply. Austrian treaties do apply until expiration.

4. Russian units and centers count for Austrian victory.

((Point 1 is allowed. Point 2 is not - if you surrender, your pieces become red, and builds come in Austria proper ONLY. Point 3 is allowable only if Austria agrees to it. Point 4 is allowed. If both sides agree to Points 1,3, &4, and if Russia drops Point 2, the surrender will be allowed.

1977 (N) - Press - Turkey (Cont'd)

Turkey: Constantinople - The Ottoman Sultan, Mohammed IX, has declared a jihad against the Russian Empire. "It is with deep regret that I take this step. It is the will of Allah."

1977 CF - Fall, 1904.

GM: Paul Novak

TSAR WARS CONTINUES

Austria (McManus) - A Rum-Sev/disl/(1), A Tri-Tyo*, A Ven S A Tri-Tyo/NSO*, A Vie H/unordered//dibl/(2).

England (Bunke) - NMR. F Swe* H, F Den*H, A Kie* H.

France (Baumeister) - A Edi*H, F Nth*-Nwy, A Hol*-Kie, A Mun* S Engl A Kie-Ber/NSO/, A Ruh*SA Mun, A Bur* S A Mun, F Wes -Tun*, F Mid-Wes*, F Iyo-Thn*/

Italy (Rapp) - A Ven*H, A Gal-War*, A Ser* S Aust A Rum/NSO*(didn't H).

Russia (Beardsley) - A Nwy*-Swe, F Bal*-Den, A Sil-Ber*, A Tyo-Vie*, A Boh* S A Tyo-Vie, A Sev-Rum*, F Bla* S A Sev-Rum.

Turkey (Kelly) - NMR. GM R F Aeg OTB. A Con H/disl/(3), F Bas*H.

(1) R Gal, Ukr, Bud, OTB.

(2) R Gal, Tri, Bud, OTB.

(3) R Ank, Smy, OTB.

Moscow: If stabbed, the other side gets my dying support.

1904 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

A:	Tri, Bud, Nwy	:	2	:	-1
E:	Den, Kie, Swe, Nwy	:	3	:	0
F:	H, Por, Spa, Bel, Hol, Lon, Lpl, <u>Edi, Tun, Mun</u>	:	12	:	+3
G:	Nwy, Ber	:	0	:	OUT
I:	H, Gre, Ser, <u>Bul, War, Con, Nwy</u>	:	8	:	+2
R:	StP, Mos, Sev, Nwy, <u>Ber, Vie, Rum, Nwy, War</u>	:	7	:	0
T:	Ank, Smy, Con, Bal	:	2	:	0

Winter, 1904: French and Italian~~s~~ Prepare for Sea Battle.

Austria (McManus) - Retreats A Rum-Bud, A Vie-Tri. Removes A Tyo/

England (Bunke) - Even.

France (Baumeister) - Builds F Mar, F Bre, A ~~Par~~ Par.

Italy (Rapp) - Builds F Rom, F Nap.

Russia (Beardsley) - Even.

Turkey (CD) - GM retreats A Con OTB.

France: The Little Sicilian (via Tours): Chapter III.

They didn't. Day after day, Roberto would go to his shop, work a lot on a little, and get only a few customers, even though his treating them well always brought them back. He made so little money in a month that he could not have supported himself for a week on it, had it not been for Papa Hartnonni. Roberto, of course, still lived with his Papa, and it was he who was the breadwinner in the house. Papa advised Roberto to lay aside the small amount of money he had saved and buy a "typewriter" when he had enough. Roberto did not understand, he had no use for a typewriter, since his writing was neat enough, but he did not speak up.

The Little Sicilian (via Tours): Chapter IV.

A few weeks later came "payday", or so Papa Hartnonni called it. This, he told Roberto, was the best time of the year. Papa also told his son to accept anything that anyone might give him today; this, Roberto was told, was a symbol of gratitude. "Gratitude for what?", Roberto wondered.

1977 CF - Press - France (Cont'd) -

Roberto's day at work was his most profitable one yet. For some reason, quite a few of his Italian friends visited "Just to say hello", and passed him twenty 50's each, by means of a friendly handshake. "Give these to your wonderful Papa, and say that Mr. Gambroni said thank you." Roberto's door bells rang a record 46 times.

When Roberto came home and gave his smiling Papa the assembled cash, he asked what it all was for. After all, Roberto would probably not see \$46,000 together in his entire life.

"They'rea payin'a for the nexta year," explained his Papa, always willing to explain the intricacies of life to his little Roberto.

Roberto didn't understand. "But you can't sell people a year of life for \$1000," he protested.

"Wanna bet?"

Rome - The Minister of Interior Affairs announced today the posting of a 1 million Lire reward for the arrest of Roberto Martnonni, alias "The Little Sicilian". Martnonni is believed to be a French agent, and should be considered armed and dangerous.

1977 CU - Winter, 1903.

GM: Bob Hartwig

Austria (Gibson) - Remove F Ion, F Aeg, A ~~Gre~~ Gre.

HasA Tyl, Tri, Sil.

England (Williams) - ~~Remove~~ F Edi, Swe, Ska, A Lon, Den.

France (Baumeister) - F ~~Remove~~, Eng, Por, A Bur, Mar, Bel. (Spa R-Por)

Germany (Blasland) - F Bel R-Hol. F Hol, A Mun, Kie, Ruh.

Italy (Clement/Young) - B F Nap. F Wes, Lyo, NAPLES, A Rie, Spa.

Russia (Jones) - F Nth, Bla, ST. PETERSBURG (SOUTH COAST),

A Fin, Nwy, War, Bud, Ser.

Turkey (Lieu) - F Con, Bul(SC), ANKARA, A Smy.

Mr. Clement misses again, Mr. Bill Young (618 Indian Rd; Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830) takes the Italian position. Others:

Curt Gibann - % A-1; 176 Lexington; New York City, New York 10016.

Jim Williams - Route 2; Stilwell, Oklahoma 74960.

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Donald Blasland - 115 Fay Park Dr.; North Syracuse, New York 13212.

Jerry Jones - 1854 Wagner St.; Pasadena, California 91107.

Vincent Lieu - 28 Marshmallow Dr.; Commack, New York ~~11725~~ 11725.

Austria: Wien: Our southern ~~forces~~ forces report an endemic insanity haunts the graveyard of ancient glories. In Cyprus it's too bad even Egyptian heroes (mighty rare too) would be shot if they landed there.

The new Austrian government will try to restore sanity to our policy by cancelling its Southern ventures even letting our fleets transport that army from Greece to take over Cyprus and start a clean slate there!

1977 KU @ Fall, 1901.

GM: Konrad Baumeister

Russians Descend on Austria

Austria (Clement) - NMR. F Alb, A Ser, Bud, All/ Hold.

England (Jones) - A Wal-Bre, F Eng C A Wal-Bre, F Nth-Bel.

France (Day) - F Mid-Por, A Bur-Bel, A Spa H.

Germany (Shields) - F Den-Swe, A Kie-Hol, A Ruh-Mun,

Italy (Williams) - NMR. F Ion, A Apu, Ven, All Hold.

Russia (McManus) - F Bot-Swe, F Bla S A Ukr-Rum, A Ukr-Rum, A Gal-Vie.

Turkey (Pariseau) = A Bul S Russian A Ukr-Rum, F Con-Aeg, A AnK-Com

1977 KU (Cont'd) -Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Tri, Bud, ~~Wiz~~, Ser; 3 ; Even.
 England: Home, Bre ; 4 ; Build 1.
 France: Par, ~~Wiz~~, Mar, Spa, Por; 4 ; Build 1.
 Germany: Home, Den, Hol; 5 ; Build2.
 Italy: Home; 3 ; Even.
 Russia: Home, ~~Wiz~~ Rum, Vie; 6 ; Build 2.
 Turkey: Home, Bul; 4 ; Build1 .
 Neutral: Gre, Tum, Bel, Swe, Nwy, ; 5 ; What do you think?

1. Winter only due. These will be rare so you'd better know how to write conditionals! No Neutral Builds made for those who miss.
2. ~~1 objection to Black Press. None allowed in this game.~~
3. Calls should be received the day BEFORE the deadline.
4. If you send orders in early, you can always change them later, and you'll avoid postal failures.

Germany to Russia: I hope that this doesn't break up our non-aggression pact.

Paris: As King Dave the Great, also called Dave the Just, I wish to announce my peaceful intent. I have not yet made any hostile moves toward any sovereign nation, nor do I intend to without provocation. You may all rely on this, as I am a man of honor. ((Does the English invasion constitute "provocation"? - KHB))((Good question - RAH)).

I would also like to state that the epithet "Drunken Davy" is a misnomer. I drink only at meals and between meals, and then only the finest of imported wines. I believe this name came about because of my stationery, which is wine-marked (instead of water-marked) as befits the monarch of the grape capital of the world.

I wish you all a prosperous 1902.((All save the British no doubt-RAH)).

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Editorial of The DAY

by
Dave Day

I have recently been taken to task by our editor for referring, in private correspondence, to this publication as a "rag". I would like to publicly apologize for calling this rag a "rag", even though I don't see it as a derogatory name. Perhaps one should not call a rag a "rag". I understand that the proper name for this rag is a "zine" (as in zulu lang?) and I will refer to it as such in the future.

As of this writing, I have received no dissenting opinions about our gaining control of Amtrak. I assume by your apathy you all mean to support me in this endeavor. Therefore, I leave it to you Mr. Hartwig, to work out the legal arrangements with Amtrak.((And I leave it to Guy-RAH))

I was pleasantly surprised at the absence of Part 3 of the Continuing Saga of Pi. It occurs to me that there is something a bit strange about the kind of mind that thinks a non-repeating series of numbers constitutes a saga. Saga is defined as a narrative composition in prose written in Iceland or Norway during the Middle Ages. I'm sure we would all agree that Bill's mind has been on ice since the Middle Ages, but that doesn't make pi a saga! Answer that in numbers, Bill! ((Mr. Kelsey has allowed his subscription to lapse - RAH)).

