

RAMBLING WAY

Issue #6

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Again, my thanks to everyone for getting their orders in early. Every little advantage helps in keeping a regular publication schedule and (hopefully) accurate game reports.

Please welcome Joe Brooks to the readership. He is a new Dip player, and has signed on for his first game here (though we do need six other players to get it rolling). I've known Joe for only a short time, meeting across a (pbm) board of Gettysburg.

Curt Milbourn, another subscriber, recommended him as an opponent. He is certainly giving me a run for my money in the game. The Union might just win this round (RATS!!). We are also facing off in a game of pbm chess.

This flyer is now an official 'zine. Due to a number of requests, this new change happened (I do listen to all suggestions). Also, by next issue, my friends should have their modem up and running (they now have it, but no phone line). So next issue should (hopefully) be laser printed and "fancy."

In keeping with being a 'zine, a subscription rate, game fees and other such nonsense has to be addressed. Beginning with issue #7 of "Rambling Way," a subscription will cost "postage + \$.06/page." This will cover the mailing and the reproduction costs. I'll cover the expense for laser printing and such (I'm hoping I get a discount here). Unfortunately, I can't afford to underwrite everything.

Game fees will consist of a \$5.00 refundable NMR fee. If you play the game you have signed up for until the end, or elimination, the \$5.00 will be refunded or credited to your subscription. If you NMR out of the game, drop out (other than through the procedures for resignation) or are otherwise removed from the game, the deposit will be forfeit.

Those of you in Mensa #35 will have your game fee converted to subscription fee (prorated over the previous six issues). In any case, you will receive all issues until the game ends. If you are eliminated, or the game ends before your game fee is entirely used, you will receive a refund or have the funds converted to a subscription. There is NO NMR deposit, and if you drop out/resign, there will be no refund.

A number of individuals are receiving complimentary, sample or trade issues. If you are one of the complimentary issues, you will continue to receive RW until notified otherwise. If a sample issue, please send some funds to establish a subscription. If you are receiving a trade, keep sending me a copy of your 'zine and you'll receive mine.

Each individual who receives this issue in April/May 1991 will have a note enclosed regarding their status. Please take notice of your status, and follow any instructions you receive.

INFORMATION

DIPLOMACY GAME OPENINGS

One position left in a Gunboat game

NEW

Six Positions in a Regular Game
(Players: Brooks)

OPPONENTS WANTED

#1 - Joe Brooks is looking for an opponent in the Intermediate game of Gettysburg '77. His address is below.

#2 - George Kilmer has information on an APBA baseball league that is looking for back-up managers. They are playing twenty years behind the current season. He can fill you in on the details.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/NEW ADDRESSES

Beginning May 15th, Sam Polak's new address will be:

2764 Natta Blvd.; Bellmore, NY 11710; (516) 785-4394

New Subscriber: Joe Brooks; 300 Market St.; Navarre, OH 44662

POLICY CHANGE

I've recently added an answering machine in my apartment. Thus, the requested limit on phone calls is relaxed. I still VERY much prefer all communications to be handled through the US Mail/EMail. However, if needed, you may read moves into the answering machine (no press, please). However, there is one warning -- whatever I understand your orders to be will stand without any chance for challenge. So, speak slowly and clearly. Phone deadline will be 10pm (CST) the day before the mail deadline.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

My house rules are going to be updated in the near future (I'm sure you all agree that they need to be). If anyone has any suggestions, comments and/or criticism, please let me know in the near future.

RUNESTONE POLL

Enclosed is a copy of the latest Runestone Poll ballot. All Diplomacy players/subscribers are strongly encouraged to participate.

MENSA #35

"Thistle and Shamrock"

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SPRING 1902

Turkey: (Con/Ank/Smy/Bul) A bul-SER, A con-BUL, F BLA s a con-bul
F smy-AEG

Russia: (War/Mos/StP/Sev/Rum/Swe) *A gal-bud (r-boh/war/ukr/otb)
A RUM s turkish a bul-ser, F SEV s a rum, *F SWE-nwy,
*F STP s f swe-nwy, A MOS s f stp

Italy: (Rom/Nap/Ven) A APU holds, F ION s austrian f alb-gre,
A tyl-VEN

England: (Lpl/Edi/Lon/Nwy) A nwy-FIN, *F BAR-stp, *F NTH-nwy,
*F EDI-nth

France: (Par/Bre/Mar/Por/Bel) F bre-ENG, F mac-IRI, *A BEL-hol,
A por-SPA, F mar-LYU

Germany: (Ber/Kie/Mun/Hol/Den) *F DEN-swe, F kie-BAL, A HOL holds,
A mun-SIL, A ber-PRU

A/H: (Vie/Tri/Bud/Ser) F alb-GRE, A vie-GAL, A BUD s a vie-gal,
*A ser s f alb-gre (r-tri/alb/otb)

DUE DATE for SUMMER & FALL 1902

May 24, 1991

Notes

#1 - As mentioned last time, all orders which failed are preceded by an asterix (*). Also, the location in BOLD is where the indicated unit ended the turn.

#2 - Those units followed by a "(r-..." have been dislodged and must retreat to one of the indicated areas (Summer 1902). OTB indicates that the unit may retreat off-the-board.

#3 - Summer and Fall turns will only be split if two or more players request same. So, even if you request a split season, be sure and submit Fall moves in the event that both seasons are run.

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PRESS

VATICAN CITY, ROME (API) The Pope today denounced Turkish aggression and called upon the leaders of all Christian nations to thwart the Sultan's designs on the European continent. "At a time when we are again threatened with Muslim domination, we should stand united and cease quarelling amongst ourselves," His Holiness remarked.

TURKEY accepts the Serbian invitation to liberate it from the oppression of the Austro-Hungarian infidels. Serbia, like Bulgaria, was part of the Ottoman empire for almost 500 years (from the first battle of Kossovo in 1389 until the Treaty of Berlin in 1878). We shall not soon part with it again.

Turkey and Russia hope Austria-Hungary enjoys its just dessert, following a transparent attempt to interupt (sic) our fruitful conversation at the banquet table.

Geneva (Reuters) -- Representatives of Austria-Hungary and Italy today publicly announced a treaty of mutual defense. Accordingly, any nation which violates the borders of one nation shall be considered to have also attacked the other. During an informal question-and-answer session, the Italian ambassador said that "Although some world leaders may have felt our nations would be easily conquered, they shall soon see that this is not the case." The Austrian representative, Antonio Harrisburg hailed the breakthrough pact as "the first step towards stemming the aggressions of those who cannot live peacefully in this world within their own borders."

Helsinki (Reuters) -- In a speech to the House of Lords, the English Prime Minister last week announced that in the coming world conflict, the seas shall belong to the English Navy and to no others. "The High Seas Fleet shall, as always, be the strong arm of the mighty British Empire. No other nation shall be able to stand against us. As our brave sailors sally forth to the east, we build still more fleets with which to crush any navies who are foolish enough to venture into the seas. We shall make an example of the Czar and his measly ships for all to heed. The Kaiser, I suspect, has been thinking of challanging (sic) us. He would be wise to exercise restraint. We shall, for the time being, tolerate small fleets in that area east of the Baltic Sea. But not for long. Soon, all the worlds (sic) oceans will belong solely to the great British Empire!" His stirring speech lasted more than an hour. By the end, the normally reserved Lords were standing and cheering the Prime Minister and his words. Since then, the entire nation has rallied around the cause and all eyes turn towards the seas. High Seas fever has struck England with the force of a winters (sic) gale.