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From war cartoons by Will Dyson.

“But war’s a game, which, were their subjects wise,  
Kings would not play at.”

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GRAND TOURNAMENT DIPLOMACY

1976 Dhd

Winter 1907

POPE BOILS POT IN GERMANY

France

H. Jordan, Build: None  
Emperor Has: A Bre, F Lyo, F Eng, F Nth

European People's Democratic Republic

P. McGee, Build: F Stp(sc) - P. McGee, Commander; A Mos - V.  
Chairman Tsao, Commander  
Has: A War, A Swe, A Sev

Germany

P. McGee, Build: None  
Kaiser Has: A Sil, AKie, A Mun, A Bud

Confederate States of Eurasia

P. McGee, Build: F Tun - J. Machir, Commander; F Nwy - D. Klein,  
Commander  
Has: F Den, F Con  
Appoint: F Con - V. Tsao, Commander

Note: The Fall, 1907 supply center char indicated that the C.S.E. was to receive 3 builds, but could only build 2. In fact, the C.S.E. only gained 2 builds.

Central European Associated Republic

P. McGee, Build: None  
Chairman Has: A Gal

Austria - Hungary

C. Doehrer, Build: None  
Kaiser-King Has: A Bel

Holy Roman Empire

C. Doehrer, Remove: A Smy, A Tyo  
Emperor Has: F Mar, A Apu, A Tri

Madiera

D. Klein, Build: None  
Prince Has: F Edi, A Rum, A Smy, F Nwy  
Retreat: F Bre - MAO

Corsica

J. Machir, Build: None  
Prince Has: F Tyr, F Rom, F Gre

Commentary: I'll be very dissappointed if civil war does not break out in Germany. Let me explain why. Unquestionably, the German throne has, until now, been controlled by the Paris-Vienna axis. All German commanders have had first loyalties to either France or Austria. But, Kaiser John Kador has chaffed at the bit. By passing the German throne to Phil McGee, the Kaiser switched sides. However, because he didn't

control his country's troops, he could not swing his country. This means that the control of Germany is not yet determined. The rules encourage commanders to think of the country as belonging to them, as well as to the king. The commanders can still fight for control of the Reich.

By declaring civil insurrection, Doehrer and Dupuis can prevent the new Kaiser from making build orders, etc. It would also mean that removals would be made by lot from among the German units--not occupying centers. Furthermore, any unit not in a center is in danger of being lifted if Germany must remove a unit.

As a result, any attempt by Kaiser McGee to put down a rebellion is not assured of success. He will have to push the rebel commanders (that's a switch!) out of both Munich and Kiel. Secondly, they cannot be purged during the rebellion; they can hold out for quite some time if supported by their other units.

Since Doehrer and Dupuis have 3 of the 4 German units, with some luck and forethought, they are capable of deposing the Red Kaiser fairly handily.

### FIRST REGULAR GAME

1976 BE

Spring 1909

#### France

B. Normand

F Naf - Tun  
F Tun - Tyr  
F Pie - Tus  
 F Wes (S) F Tun - Tyr  
 A Mar - Bur  
 F Spa(sc) - Lyo  
A Ruh - Mun

#### Italy

J. Rogowski

A Ven - Tus  
F Tyr - Tun  
F Tus - Tyr  
 F Ion (S) F Tyr - Tun  
 A Sil - Gal  
 A Liv - War

#### England

R. Kelly

A Edi - Bel  
 A Kie (S) A Ber  
 A Fin (S) A Stp  
 A Stp - H  
 A Ber (S) A Kie  
 F Nth (C) A Edi - Bel  
 F Den - Bal  
 F Bot - H

1976 BE, con't.

Austria  
D. Malmquist

A Ukr - Mos  
F Apu - NAP  
A Boh (S) A Mun  
F Con - Aeg  
A Mos - Liv  
A Mun (S) A Pru - Sil  
A Pru - Sil  
A Bud - Rum (NSU)

SECOND REGULAR GAME

1976 DG

Spring 1907

Austria  
C. Gibson

A Vie - Gal  
A Bud (S) A Vie - Gal  
F Alb - Adr  
A Tri - Vie

Turkey  
B. Normand

A Con - Bul  
F Eas - Ion  
F Gre (S) F Eas - Ion  
F Bla (S) A Ukr - Rum  
F Aeg (S) F Eas - Ion  
A Sev (S) A Ukr - Rum  
A Ukr - Rum

England  
R. Kelly

F Lpl - H  
A Nwy - H  
A Fin - H  
A War - H  
A Mos - H  
A Stp - H  
F Bar - H  
A Liv - H  
F Bal - H  
F Bot - H

Italy  
C. Mann

A Ven - NMR  
F Tyr - NMR  
A Tyo - NMR  
F Adr - NMR

1976 DG, con't.

France

J. Machir

A Mar - Pie

A Bur - Mar

A Sil - Boh

A Pru - Sil

A Mun - H

F Lyo - H

F Nth - H

A Boh - Vie

A Gal (S) A Boh - Vie (DIS), retreat to UKR, OTB

Note: There is a call for a vote on a concession to France.

THIRD REGULAR GAME

1976 IL

Fall 1906

WILL THE TURKS FIGHT ON?

Turkey

J. Rogowski

A Mos - War

F Eas - Aeg

A Ukr - Rum (surrender)

F Con - Bul(sc)

A Stp - Liv

A Sev (ret. from Rum) (S) A Ukr - Rum

Germany

J. Kador

A Sil (S) A War

F Den - NMR

A War (S) Italian A Gal - Ukr

A Liv - Stp

France

E. Vesneske

F Eng - Nth

A Bur - Mun

A Mar - H

A Bel - Hol

F Wal (S) F Yor - Lon

F Nth - Ska

F Yor - Lon

A Kie - Ber

F Hel - Den

A Ber - Pru

A Mun - Boh

England

M. Carrol

A Low - Wal (surrender)

F Swe - Nwy

1976 IL, con't.

Italy

M. Berch           A Ven - Tri  
                    F Adr - H  
                    F Nap - Ion  
                    A Ser (S) A Rum  
                    F Tyr (S) F Nap - Ion  
                    A Gal - Ukr  
                    A Alb - H  
                    F Ion - Gre  
                    A Rum (S) A Gal - Ukr  
                    F Bul(sc) - Con

Supply Center Chart, 1906

England

~~Lpn~~, Swe, Nwy (2 - no build possible)

France

Par, Mar, Bre, Por, Spa, Bel, Lpl, ~~Nwy~~, Edi, Hol, Mun, Kie, Lon, Ber,  
(13 - build 2)

Germany

~~Ber~~, War, ~~Stp~~, Den (2 - remove 2)

Turkey

Ank, Con, Smy, Sev, Mos, ~~Rum~~, Stp (6 - build 1)

Italy

Rom, Nap, Ven, Vie, Tun, Tri, Gre, Bud, Bul, Ser, Rum (11 - build 1)

PRESS

1976 Dhd

MUNICH - The Holy Roman Emperor, at the front in Germany, has announced the appointment of Prince Robert Sacks as Archduke of Tuscany, and Prince Bob Normand as Protector of Italy. He has also requested His Majesty, Harley Jordan, Emperor of France, to accept appointment as Grand Commander of the Knights of Transylvania, and Prince Charles Dupuis to serve as Elector of Brandenburg.

1976 DG

INTEL. MERI. H'QTRS. - We thot (sic) that we had ordered the Trieste army to disband, but that more effective army over in the Piedmont decided to go native and marry Piesinas (all they can catch), and the one in Tri says they have no intention of going home to mama, and db orders never arrived anyway. Heck!

Turkey has our permission to take Tunis this fall, and we we have their permission to take both Munich and Warsaw--so, cheer up everybody!

Press, con't.

1976 IL

PARIS - His Majesty, Edward I, Emperor of France, King of England, France, Germany, the Iberians, and the Low Countries, and Duke of Norway, was relaxing over a light brunch at his workdesk when the door to his study was flung violently open by his aide-de-camp, General DeBauche. This intrusion was followed by, in succession, His Majesty jumping half out of his seat in surprise, His Majesty just as suddenly slumping over in extreme pain, and a surprised giggle from behind the desk.

"Your Majesty! Are you all right?"

"Fine...fine....," gasped the now-pale emperor. "Just knock next time, alright? You know I don't like to be disturbed when I'm ... in conference."

"My apologies, sir. I had some very important news, though--"

"Just a minute, please." At this, the Emperor bent down and spoke beneath the desk. The guard could only catch fragments... "It's all right, honey, go back to work... No, no, I'm fine ... don't worry, I'll get you some dentures... It's all in the service of your King, isn't it?"

His Majesty leaned back, settling lower into his chair.

"Now, what's the problem? I thought everything was going well."

"Well, sir, the military is doing fine--no problem there. But, we've come across some difficulty in terms of our relations with Italy."

"What is wrong? We made a very simple agreement that we'd split Europe half-and-half."

"Well, there hasn't been any problem until now, sir..."

"Till now? What do you mean?"

"Sir, we have reason to believe that Italy has betrayed us."

"WHAT??!! -- NNGGGHH!!" His Majesty again jumped up and immediately slumped over the desk top, this time with his face taking on a bright purple color.

"Sir! Are you --"

"Fine...fine..." whispered Edward. "Could you excuse me for a second?" He ducked under the table once more. "Jesus Christ, honey, you almost ruined me for life! Watch out, will ya? ... Hey, wake up ... C'mon, wake up... oh, shit."

"Uh, sir?"

"Yeah, yeah. Now, where were we? Oh, yeah -- what do you mean 'betrayed us'?"

"Well, it seems that Italy has formed some sort of alliance with Germany against Turkey."

"But, we made it clear that we wouldn't tolerate any sort of aid for Germany! My God, we're fighting against them! Why the hell are they helping the enemy??"

"I suppose they're trying to get Turkey out faster, but it looks like they could have done without this German alliance --"



1976 IL press, con't.

"Of course they could have! This is going a bit too far! I value them as an ally, but I cannot allow this sort of treachery-- think of my reputation."

"Exactly, sir."

"All right, here's what we'll do...Alert all of our border guards as to possible Italian aggression. Better move our troops in Munich into Bohemia, just in case. Reopen diplomatic channels with Turkey--they're filthy beggars, but I suppose we'll have to deal with the. And let's try to mop up England, so we can start paying all our attention to the front."

"Very good, sir."

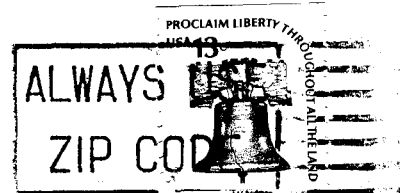
As the door closed behind the receding back of the guard, His Majesty leaned back and sighed.

"Ah, war is hell. First, Germany, now Italy. It's getting so I can't trust anyone. Oh, honey, are you awake? Well, shall we have another go at it? Just remember, three strikes and you're out..."

NOTA BENE

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