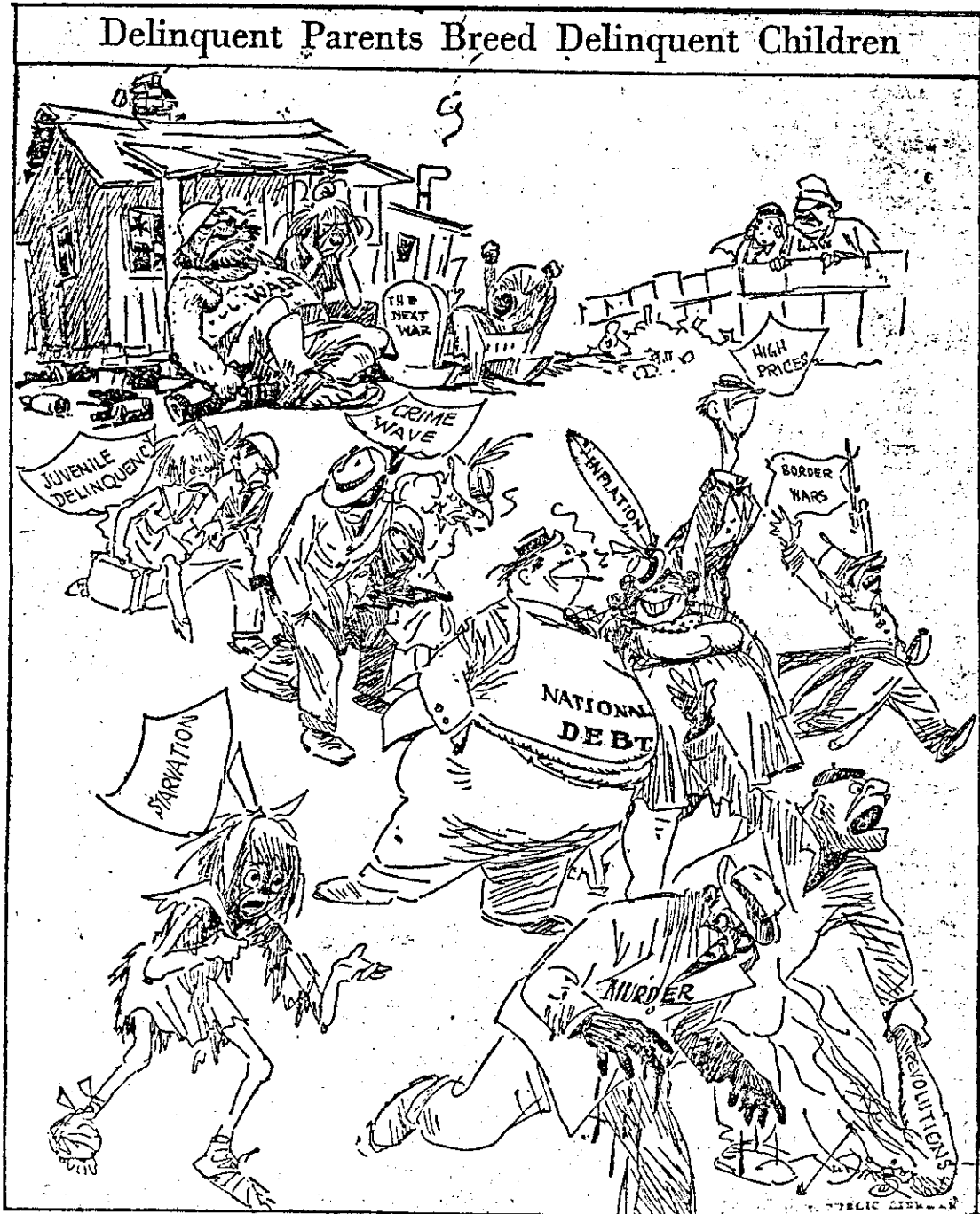


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sion of the publisher. Diplomacy is a board game invented by Alan R. Colhamer, and is now manufactured by the Avalon-Hill Company of Baltimore, Maryland.

SHIH HUANG-TI

by D.M. Johnson and R.T. Turner

(continued from last month)

The great Emperor also interested himself in reorganizing the penal code. He made the punishment fit the crime. It was not a gentle code, but no man ever accused Shih Huang-Ti of being a gentle man. Some of the lesser punishments involved flogging, three years of hard labor cutting wood, branding, forced labor (on the great wall), enslavement, confiscation of all property, and deportation.

The harsher punishments show considerable ingenuity. A man might be beheaded or cut in two at the waist or torn apart by chariots, or buried alive, or branded at the top of the head. Other serious crimes elicited the following: extracting ribs, boiling in a cauldron, decapitation (followed by impaling the head in a public place), extermination of a culprits family to the third degree (that is, his parents, brothers and sisters, wife and children), and the "five punishments." This variation involved branding on the forehead, cutting off the nose, severing the feet, death by flogging, and finally exposure of the corpse in the marketplace.

Shih was a megalomaniac. He enjoyed doing things in the grand manner. He became the "Son of Heaven." he built 270 palaces for himself, on one of which he used 700,000 convicts for slave labor. And then started on the Great Wall of China.

Various rulers before Shih had built bits and pieces of defensive wall on the barbarian frontier to the north. It took Shih about twelve years and maybe a million workers to join these sections together. Enlarged and completed, the Great Wall stretched for 2240 miles. When finished, it was about twenty feet and wide enough for eight men to walk abreast. Every 100 to 500 yards was a watchtower forty feet high. Less frequently there were garrison towers capable of housing 100 to 200 soldiers. The wall is considered one of the world's wonders. Compared with it, as Voltaire said, "the Pyramids of Egypt are only puerile and useless masses."

Probably 400,000 men and women died in the Wall's construction. Dead bodies were dumped into the rising wall. The sick and injured were often buried alive. Even Shih seems to have been taken aback at the human cost. Once a magician told him that the wall would never be finished until 10,000 bodies had been buried in it. This was a waste of good slaves, so Shih hunted around the empire until he found a man whose name included a reference to 10,000. The he had the poor guy buried in the wall.

Shih was always consulting his sorcerers. Many of his superstitions related to death - of which Shih was pathologically afraid. Some told him about "The Three Islands" that lay in the sea just over the horizon. There spirits drank from the "sweet-wine fountain of Jade" and became immortal. Shih sent out an expedition under a rascal named Hsu Shih to find his elixir of life. Hsu Shih soon returned empty handed but with the advice that the next expedition be made up of "youths and maidens of a good family." Shih so ordered but nothing was ever heard of them again.

(continued next month)

FIRST REGULAR GAME

1976 BE

Fall 1913

FRENCH AND AUSTRIAN TROOPS FAIL TO MOVE. AUSTRIANS AGAIN UNABLE TO BUILD AT HOME.

France
B. Normand
F Tun-NMR (dislodged)
F Lyo-NMR
F Wes-NMR
A Boh-NMR
F Pie-NMR
A War-NMR
A Mar-NMR

Italy
J. Rogowski
A Ven (S) F Tus
F Tyr (S) F Ion-Tun
F Tus (S) F Tyr
F Ion-Tun
F Rom (S) F Tyr

England
R. Kelly
A Nwy-Stp
A Mun-Tyo
A Sil (S) FRENCH A Boh-Gal (NSO)
A Stp-Mos
A Liv (S) A Stp-Mos
A Pru (S) FRENCH A War
F Bar-Nwg
F Bal (S) A Liv
F Bot-NMR
F Nwg-Nth
A Ber-Mun

Austria
D. Malmquist
A Vie-NMR
A Tyo-NMR
A Gal-NMR
A Ukr-NMR
A Sev-NMR
F Nap-NMR
A Mos-NMR (surrender)
F Gre-NMR

Supply Center Chart 1913

France
Par, Mar, Bre, Spa, Par, Bel, ~~Tun~~, War (7-even)

Austria
Bud, Ser, Rum, ~~Yps~~, Smy, Sev, Ank, Con, Nap, Vie, Gre (10-build 3-
only one possible)

Italy
Rom, Ven, Tri, Bul, ~~Yps~~, ~~Yps~~, Tun (5-even)

England
Lon, Lpl, Edi, Den, Swe, Hol, Fie, Nwy, Ber, Stp, Mun, Mos (12-build 3)

Draw Proposal

There is a proposal for a four way draw. All those in favor signify by voting YES.

Press

(Roma to London) Da Locum Melioribus.

GAME MAP



1976 23 Game History

Economic Strength of the Powers by Supply Centers

	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
England	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	11	11
Germany	3	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russia	4	5	4	5	4	1	-	-	-	-
France	3	5	6	7	7	9	9	8	8	8
Turkey	3	4	6	5	4	6	7	8	7	7
Italy	3	4	5	5	6	5	4	3	3	3
Austria	3	5	4	5	5	4	4	4	5	5
Neutral	12	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Player History of the Powers

	1900		1901		1902		1903		1904		1905		1906		1907		1908		1909
	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	S
<u>England</u>			3		4		Ron Kelly												
<u>Germany</u>							7												
<u>Russia</u>													10						
<u>France</u>																			
<u>Turkey</u>			1		2		8		* 3		Bob Normand								
<u>Italy</u>							5		6		11		12		Mike Carroll				
<u>Austria</u>																			

* Games seasons of civil Disorder - Games seasons after power destruction

1. Winter 1900. Jad Dittmar is removed from the game by order of the Gamemaster.
2. Spring 1901. Dave Staples is appointed to Turkey.
3. Winter 1901. Bruce Martin resigns from the game.
4. Spring 1902. Ron Kelly is appointed to England.
5. Spring 1903. Jim Diehl is removed from the game by order of the Gamemaster
6. Fall 1903. Cliff Mann is appointed to Italy.

7. Winter 1903. Jim Harpur's country is destroyed.
8. Winter 1903. David Staples is removed from the game by order of the Gamemaster.
9. Fall 1904. Bob Normand is appointed to Turkey.
10. Winter 1905. Charles Dupuis' country is destroyed.
11. Spring 1907. Cliff Mann is removed from the game by order of the Gamemaster.
12. Fall 1907. Mike Carroll is appointed to Italy.

Final Position List

1. Ron Kelly - ENGLAND 11 Centers, wins by concession of all players.
2. John Machir - FRANCE 8 Centers.
3. Bob Normand - TURKEY 7 Centers.
4. Curtis Gibson - AUSTRIA 5 Centers.
5. Mike Carroll - ITALY 3 Centers.

Publication History

Publication of the game began with the power appointment list in the June 1976 issue, and ended with the final moves in the October 1978 issue.

1976 IL Game History

Economic Strength of the Powers by Supply Centers

	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
England	3	4	5	4	3	2	2	2	3	3
Germany	3	5	6	8	7	4	2	2	2	1
France	3	5	6	6	8	12	13	13	12	12
Italy	3	5	5	7	8	10	11	12	15	18
Austria	3	4	4	2	1	0	-	-	-	-
Russia	4	4	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	3	5	6	7	7	6	6	5	2	0
Neutral	12	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Player History of the Powers

	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909		
	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W		
<u>England</u>	George Bakich						7	*	10 Mike Carroll			
<u>Germany</u>	Richard Enzler						6	*	9 John Kador			
<u>France</u>	Ed Vesneske									11	12	Curtis Gibson
<u>Italy</u>	Mark Berch											
<u>Austria</u>	1 Jad Dittmar	2 Bruce Martin		3			*	5 Ron Kelly			8	
<u>Russia</u>	4 Tom McNally			*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<u>Turkey</u>	Jerry Rogowski									13	-	

* Gamesseasons of civil disorder - Gamesseasons after power destruction

1. Spring 1901. Jad Dittmar is removed from the game by order of the Gamemaster.
2. Fall 1901. Bruce Martin is appointed to Austria.
3. Spring 1903. Bruce Martin resigns from the game.

4. Spring 1903. Tom McNally is removed from the game by order of the Gamemaster.
5. Winter 1903. Ron Kelly is appointed to Austria.
6. Spring 1905. Richard Enzler resigns from the game.
7. Fall 1905. George Bakich is removed from the game by order of the Gamemaster.
8. Fall 1905. Ron Kelly's country is destroyed.
9. Winter 1905. John Kador is appointed to Germany.
10. Spring 1906. Mike Carroll is appointed to England.
11. Winter 1908. Ed Vesneske is removed from the game by order of the Gamemaster.
12. Spring 1909. Curtis Gibson is appointed to France.
13. Fall 1909. Jerry Rogowski's country is destroyed.

Final Position List

1. Mark Berch - ITALY 18 Centers.
2. Curtis Gibson - FRANCE 12 Centers.
3. Mike Carroll - ENGLAND 3 Centers.
4. John Kador - GERMANY 1 Center.
5. Jerry Rogowski - TURKEY 0 Centers.

Publication History

Publication of the game began with the power appointment list in the November 1976 issue, and ended with the final moves in the February 1979 issue, and Mr. Berch's statement in the March 1979 issue.

NOTA BENE

1. Deadline. The deadline for all games is June 12, 1979, 9:00 P.M. E.D.T.

Please note that the deadline now has a specific hour of the day. I expect to begin adjudicating the moves at 9:00 P.M. on that day and could not accept orders after that time.

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