

As mentioned last issue, the Calgary mails are backlogged once more, so games with missing orders are being delayed up to a week. Most of the games in this issue are so affected but I was able to type them up before Monday. Lucky thing: I'll get nothing at all done Tuesday. I am co-backer of a concert of the Chieftains, a top-rank Irish traditional music group (perhaps you saw them on TV playing for the Pope's visit to Dublin). It's by far the biggest concert I've ever been involved in (and the most expensive!), we've been working on it for months and the day is finally arriving! It appears we have passed our break-even point, so will at least get back our original investment. Profits are subordinated to the fact of being able to bring such high-class music to Calgary (but a bit of financial success never hurts, and makes it look brighter for bringing other top-rank groups in). Anyway, I'm excited.

But Diplomacy goes on in spite of it all...

Game 1977AM, Spring 1910: CONVOYS GALORE! BRITISH ALEXANDER HEADS FOR INDJAH! NEW SULTAN EYES APPENINES!

England (Dave Pengelly): f mid-wes; a kie-lva, c by f bal, s by a stp;
a sev-rum (ret. arm); a edi-kie, c by f nth & f hel; a lon h.
France (Tom Butcher): a bre-bel, c by f eng; a par-bur; a bur-ruh;
a gas-mar; a mar-pie; a ber-pru; f spasc s Eng f mid-wes.
Germany (Frej Wastjerna): a mun-ber.
Italy (Hartmut Halfmeier): a pie-tus.
Russia (Horst John): a ven-pie; a tyr-mun; a sil s Ger a mun-ber;
f nap-ion; a rum-sev, s by a mos & a ukr; a war s a mos.
Turkey (Bob Albrecht): a naf-tun; a gre-bul; a con-ank; f aeg-ion;
f wes-tyr, s by f lyo.

Turkey has a new incumbent, Dave not having been Hurd from. Also, Dave Pengelly has moved to Toronto but has not sent his new address; the London one is usable for the time being.

Fall orders/retreats/builds/removals are due Monday, May 5.

Nürnberg (BP): The Germans are coming! The Germans are coming! Knees are knocking, spirits plummeting and the price of gold soaring in Western capitals. Lights are burning late in staff and government offices in London and Paris and armies rushing to and fro as their leaders try to anticipate where the Germans will strike next. Meanwhile, the 35 war-hardened veterans that are all that remains of the German army go marching calmly along, dragging with them their sole remaining artillery piece: the 18th-century howziter Bumberboom, found in a cellar of the Kriegshochschule when the Germans scraped together all the weapons they could find for their last stand. They are led by Major Moritz von Strumpfenhosen - led from the rear, that is; if Major von Strumpfenhosen hadn't acquired the habit of staying well out of danger, he wouldn't have survived to become the only remaining officer of the German Army.

How will the Anglo-French forces fare? Will their mere 800,000 men on the German front be sufficient to withstand the German onslaught? Don't forget to renew your subscription to the NURNBERGER QUATSCH, so you'll see what happens!

Moose Factory: Let's hope that "what happens" doesn't include the squashing of such a promising press series...

1978-J. Fall 1906

GM: Julian Preeber

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Unfortunately, I am unable to adjudicate Fall 1906 now as there seems to be a problem concerning Bob's (England) NMR and NBR. Bob has written to me stating that he did indeed send in orders for Winter 1905 (builds). In Runestone # 272 (Nov. 12th), Winter was called for by Dec. 3rd. I never received his orders, as he apparently sent them to John, from what I could make out from his letter. As I did not receive them, and as they had been called for, I have to rule that he did in fact NBR.

Bob also claimed that he sent in orders for Spring 1906. This matter is further complicated by the fact that Spring 1906 was never actually called for; in #272 it states only Winter 1906 due Dec. 3rd. However, having received Spring orders from everyone except England and Italy, and England not having sent me Winter orders either, I decided to adjudicate Spring and Winter together. Admittedly, this was an indiscretion on my part, however, a reversal of the Spring 06 adjudications is not warranted. Italy (John Morgan) had sent orders to John instead of me, and Bob sent tentative orders to John instead of me. Therefore I conclude that my adjudication of Spring without it being called was not the cause of Bob's NMR, rather, it was that he sent orders to John instead of me. So I'm letting the NMR stand, as well as the NBR.

Returning to this season, Bob has sent in orders based on his argument that he does in fact have his builds of Winter 05. I am willing to delay the game for two weeks in order to let him resubmit orders based on his units as they are listed in the last adjudication of Winter 05/Spring 06. I'll make ~~March 26th~~ the deadline for the resubmission of orders, hopefully Bob will be able to get them in by then. Realizing, however, that the mails are unpredictable, if I do not receive them by then, I will wait until they do come in, and accept them if they are postmarked on or before Wednesday, March 26th. If Bob feels that he really needs more time, due to further negotiations required, etc., he can write to me immediately stating so, I will then postpone the new deadline by a week. What I'm trying to do is save as much time as possible without being unfair to anybody. Revised orders from other players will be accepted as well, up until the new deadline.

I hope Bob will accept my resolution of this problem. Of course, he has the right to appeal to the CDO Ombudsman, Francis Guerrier, in which case there will be an interminable delay. I'm hoping however, that he sees and accepts the reasoning behind my ruling.

* Thurs, April 3

(hopefully)
Till two weeks from now Julian

Game 1979R, Fall 1904: STANDOFFS AND DEFENCE, MOSTLY! ENGLAND, FRANCE BLUSH!

Austria (Horst John): a bud s a rum; a rum s a bud; a ser s a bul;
 a bul s a ser; f gre-aeg; f alb-ion; a gal-war.
 England (Bernie Oaklyn): f eng-bel; f nth-den, s by a swe; a edi-ank (imp).
 France (Margaret Gemignani): a bur-ruh; a mar-pic; f mid-por; a ber h;
 f wes-tyr; f spase un.
 Germany (Bob Albrecht): a pru-ber; a sil-mun; a hol-bel.
 Italy (Fred Winter): a ple h; a tyr h, s by f tun; f nap-ion.
 Russia (Tom Butcher): "f nrg-nor" (ambiguous); f bal s fre a ber;
 a mos-war.
 Turkey (Sellick Davies): f smy-aeg; a sev h, s by f bla; a con h.

Winter 1904: Aus: home, rum, ser, gre, bul (7) No change.
 Eng: home, ~~hol~~, den, swe, nwy (6) NBR! Plays one short.
 Fra: home, por, spa, bel, ber (7) NBR! Plays one short.
 Ger: kie, mun, war, hol (4) Builds a kie.
 Ita: home, tun (4) No change.
 Rus: mos, stp, ~~ave~~, ~~tyr~~ (2) Removes f nrg.
 Tur: home, sev (4) No change.

Spring orders/retreats are due Monday, May 5. Press...

Paris: You know all you fellows who used to make fun of Peggy, well, all I got to say is, you'd better buy some Girl Scout Cookies. No, I did not write that Marseilles cookie caper.

We all know Bad Bob has to clean up his act or buy Girl Scout Cookies.

Edinburgh: Their tiny size and great abundance seemed nearly inconceivable. Under a careful eye, a complex structure of tiny, living cells was revealed, which no one had dreamed existed. Its blood had seemed to be composed of millions of tiny, free-floating corpuscles. The sight of its cells dividing seemed a miracle of nature, another astounding discovery which would help to lay the foundation of modern biology and medicine.

With a microscope that filters the direction of incoming light, the position of the physical world can be vividly explored. When a liquid transforms into a solid as when water turns into ice, the tiny crystals that will form its structure organize into shape. Recorded on film at actual speed, we can witness the actual process otherwise known as crystallization.

Thus the research goes on in this country, with its aims and goals set to crystallize each and every tiny cell of water in both Russia and Germany, so that life, as they might like to know it, will be recordable for all future generations to view - so that they will know why this powerful nation, our lovely isle, sends its might to wrong a right. En garde, Albrecht, you Butcher, you.

Game 1977A1id (Four-Player Madman), Winter 1910 (reprinted from carbon copy mailing):

France removed a pic; Germany removed f hel; Italy retreated a mun to ruh, built f nap, a ven; Russia retreated f con to ank, built f sev, f stpne.

France to Russia: You took London away, after my following your instructions to the letter. I will henceforth do my utmost to get Italy his eighteenth centre.

(turn over for Spring results)

Game 1977Aid (continued): Hold everything! I just discovered an error in Winter: The French removal should have been A Bel, not "A Pic" (the unit is actually "F Pic".) France in fact ordered the removal of "A Hol", which he does not have. However, by the unordered removal rules, the GM removes A Bel.

Quandry: both Italy and Germany submitted orders concurrently with Winter, the former conditional on the French removal, the latter with no condition, indicating acceptance of any French order. However, I have good reason to believe that Germany would have ordered differently had he known of the error. Russia at least should have a chance to resubmit for Spring.

What the hell. A new Spring deadline will be set: Monday, April 21. All players may change their orders for that date.

Game 1978Chb (Gesta Danorum), Fall 873 (reprinted from carbon copy mailing):

Draw vote results: 3 Yes, 1 no vote.

- East Angles (Trevor Baillie): NLR! F SAN & A ESx dislodged; A Hol h un.
- Norse (Blair Cusack): (Retreated F ESx-TEM); F SoF-Wld; F IOM-Iri; F SBS s PIC F Iri-Dyf; F Tel-SAN; F Hae-Can; A Ham-Win; A MSx-ESx, s by A Sut; A Gir-Hwi.
- Picts (Ken Wilkie): F AnS & F MAN s NSE F Tem-SAN; F Was s F MAN; A Lin-Sar, s by A Pec; A Elm-Lin; A Mam s A Pec; A Ste-Elm; F Iri-Dyf; F MeM-Rhu.
- Welsh (Bill LaFosse): F Gwy-Iri; F Dyf-Iri; A Wes-Rhu; A Cil-MSx; A Wre-Wes, s by A NMe; A SMe-Upt, s by A Hwi; A MAN h.

Retreats: EAN A ESx to Her or disband; EAN F SAN ann.; WEL F Dyf to Car, Gow or disband.

- Centres: EAN: SAN, MAN, MSx, SSx (1) If A ESx disbands, remove 1; otherwise no change. (Note that I mistyped this in the carbon mailing.)
- Nse: IOM, Wld, Dum, Sci, Som, Dyf, Win, Can, ESx, SAN, Rhe (10) Build 1.
- Pic: NPi, SPi, For, Str, Wld, Lot, Bar, Dei, Elm, Lin, MAN, Dyf (11) Build 2.
- Wel: Pow, Gwy, Gwe, Wre, NMe, MAN, Cil, SMe, Hwi, MSx (10) Build 1, or 2 if F Dyf disbands.

Winter 873: Oh damn! discovered two errors in the Winter lineup. Observe East Angles and Picts; compare with the carbon. A few people get a reprieve over this! I'll re-adjudicate Winter on May 5. Sorry about the delay.

I can tell you that a negative vote was cast, and the two-way draw is defeated. A three-way draw is proposed, Pic/Nse/Wel. Please vote.

*April 21

How depressing when people utterly ignore what one writes. For the benefit of traders: I refuse to trade all-for-all except in the case of "official" trades such as LORD OF HOSTS, EVERYTHING, etc. If you're a trader, and your subscription balance is negative, either credit me with some money for subscription to your zine, or send me some money. If you're a player, and follow neither course, you'll be removed from your game for non-subscription.

CHIMO!