

StabBack

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This is STABBACK, a monthly journal of Diplomacy and a variant of my own design. This variant is a 12 player global Diplomacy game, 1898. Subscriptions are 10/\$3.00. Game fee is \$5.00, plus subscription. STABBACK is edited and published by: Howard R. Christie, P.O. Box 115, Millville, PA 17846. (717) 458-5790.

Take advantage of small opportunities and
you won't need to wait for the big one.

Welcome to the forth issue of STABBACK. The purpose of this zine is for the playing of postal Diplomacy. I will be running 4 regular Diplomacy and 1 1898 games within the pages of STABBACK. Game turns will run every 21 days rain or shine. STABBACK always needs willing players and good old standby players for the games appearing within.

If you need a copy of the house-rules just send a S.A.S.E. The deadline for all game turns will be Sept. 16. The next issue will be published Sept. 18. If you haven't already noticed, my address has changed. My new address and phone number is above. I will once agian be excepting phone orders from you all. If you call and there is a sweet sounding voice on the other end it is my wife. My wife's name is Alicia. I have explained to her all about Diplomacy, so she should be able to take anybodies orders. One last thing to stop all those nasty rumors, I didn't get married to Kathy Byrne. Good gaming for this month.

STABBACK #4

This game seems to be filling slowly. So anybody signed up for this game, please be patient. The following people are signed up for this game: Perry, Christie and Schembari.

Standbies

If your name appears below you are on the standby list. If you want on or off, just let me know.

McKinnon, Brumbaugh, Young, Clough, Early, Ridenour, and Smith

AUSTRIA (James Early): a VIE-gal; a SER s ta bul-rum; f alb-GRE
 ENGLAND (Philip Cooper): f nth-NWY; f ENG c a wal-bre; a WAL-bre
 FRANCE (Jay Brumbaugh): f MID-bre; a spn-MAR; a bur-BEL
 GERMANY (Andy Clough): f DEN-swe; a kie-HOL; a RUH s ea wal-bel(nso)
 ITALY (Jim Ridenour): f tyh-TUN; a TUS-hold; a PIE s fa spn-mar
 RUSSIA (Will Wehr): f BOT-swe; f SEV-bla; a war-GAL; a UNK s a war-gal
 TURKEY (Steven McKinnon): f ANK-bla; a bul-RUM; a con-BUL

Will Wehr has resigned from the Russia position. I am asking Robert Smith (Box 509, McKeon Hall, University Park, Pa 16803) to take over the Russia position in this game as a standby. Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. The supply center chart is shown below:

A - home, ser, gre	(5) build 2
E - home, nwy	(4) build 1
F - home, bel	(4) build 1
G - home, hol, den	(5) build 2
I - home, tun	(4) build 1
R - home	(4) even
T - home, bul, rum	(5) Build 2

Players should use 1984C0 for all correspondence concerning this game. The deadline for Winter and Spring orders are due by 12:00 PM on Sunday, September 16.

PRESS:

VIENNA-CONSTANTINOPLE: There was a little mixup on the quote last season. The quote is from Rush's song "The Weapon" (Part II of "Fear") off of the album Signals. It is as follows:

"We've got nothing to fear but fear itself?
 Not pain or failure, not fatal tragedy?
 Not for faulty units in this mad machinery?
 Not for broken contacts in emotional chemistry?"

VIENNA: It has been announced that Kaiser Andrew of Germany has won the worst pun of the year award for that sad one he pulled off in Spring. By the way how DO you pronounce your last name, Andy? (Heh, Heh!) Italy has won the "Good Pope Adward", but he is also the recipient of the "Poor Letter Writer" award, as I've still yet to hear from him. (God, that's worst then Kevin Turner) Actually, Jim I don't care if you ever write me as long as you don't mess with me! Also, England gets the surprise! award, and France gets the sympathy award. Nominations are already open for next year's awards

MORE PRESS:

TURKEY-ALL: "I want those who get to know me to become admirers or my enemies"
-Adam Ant

TURKEY-ALL: "It's easier to be terrified by an enemy you admire"
-Thufir Hawat

RUSSIA-WORLD: The Czar abdicates for Prince Smith of Warsaw. Long Live the
New Czar!

ANDY-JAY: Sorry, life is tough.

ANDY-HOWARD: I appreciate your quickness! You're the fastest 6M I know. And
before I forget, Congratulations! Who's the lucky girl?

GERMANY-RUSSIA: One of my moves was at the request of five other countries.
Can you guess which move that was?

ANDY-PHIL: Just like I promised.

ANDY-JIM: I hope you know how to guess well.

GERMANY-EAST: Interesting Black Sea ploy. Now will the real allies stand up?

ANONYMOUS-ITALY: 9 possible choices exist as to the ownerships of Belgium & Rumania
Did you guess correctly?

REPORT FROM GERMANY: Early today, many surrounding countries heard of a bitter
feud between the German Army in Kiel and the isolated
Austrian army in Vienna. A shooting match began
between the two nations. The armies were on the verge of
advancing to Munich and Bohemia and meeting on the border
for an all-out battle to decide once and for all the question
Who is the superior Kaiser?

But!.... The two nations came to a solution that would
not involve the eternal bumping of heads on the Austro-
Germanic border. A chess game! And so the game began!

ANDY-WORLD: Many of you have asked me how my last name is pronounced. In
hopes that I can inspire more press, I will include something
special in my next letter to you if you can guess correctly the
pronunciation of my last name in next issue's press. As far as I
have found, there are five possible choices of which my name could
rhyme with. Here they are: bough, cough, dough, rough, through.
Just tell me which one of these you think it rhymes with to make your
guess. Sorry Howard, but I'll be announcing the correct one next
issue, so I can't let you guess.

VATICAN CITY-WORLD AT WAR: Papal Encycliclsld on the virtues of pacifism are
forthcoming to all major powers, for now, remember
the soupture's warning: "He who lives by the
sword shall die by the sword".

Yours in Christ, Pope Impious I

WHITE (Germany)

1. P-Q4
2. B-B4

BLACK (Austria)

1. H-KB3
2. P-KN3

AUSTRIA (Eric Jurgeleit): a vie-GAL; a bud-SER; f tri-ALB
 ENGLAND (James Early): f lon-ENG; f edi-NTH; a lpl-WAL
 FRANCE (Robert Smith): f bre-MID; a par-GAS; a mar-SPN
 GERMANY (Philip Cooper): f kie-DEN; a ber-KIE; a mun-BUR
 ITALY (Kevin Turner): f nap-TYH; a ven-PIE; a rom-TUS
 RUSSIA (Jay Husber): f sev-RUM; f stp(sc)-BOT; a war-SIL; a mos-UNK
 TURKEY (Jamie Young): f ank-CON; a con-BUL; a sym-ANK

Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit postions. The deadline for Fall 1901 orders is 12:00 PM on Sunday, September 16. I can't believe it, every players move made it this season.

PRESS:

ENGLAND-TURKEY: Yes, St. Petersburg, Warsaw, and Moscow sound good. Are you SURE Sevastapol is all you want?

ENGLAND - RUSSIA: Overconfidence often gives way to conspiracy.

LONDON-ROME: I hope you're doing as I suggested! It's a pleasure to be working with you again!

LONDON-VIENNA: A modern day warrior
 Mean, mean stride
 Today's Tom Sawyer
 Mean, mean pride.
 Rush, "Tom Sawyer"

AUSTRIA-WORLD: My country will be called Austria-Espana.

AUSTRIA-WORLD: Welcome one and all to STABBACK #2.

AUSTRIA-ENGLAND: At least we have the same mutual great taste in the way of women and rock groups!!!!

AUSTRIA-TURKEY: Welcome to the bordum of the Balkans.

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA: See Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE-LONDON: Thanks for the "No bullshit Diplomacy," I can see you are gonna have to have a serious talk.

CONSTANTINOPLE-MOSCOW: I'd watch out for the English and the Germans, they are up to something.

CONSTANTINOPLE-PARIS: C'est La Vie.

CONSTANTINOPLE-BERLIN: Sorry I didn't get the chance to write back, but thanks for telling me about the Black Sea Situation, it really cleared up a lot of indecision.

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ENGLISH FLEET SIGHTED IN THE CHANNEL

SPRING 1901

AUSTRIA (Doug King): f tri-ALB; a bud-SER; a VIE-gal
ENGLAND (Chris Bruck): f lon-ENG; f edi-NTH; a 1p1-WAL
FRANCE (Jim Ridenour): f bre-MID; a mar-SPN; a PAR-bur
GERMANY (Fred Hyatt): f kie-DEN; a ber-KIE; a MUN-bur
ITALY (Greg Doyle): f nap-ION; a rom-APU; a VEN-hold
RUSSIA (Willis Beaver): f sev-RUM; f stp(sc)-BOT; a mos-UNK; a WAR-gal
TURKEY (Peter Satirfein): f ank-CON; a con-BUL; a smy-ARM

Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. This game was formerly STABBACK #3. Kathy Byrne has assigned the Boardman Number 1984CZ to this game. Players should use 1984CZ for all correspondence concerning this game. The deadline for fall 1901 orders is 12:00 PM on Sunday, September 16.

PRESS:

RUSSIA-GERMANY: I hope you don't take on more enemies than you can handle.

GERMANY-EUROPE: My name is Hyatt not Hyett.

ITALY-EUROPE: Hello to all. Sorry I haven't been very noisy, but I've been very busy lately. I promise to be more talkative this turn. I don't know many of you, so I hope to hear from you, too. Good luck!

PARIS-KAISER HYATT: It was real white of you to offer to keep Burgundy neutral considering that it is French Sovereign Territory anyway. You see, the dark lines are the international boundaries, and the pencil marks on the board are left over from other games. Perhaps now that we understand one another better we can come to some workable proposition for 02 or 03.

FRANCE-AUSTRIA: "Go West, young men."

PARIS-LONDON: "What the what?"

KAISER KING TO HIS HIGHNESS, PETER SULTAN OF THE GLORIOUS OTTOMAN EMPIRE:
Bad news Balkan rebels have killed or intercepted all messengers sent from Turkey to Austria-Hungary. In the future either convoy messages or even if you want to cause successful communication you might try a "letter". The post office does wonders.

AUSTRIA-ITALY, FRANCE & GERMANY: The same goes to you as for Turkey.

TEXAS-CALIFORNIA: There are too damn many Yankees in this game.

1898

I have no excuses for all those who are signed up for this game. I will be sending out the rules and maps as soon as they are 100% completed. Untill that time, please be patient. Someday they will be done. The following people are signed up for this game: Cooper, Turner, Hyatt Early, Young, Brumbaugh, Perry, King, Mckinnon, and Ridenour.

Moving

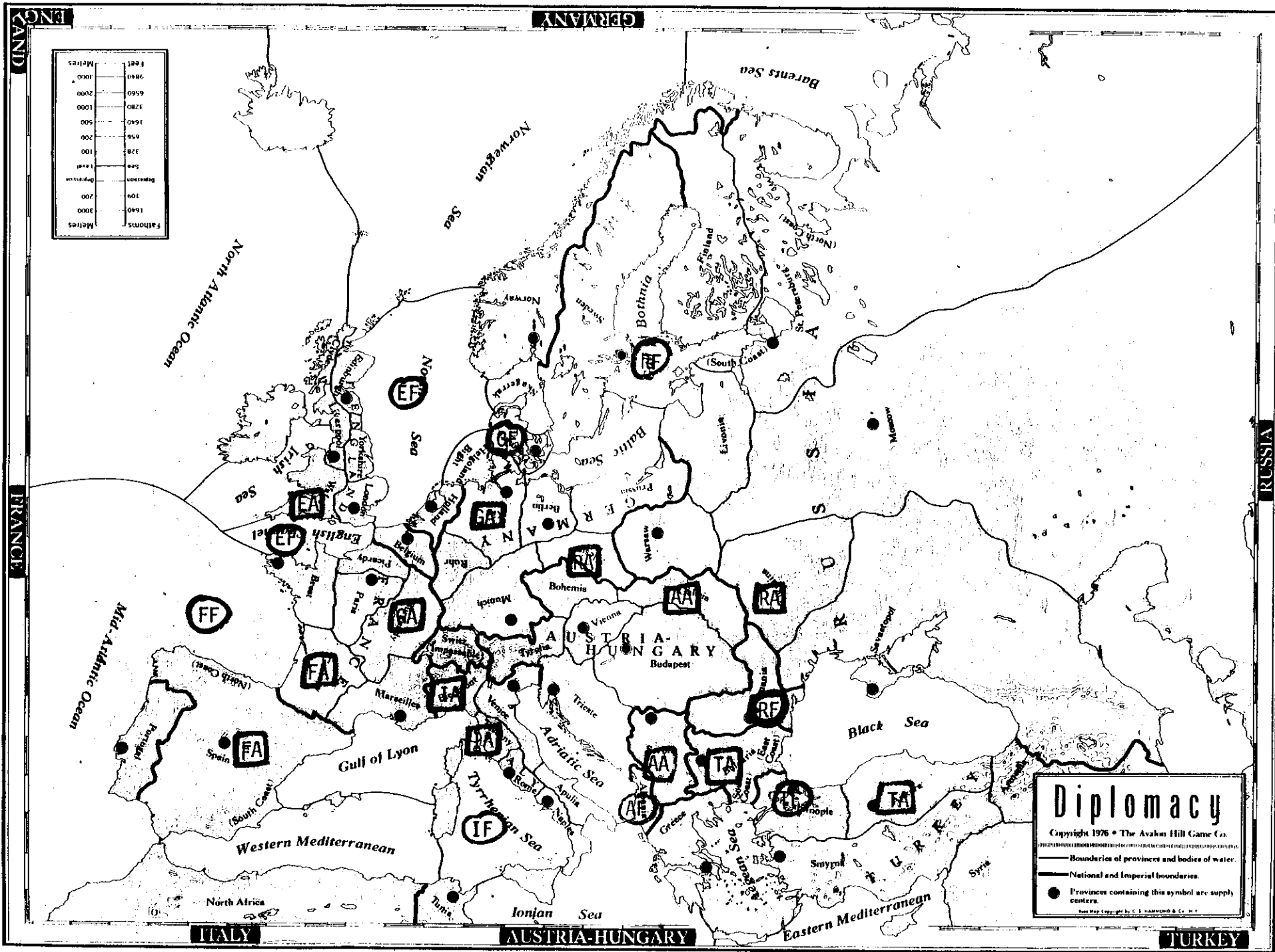


Robert Smith- Room 509 McKeon Hall, University Park, Pa 16803
Jim Ridenour- 20 E. Corydon St., BradFord, Pa 16701 as of 15 Sept.

Please for give me but one of you out there is moving. I have lost your letter could you please tell me so I can inform the other players in your game.

Good Gaming!!!!!!



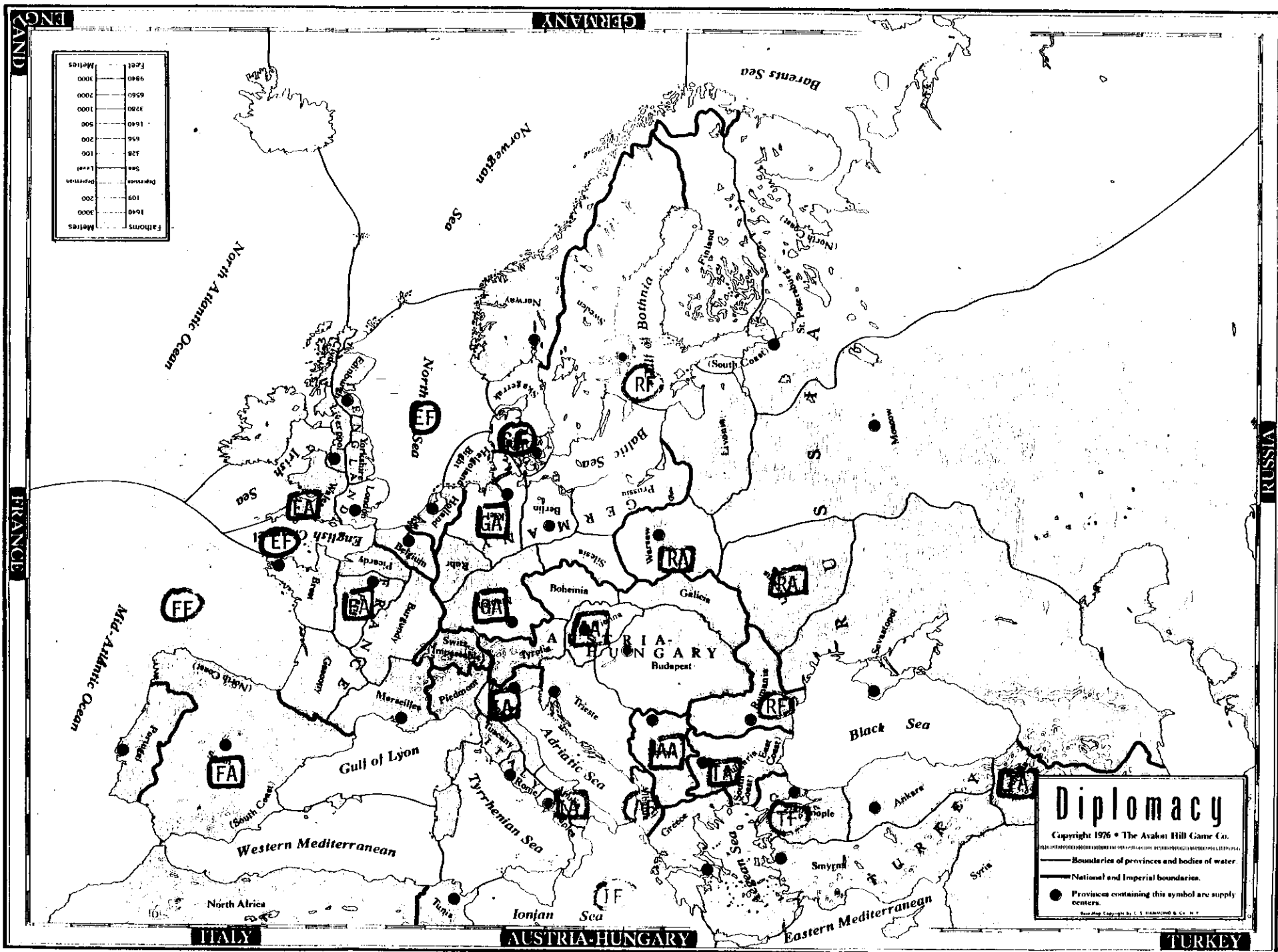


SPRING 1901 1934CT

CONFERENCE MAP

ARMIES = □
 FLEETS = ○

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Diplomacy
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 Boundaries of provinces and bodies of water.
 National and Imperial boundaries.
 Provinces containing this symbol are supply centers.
 Map Copyright by C. J. HARRISON & Co. N.Y.

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 FLEETS = ○