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Joyce

Singer

: This is a special issue, reporting on my time at two of this summer's Diplomacy get togethers. If you enjoy this issue, fine. If you don't, don't worry. I'll get back to normal in two weeks. The lady in the picture is not Kathy Byrne. She is Joyce Singer, of Dayton, OH, who won the Diplomacy tournament at this year's DipCon. Joyce does not play postally, and if you want someone to blame, you can start with me. Those are her black blocks on the board. The yellow ones are mine. I know it's hard to tell in black and white, but use your imagination!

New typewriter. Mine broke on me and it's now in the shop. Sorry I can't discuss that game more fully, but I really don't remember many details except that I had never heard of any of the other players before and I soon had very low opinions of the diplomatic skills of a few of my neighbors. That's probably why I lost. All I can say about Ms. Singer is that she was a very nice person and I hope she gives postal Diplomacy a try.

DIPCON XVI

I wasn't sure if the expense of going to Detroit would be worth it, but I had free lodging, so I came. Paul Rauterberg told me that PudgeCon would be more fun, and he probably was right, but I figured that I'd meet more people at DipCon. I wasn't disappointed. I came home with a bundle of memories, a few photos (not as many as I would have wanted), and some new friends.

I arrived at the Convention Center at about 6:00 on Friday. Knowing that the Gunboat Dip Tourney started at 6:30, I hurriedly registered and found the room, hoping to meet some of the famous and infamous that I had met through the mail. Well,... I did.

The Gunboat tourney went terrible for me. (I was eliminated in one game and down to two SCs in the second). But, I got to play in games with Mark Larzelere, Dave Carter, Steve Hutton, Porter Wightman, Carl Russel, as well as Woody (twice!) and I'm sure others I've forgotten.

The Big Beer Blast was a bust, but those who showed up initially disappointed eventually migrated to Greektown (an area of downtown Detroit) for food and drink. Before this, Steve Hutton and I wandered around trying to find the hotel where the party would be. We had a few coney dogs and it eventually found us.

Saturday was the first day of the National Diplomacy Tournament. Before the start, I played in a few more pickup games of Gunboat (doing no better than the night before) and the panel discussion was held. I really can't remember what was discussed, but the panel included Kathy Byrne, Fred Davis, Mark Berch, Bill Becker, Steve Arnawoodian, and Allan Calhamer.

In round #1, I played Turkey. Other postal players in my game were Chuck Kaplan (E), Mark Leudi (R), and Steve Hutton (G). It ended with me on the low end of a F/E/A/T draw. This would place me on Board #5 the next day.

After the tournament ended for the day, the DipCon Society meeting was held. Attendance was good, and the site for next year's Con was chosen to be Dallas. Also, the committee for the next year will be Al Pearson (who also served this year), Pat Conlon, and Ed Wrobel.

After the meeting, a group of us headed down to Greektown to get something to eat. Eventually, we found a place with enough table space to accomodate the group of us. The food was good as was the conversation.

Then, we planned to go to Bruce Linsey's hotel room to play more Diplomacy, but we never got there. The bunch that I was with decided to go and find Kathy Byrne's room and bug John Caruso and her. We got to the hotel but no one was in the room. We then went to Eric Ozog and Cathy Cunning's room and talked with them for a while.

As we were leaving the hotel, we ran into Dave Carter and Bill Becker in the lobby, who informed us that John, Kathy and others were (we should have looked here first) in the bar. We joined them as the place was closing.

Most of the group (along with the newcomers from the bar) went to the roof of the Con Center where in Winnebago that the Madison crowd had rented to get here in, was parked. We spent the next few hours drinking beer and talking. By the time this was over it was 4:30 AM.

Well past the hour where I could call my local friend whose place I had slept in the night before, I had planned to spend the few hours of dark left in the dorm room of Pat Conlon. Pat and I got a cab and set out to get back to the University of Windsor (in Canada).

Needing to take two cabs to get there (I'd rather not explain why) we got to the campus. The trouble was that Pat had never bothered to check in and get his own room and had stayed with Porter Wightman the night before. As a result he did not have his own key. What we did not realize was that we could not get into the building without the key in the middle of the night. We ended up spending the night on the lawn. This really wasn't that bad, but for the mosquitos. At dawn, we managed to get into the building and the room in time to shower, shave and make it back to Detroit in time for the next round.

Sunday wasn't nearly as exciting. I played Turkey again and the game ended in the win for Joyce. I had to leave before the awards ceremony in order to get my plane and back to Pensacola. Having got so much sleep during the weekend, I colapsed as soon as I got to my room.



Saturday night at Greektown. (clockwise from the bottom left): Carl Russell, Mike Barno, Russ Rusnak, James Wall, ???, Bruce Linsey, Mark Frueh, Chuck Kaplan, Pat Conlon, Mark Leudi, Paul Rauterberg.

The rest of the guys at Greektown (clockwise from bottom left): Jim Williams, Brad Wilson?, Mark Berch, Steve Knight.



The panel discussion.
(from left to right):
Fred Davis, Bill Becker,
Allan Calhamer, Kathy
Byrne, Steve Arnawoodian,
Mark Berch, and John
Caruso.



A game of Gunboat.
(left to right):
Porter Wightman, Don
Sigwalt, Pat Conlon.

Some of those
blocks are probably
mine. I'm sure there
aren't too many of
them though.



Kathy Byrne, during
her second round game.
In the back with his
head down, writing orders,
is Mark Frueh. He's
wearing the stupid hat
that he had on all week-
end. I should talk, I
was wearing my USS Con-
stellation ballcap. I
don't know who the other
guy in the picture is.





Honest Al Pearson fills out the best country certificates for the Gunbaot Diplomacy Tournament.

PEERICON III

The other Dip get together that I attended this summer was Peericon III. It was held on 29-31 July at the home of Larry Peery in San Diego. Since it isn't every day that I win a game I'm going to blow my own horn a bit and go through my victory. In the first game played, I won as Austria with 18 armies and no fleets. This is the first time I have ever won with 18. My only other face-to-face win (I've got none postally) was by concession.

Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (James Woodson): A Vie-TYO, A Bud-SER, F Tri-ALB.
 ENGLAND (Ken Hager; Anaheim, CA): F Lon-NTH, F Edi-NWG, Alpl-EDI.
 FRANCE (Ed Menders; Santa Barbara, CA): A Mar-SPA, A Par-GAS, F Bre-MID.
 GERMANY (Jim Finley; Vista, CA): A Ber-KIE, F Kie-DEN, A Mun-RUH.
 ITALY (Bruce Roberson; San Diego, CA): A Ven-TUS, A Rom-VEN, F Nap-TYH.
 RUSSIA (Jay Walker; San Diego, CA): F Sev-RUM, F StP(sc)-BOT, A War-LVN, A Mos-UKR.
 TURKEY (Gary O'Mary; San Diego, CA): A Con-BUL, F Ank-CON, A SMY H.

My move to Tyrolia was initially intended to be only defensive. I wanted to be sure that Italy didn't put two units on Trieste. Russia and Turkey looked to be working together and that didn't look for me, but I looked to get at least two builds, so I wasn't too worried.

Fall 1901

A: A Tyo-MUN, A SER S F Alb-GRE, F Alb-GRE.(6) Builds F Tri, A Bud, A Vie.
 E: A Edi-NWY, F NWG C A Edi-NWY, F Nth-BEL.(5) Builds F Edi, A Lon.
 F: A Spa-POR, A Gas-SPA, F Mid-WES.(5) Builds F Bre, F Mar.
 G: F DEN-Swe, A Kie-BER, A Ruh-HOL.(4) Builds A Kie.
 I: A Ven-PIE, A Tus-TUN, F TYH C A Tus-TUN.(4) Builds F Nap.
 R: A LVN-Swe, F BOT C A LVN-Swe, A Ukr-RUM, F Rum-BLA.(5) Builds A War.
 T: A BUL H, F Con-AEG, A Smy-CON.(4) Builds A Ank.

Three builds in 1901. Not too bad. I didn't expect to get Mun at all. I only wanted to make Germany cover it so he'd not get three. As it turned out having Mun was more trouble than it was worth. Ironically, after losing it Mun turned out to be #18 needed to win. Italy was fighting France and Russia was in the Black. Things were really looking great.

Spring 1902

A: F Tri-ALB, F Gre-ION, A SER H, A Bud-TRI, A Vie-BOH, A Mun-TYO.
 E: A Nwy-SWE, F Nwg-BAR, F Edi-NWG, F Bel-NTH, A LON H.
 F: F Mar-LYO, F WES S F Mar-LYO, F Bre-MID, A SPA-Mar, A POR-Spa.
 G: A Kie-MUN, A BER S A Kie-MUN, A HOL H, F DEN S ENGLISH A Nwy-SWE.
 I: A PIE-Mar, A TUN H, F Nap-TYH, FTyh-TUS.
 R: F Bot-STP(sc), A LVN S F Bot-STP(sc), A War-PRU, F BLA-Rum, A RUM-Ser.
 T: F Aeg-GRE, A BUL S F Aeg-GRE, A CON S A BUL, A ANK U.

A this time I have lost both Gre and Mun. Russia and Turkey seem to be working together again, and the western three are not attacking each other at all. I was talking a lot with the French player at this point which would end up in an almost-game-long alliance.

Fall 1902

A: A Boh-MUN, A TYO S A Boh-MUN, A TRI-Ven, A Ser H (r-Bud), F Ion-NAP, F ALB-Ion. (5) Remove F Alb.
 E: F BAR-StP, A SWE S A Lon-MWY, F NTH C A Lon-NWY. A Lon-NWY, F NWG S A Lon-NWY. (5) Even. (5)
 F: F LYO S A Spa-MAR, F WES S F LYO, A Spa-MAR, A Por-GAS, F MID C A Por-GA.
 G: F DEN H, A Mun H (r-Sil), A Hol-BEL, A BER S A Mun. (5) Build A Kie.
 I: A PIE-Ven, A TUN H, F Tus-ROM, F TYH-Ion. (3) Remove A Tun.
 R: A PRU-Ber, A Rum-SER, F Bla-RUM, F StP(sc)-FIN, A LVN-StP. (6) Build F St.
 T: A BUL S RUSSIAN A Rum-SER, A CON S A BUL, F GRE H, A ANK H. (5) (n Build F Smy.

Not a really good season for me, eh? The stab of Italy along with a combined attack from Russia and Turkey. And Italy decided to cover Venice giving me only one center out of the stab, and I will certainly lose Naples next year. The only redeeming factor in the season was the fact that Russia cut the German support in Berlin and I regained Munich.

Spring 1903

A: A Bud-SER, A TRI S A Bud-SER, A TYO S A Mun, A Mun H (r-Boh), F Nap H (r-
 E: F BAR-StP(nc), F Nwg-NWY, F NTH S F Nwg-NWY, A Nwy-FIN, OT
 A SWE S A Nwy-FIN.
 F: F Mid-WES, F Wes-TUN, A Mar-PIE, F LYO S A Mar-PIE, A Gas-BUR.
 G: A Bel-RUH, A Kie-MUN, A SIL S A Kie-MUN, A BER S A Kie-MUN, F Den-BAL.
 I: A Pie-VEN, F Rom-NAP, F TYH S A Rom-NAP.
 R: F Fin S F STP(nc)-Nwy(imp,r-Bot), F STP(nc)-Nwy, A LVN-StP, A Pru-WAR,
A Ser S F RUM(r-OTB), F RUM S TURKISH A Bul(otm).
 T: F Gre-ION, F Smy-AEG, A Ank-SMY, A Bul-GRE, A Con-BUL.

Here I lose Mun and Nap and regain Ser. Italy continues to fall, but I'm getting no part of him. At the same time, England continues to advance in the north. By the way my last fleet is eliminated this season. I never built another one.

Fall 1903

A: A Tyo-VEN, A BOH-Gal, A TRI S A SER, A SER S RUSSIAN F Rum-BUL(ec). (6)
 Builds A Bud, A Vie.
 E: A Fin-STP, A SWE H, F BAR S A Fin-STP, F NWY S A Fin-STP, F NTH-Bel. (6)
 Builds A Edi.

Fall 1903(cont.)

F: F TUN S F Wes-TYH, F Wes-TYH, F LYO S A PIE-Tus(nso), A BUR H, A PIE S AUSTRIAN A Tyo-VEN. (6) Build A Par.
 G: A Mun-TYO; A RUH-Bel, A SIL-Gal, A BER-PrU, F Bal-BOT. (5) Even.
 I: A Ven S GERMAN A Mun-TYO(r-Rom), F Tyh-Tun(r-OTB), F Nap-APU. (2) Even.
 R: F Rum-BUL(ec), F StP H(ann), A LVN S F StP, A WAR-PrU, F Bot-FIN. (5) Build A Mos.
 T: A BUL-Rum(r-Con), A SMY-Bul, F AEG C A SMY-Bul, A GRE H, F ION S ITALIAN F Tyh(ctm). (4) Remove F Ion.

There was an error in the adjudication this turn. Both Mun and Nap were vacated in the Fall after Spring occupations. We caught the fact that Mun was still mine, but I didn't realize that Italy should be at 1 and me at 7 until I went over the game records later. The turbulence in the Balkans continues and now it is me and Russia against Turkey. I had the choice of supporting either of them and I chose Russia because Turkey was stronger.

Spring 1904

A: A Tri-TYO, A VIE S A Tri-TYO, A Boh-GAL, A BUD S A BUD-Gal(imp), A SER S RUSSIAN F Bul(ec), A VEN S FRENCH A Pie-ROM.
 E: A STP S A Swe-FIN, A Swe-FIN, F BAR S A STP, F NWY S A STP, F NTH H, A EDI H.
 F: F Tun-ION, F TYH C A Pie-ROM, F LYO C A Pie-ROM, A Pie-ROM, A BUR & A PAR sip French wine and look for hot women.
 G: A Tyo-MUN, A RUH S A Tyo-MUN, A Ber-PRU, A SIL S A Ber-PRU, F Bal S ENGLISH A Swe-FIN(nsu), F BOT U.
 I: F APU-Ven, A Rom-NAP.
 R: F Fin-StP(sc)(ann), A LVN S F Fin-StP(sc), A MOS S F Fin-StP(sc), A WAR U. F Bul(ec) U.
 T: A CON-Bul, A SMY-Con, F Gre S A CON-Bul(nsu), A GRE S A CON-Bul, F AEG U

Things are really looking good. I don't know why I was still trying to prop up Russia. Italy will be out by the end of the year and France is advancing at ease. He and I had an agreement that as soon as Italy was finished, he would turn at hit Germany. At this point, I wasn't sure he was going to do it.

A: A VEN-Apu, A TYO-Ven, A Vie- BUD, A Bud-RUM, A GAL S RUSSIAN A WAR, A Ser-GRE. (7) Build A Tri.
 E: A STP-Mos, A Fin-LVN, F BAR-StP(nc), F NWY S F BAR-StP(nc), A EDI H, F NTH E. (6) Even.
 F: F ION S AUSTRIAN A Ser-GRE, F Tyh-NAP, F Lyo-TYH, A ROM S F Tyh-NAP, A BUR & A PAR found some hot women — too busy to talk now. (8) Build F Mar, A Bre.
 G: A SIL-War, A MUN H, A RUH S A MUN, A PRU S ENGLISH A Fin-LVN, F BOT C ENGLISH A Fin-LVN. (6) Build A Ber.
 I: F APU-Ven, A Nap-Rom(r-OTB) (0) Out!
 R: F Bul(ec) S AUSTRIAN A Ser(otm)(r-OTB), A WAR S A LVN-PrU, A MOS S A WAR A LVN-PrU(ann). (3) Build A Sev. Even
 T: A Gre S A Con-BUL(r-Alb), F AEG S A Con-BUL, A Con-BUL, A Smy-CON. (4)

Italy is gone and I've once again attacked both Russia and Turkey in the same turn. I'm afraid that that is becoming a real fault of mine. It seems to have got me in trouble a lot lately. France is supposed to attack Germany in the next year. I'm praying! Unfortunately, my conquest of the Balkans is long from over.

Spring 1905

A: A Tri-ALB, A VEN-Tyo, A TYO-Boh, A BUD S A Gre-SER, A RUM S A Gre-SER, A Gre-SER, A GAL S RUSSIAN A War.
 E: A LVN S GERMAN A Pru-WAR, A STP-Mos, A Edi-NWY, F BAR H, F Nwy-SWE, F NTH C A Edi-NWY.
 F: F Ion-EAS, F Nap-ION, F TYH S F Nap-ION, F Mar-SPA(sc), A Rom-NAP, A Bur-BEL, A Par-BUR, A Bre-PIC.
 G: A BER-Mun, A MUN-Boh, A Pru-WAR, A SIL S A Pru-WAR, A RUH S A BER-Mun, F BOT S ENGLISH A LVN.
 R: A War H(ann), A MOS S A War, A Sev-UKR.
 T: A Alb-GRE, F AEG S A Alb-GRE, A CON S A BUL, A BUL S A Alb-GRE.

The French attack on Germany finally comes. I gave up Gre because I couldn't have held it. Russia continues to fall. Now it's me and France trying to take out Turkey. It's going to take much longer than it should due to many tactical error on my part.

Fall 1905

A: A SER-Bul(r-Tri), A Alb-GRE, A RUM-Sev, A BUD-Rum, A Tyo-BOH, A Ven-TYO, A GAL S RUSSIAN A Ukr-WAR. (6) Removes A Gal.
 E: A StP-MOS, A LVN S A StP-MOS, F Swe-DEN, F Nth-HOL, F Bar-NWG, A Nwy-SWE. (9) Builds A Lon, A Lpl, F Edi.
 F: A BEL S ENGLISH F Nth-HOL, A PIC S A BUR, A BUR H, A NAP H, F Spa(sc)-MIL F EAS-Smy, F ION S AUSTRIAN A Alb-GRE, F Tyh-WES. (9) Build F Bre.
 G: A SIL S A MUN, A Ber-KIE, A MUN S A RUH-Bur, F Bot-BAL, A War-Ukr(r-Pru), A RUH-Bur. (3) Removes A Pru, A Sil, A Mun.
 R: A Ukr-WAR, A Mos-Sev(r-OTB). (2) Build A Sev.
 T: A CON S A BUL, A BUL S A Gre-SER, F AEG-Smy, A Gre-SER. (5) Builds F Smy.

I really blew it here. I didn't have to lose Ser, but once again, I went for too much and lost it. The English join in the attack on the poor German. His removals assure that I'll get Mun back. My blunder in the Balkans sets us back years in the conquest of Turkey. Now he's got F Smy to protect against the French.

Spring 1906

(r-Al)
 A: A Tyo-MUN, A BOH S A Tyo-MUN, A Bud-RUM, A Rum-UKR, A Tri-TYO, A Gre-Ser
 E: A LVN-War, A MOS A A LVN-War, F Edi-NTH, F Hol-KIE, F DEN S F Hol-KIE, F NWG H, A LON H, A LPL H, A SWE S F DEN.
 F: A Nap-SYR, F ION S A Nap-SYR, F EAS C A Nap-SYR, A Bur-RUH, A BEL S A Bur-RUH, A Pic-BUR, F Bre-PIC, F MID U, F WES U.
 G: A Ruh-HOL, A Kie S A Ruh-HOL(r-Ber), F Bal-BOT.
 R: A SEV-Mos, A WAR S A SEV-Mos.
 T: A Ser-GRE, A BUL S A Ser-GRE, A CON S A BUL, F AEG S A Ser-GRE, F SMY-Eas

Probably the most spectacular move of the game — the French Lepanto. You don't see that too often. In the meantime, I lose Greece again. Germany continues to fall as Mun, Ruh and Kie are occupied.

Fall 1906

A: A Alb-SER, A RUM S Ukr-SEV, A Ukr-SEV, A TYO S A MUN, A MUN S A Boh-SIL, A Boh-SIL. (7) Builds A Bud.
 E: F KIE H, F DEN S F KIE, A SWE S F DEN, A LVN-StP, A Mos S A LVN-StP(r-Ukr), F NTH-Hcl, F Nwg-NWY, A LON H, A LPL H. (8) Removes A Lon.
 F: A SYR S F EAS-Smy, F EAS-Smy, F ION-Aeg, F WES H, F MID H, F PIC H, A Bel-HOL, A RUH S A Bel-HOL, A BUR S A RUH. (10) Builds F Bre.
 G: F BOT-StP(sc), A Hol-Kie(ann), A BER S A Hol-Kie. (1) Removes A Ber.
 R: A Sev-MOS, A WAR S A Sev-MOS. (2) Even.
 T: A Bul-SER, A CON S F SMY, A GRE S A Bul-SER, F AEG S A GRE, F SMY S F AEG
 (6) Builds A Ank.

Spring 1907

A: A Mun-KIE, A Tyo-TRI, A Sil-BER, A BUD S A Alb-SER, A SEV H, A RUM S A Alb-SER.
 E: A Ukr-WAR, A LVN S A Ukr-WAR(r-Pru), A SWE H, F Nwy-STP(nc), F Nth-LON, F Den-NTH, F Kie H(r-Den), A LPL H.
 F: F Pic-BEL, F Bre-ENG, F Mid-NAT, F Wes-MID, F EAS S F Ion-AEG, F Ion-AEG, A SYR-Smy, A Bur-PIC, A RUH S AUSTRIAN A Mun-KIE, A HOL S AUSTRIAN A Mun-KIE
 G: F BOT S RUSSIAN A War-LVN.
 R: A War-LVN, A MOS S A War-LVN.
 T: A Ser S A Gre-ALB(r-Gre), A Gre-ALB, A Con-BUL, A ANK-Smy, F Aeg S F SMY-Eas(r-Con), F SMY-Eas.

I have listed the moves as they were mis-adjudicated. The French should not have made it to Aeg. The French stab the English in this season and I am able to retake Ser. Germany is all but gone. For the next few years it is only a matter of taking out Turkey as fast as we can.

A: A Tri-ALB, A BUD S A SER, A SER S A Tri-ALB, A RUM S A SER, A Sev-ARM, A Kie-MUN, A BER H.(9) Builds A Vie. (plays one short)
 E: A WAR H, A PRU S A WAR, F Stp(nc) H(r-Nwy), A SWE S F DEN, F DEN S A SWE, F LON H, A LPL S F LON, F NTH S F LON. (?) Removes A Pru.
 F: F NAT C A Pic-CLY, F MID C A Pic-CLY, F ENG C A Pic-CLY, A Pic-CLY, F BEL S F ENG, F AEG S A SYR-Smy, F EAS S A SYR-Smy, A SYR-Smy, A Ruh-KIE, A HOL S A Ruh-KIE. (11) Builds A Bre.
 G: F BOT S RUSSIAN A Lvn-STP and scuttles all ships off the Finnish coast, all hands man lifeboats and swarm ashore, make their way to the lake country of Central Finland, and with small arms and the whole-hearted support of the populace (whose minds and souls are irresistibly drawn to the romance, heroism and nobility of our brave German boys), render Finland forever hostile, useless and well-nigh impassible to all foreign adventurers and cynical imperialists. Finleyland uber all you guys.(0) Out!
 R: A Lvn-STP, A MOS S A Lvn-STP. (2) Even.
 T: A ALB S A GRE-Ser, A GRE-Ser, A BUL S A GRE-Ser, A ANK S F SMY, F SMY S F CON, F CON S F SMY. (5) Remove A Alb.

That German order could only have been written by a Marine. Here we see the move to Arm which will be the key to breaking Turkey. I gave Kie to France, but I can't remember why. I'm sure there must have been a good reason. There is no stopping A/F now...

Spring 1908

A: A ARM-Ank, A Rum-SEV, A Bud_RUM, A SER S A Bud-RUM, A TRI S A SER, A Vie-GAL, A Ber-PRU, A MUN U.
 E: A WAR H, F Nth-EDI, A LPL S F Nth-EDI, F LON H, F Den-NTH, A Swe-DEN, F NWY-Nwg.
 F: F NAT-Nwg, F Mid-IRI, F ENG C A Bre-WAL, F BEL S F ENG, A Aeg-Con(r-Gre), F EAS S A Syr-SMY, A Syr-SMY, A Bre-WAL, A HOL S A KIE, A KIE H, A CLY-Edi.
 R: A STP H, A MOS H.
 T: A Gre-ALB, A BUL-Ser, A ANK-Arm, F CON S F Smy-AEG, F Smy-AEG.

France and I continue to roll as Greece and Smyrna fall and an army lands in Wales. I'm into position to take Warsaw.

Fall 1908

A: A TRI S A SER, A SER S A Rum-BUL, A Rum-BUL, A SEV-Mos, A ARM-Ank, A Gal-WAR, A PRU S A Gal-WAR, A Mun-SIL. (11) Builds A Bud, A Vie.(still one short)

Fall 1908(cont.)

E: A War H(r-OTB), F NWY H, A DEN-Kie, F EDI H, F LON H, F NTH S F LON, A Lpl-Ireland(imp)(r-Yor) to put down IRA terrorist attacks.(5) Rem A Yor.
 F: F NAT-NWG, F IRI S A Wal-LPL, F ENG-Lon, F BEL-Nth, F EAS S A SMY, F Gre S AUSTRIAN A Rum-BUL(r-Aeg), A CLY-Edi, A Wal-LPL, A HOL S A KIE, A KIE H, A SMY S AUSTRIAN S ARM-Ank.(13) Builds A Par, A Mar.
 R: A STP-Nwy, A MOS H.(2) Even.
 T: A ALB S A Bul-GRE, A Bul-GRE, F CON S A ANK, A ANK H, F Aeg-ION.
 (3) Removes F Con, A Ank.

Here is where I believe the game is given to me. The Turkish move to the Ionian will cause enough problems with France that I'm able to get the centers that I need. In talking with the Turkish palyer after the game he told me that he had planned the escape to Italy a year or so before this. France and I did not see him coming and he was able to survive.

Spring 1909

A: A Arm-ANK, A Bul-CON, A SEV-Mos, A SER S FRENCH A Smy-GRE, A Bud-RUM, A TRI-Alb, A Pru-LVN, A WAR S A SEV-Mos, A Sil-MUN, A VIE U.
 E: F NWY S F Edi-Nth, F LON S F Edi-Nth, F Edi-Nth(r-Yor), F Nth-SKA, A Den-SWE.
 F: A Smy-GRE, F EAS-Ion, F AEG C A Smy-GRE, A Par-PIC, A Cly-EDI, A LPL S A Cly-EDI, F BEL-Nth, F ENG S F BEL-Nth, F NWG S F BEL-Nth, F Iri-NAT, A MAR H, A KIE H, A HOL H.
 R: A MOS S A STP, A STP S A MOS.
 T: A Alb-GRE, A Gre-NAP, F ION C A Gre-NAP.

Neither me nor France saw the Turkish convoy coming, and he is going to cause problems. I really wasn't worried since it was French centers not mine that he is threatening. England is going down fast now.

Fall 1909

A: A ANK & CON look for harems, A Rum-BUL, A Tri-ALB, A Vie-BOH, A MUN H, A WAR S A Sev-MOS, A Sev-MOS, A LVN-StP, A SER S A Tri-ALB.(14) Builds A Tri, A Bud, A Vie (still one short).
 E: A SWE-Den, F SKA S F Yor-NTH, F LON S F Yor-NTH, F NWY S F Yor-NTH, F Yor-NTH.(4) Removes F LON.
 F: A EDI S A Lpl-YOR, A Lpl-YOR, F ENG-Lon, F BEL-Nth, F Nwg-BAR, F NAT-NWC A Mar-PIE, A Pic-BUR, F Eas-ION, F Aeg S F Eas-ION, A KIE-Den, A GRE H, A HOL H. (13) Even.
 R: A StP-FIN, A Mos-StP(ann). (1) Even.
 T: A Nap-ROM, A Alb-Nap(ann), F Ion C A Alb-Nap(r-Nap). (2) Even.

At this point I looked at the position and thought that I could take Smy, Gre, StP & Kie plus the 14 that I already had to win. France atill had Turkey to contend with in Italy so I thought that I could win it in 1910. I was wrong.

Spring 1910

A: A Ank-SMY, A CON S A Ank-SMY, A BUL S A Ser-GRE, A Ser-GRE, A ALB S A Ser-GRE, A Tri-VEN, A Bud-VIE, A Boh-MUN, A Mun-RUH, A War-PRU, A Lvn-STP, A MOS S A Lvn-STP, A Vie-TYO.
 E: F Nth-Den(r-Hel), F NWY H, F SKA S F NWY, A SWE S F NWY.
 F: F BAR S F EDI-Nwy, F NWG C A EDI-Nwy, A EDI-Nwy, A Yor-LON, F Eng-NTH, F BEL S F Eng-NTH, A KIE-Den, A HOL-Kie, A BUR H, F Ion-TUN, F AEG-Ion, A Gre H(ann), A PIE-Tus.
 R: A FIN S FRENCH A EDI-Nwy.
 T: A ROM-Tus, F NAP-Ion.

Fall 1910

A: A Ruh-BUR, A Mun S A Ruh-Bur(r-Tyo), A Pru-BER, A Tyo-PIE, A Vie-BOH, A VEN S A Tyo-PIE, A Alb-TRI, A MOS S A STP, S STP U, A SMY U, A CON U, A BUL U, A GRE U. (16) Build a Vie, A Bud (still one short).
 E: F Hel-DEN, F SKA S F Hel-DEN, F Nwy S A SWE(ann), A SWE S F Nwy. (2) Removes F Ska.
 F: A Bur-MUN, A KIE S A Bur-MUN, A Hol-RUH, F Tun-TYH, F AEG-Con, A Edi-NWY, F NTH S A Edi-NWY, F BAR S A Edi-NWY, F NWG S A Edi-NWY, A Pie-Tyo(r-Mar), A LON H, F BEL H. (14) Builds A Par, A Bre.
 R: A FIN-Swe. (0) Out!
 T: F Nap-ION, A ROM H. (2) Even.

I'm still two short and I'm wondering where they're going to come from. I've got Rom and can retake Mun, but I'm going to lose StP. I made an agreement with France to exchange Mun for Bur, but I didn't intend to keep it. Now for the last year....

Spring 1911

A: A Bur-MAR, A BER S A Boh-MUN, A TYO S A Boh-MUN, A PIE S A Bur-MAR, A Ven-APU, A Tri-VEN, A Vie-BOH, A Bud-SER, A MOS S A STP, A Boh-MUN, A BUL S A GRE, A GRE U, A STP U, A CON U, A SMY U.
 E: F DEN S A SWE, A SWE S F DEN.
 F: A Bre-GAS, A Mar S A Mun-BUR(r-Spa), A PAR S A Mun-BUR, A Mun-BUR, A KIE H, A RUH S A Mun-BUR, A Lon-NWY, F BAR S A Lon-NWY, F NWG S A Lon-NWY, F NTH C A Lon-NWY, F Bel-ENG, F Tyh-LYO, F AEG-Gre, A Nwy-FIN.
 T: F ION S FRENCH F AEG-Gre, A ROM H.

I'll get Mun and Rom this turn but I'm going to lose both StP and Mar, and that would put me at 17. At this point I turned to England for help, and rather than be destroyed by France he chose to give me the win. Add Kie to the above list and that's 18!!

Fall 1911

A: A MOS S A STP, A Mun-KIE, A BER S A Mun-KIE, A Boh-MUN, A TYO S A Boh-MUN, A VEN S A Apu-ROM, A Apu-ROM, A BUL S A GRE, A Pie-TUS, A Mar H A StP U, A GRE U, A CON U, A SMY U, A SER U. (18)
 E: A SWE-Nwy, F DEN S AUSTRIAN A Mun-KIE. (2)
 F: A Spa-MAR, A GAS S A Spa-MAR, F LYO S A Spa-MAR, A Nwy-STP, A FIN S A Nwy-STP, F BAR S A Nwy-STP, A BUR-Mun, A Kie S A BUR-Mun(r-?), A RUH S A Kie, F Eng-NTH, F Nth-SKA, F NWG-Nwy. (12)
 T: F Ion-TUN, A Rom-NAP. (2)

Supply Centers- Winter 1911

AUSTRIA: Home, Turkey, Germany, Ser, Bul, Rum, Sev, Mos, War, Rom, Ven, Gre - 18

ENGLAND: Den, Swe - 2

FRANCE : Home, England, Spa, Por, Bel, Hol, Nwy, StP - 12

TURKEY : Nap, Tun - 2

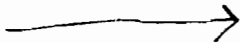
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ENGLAND	5	5	6	6	9	8	7	5	4	2	2
FRANCE	5	5	6	8	9	10	11	13	13	14	12
GERMANY	4	5	5	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
ITALY	4	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUSSIA	5	6	5	3	2	2	2	2	1	-	-
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