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"Diplomacy is convincing a three-center 'Sucker' he's going to be part of a draw." -Charlie Spiegel-

Winter, my least favorite time of year, is rapidly approaching. They say it's a sign of old age when one begins reminiscing about one's youth, but I remember back in the "good old days" when there used to be a season that came between summer and winter. We used to call this season "fall". It was a season of steadily decreasing temperatures. Days of 50 and 60 degrees were common. In fact, I can remember back when summer lasted longer than three weeks.

Oh well, on to pleasanter things. Our last game opening is gone. To you new players in Leviathan, note that I am not your GM, though your game is carried herein. DO NOT SEND YOUR ORDERS TO ME. Enclosed with this issue should be a copy of the House rules under which Saint George is operated. If not, please let me know. This is for Leviathan players only.

And now, do not pass Go, do not collect \$200, but go directly to.....

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SAINT GEORGE SPEAKS

The Boardman Numbers

Our hobby seems to be fraught(I've always wanted the opportunity to use the word "fraught") with controversy lately. More than usually. There must be something in

the nature of Diplomacy that attracts argumentative people. Since I also play Diplomacy, I shall not hesitate to insert my opinion of the

controversy over paying for a Boardman number.

The main argument is that no one should be allowed to make a profit from a hebby. It has yet to be shewn that Doug Beyerlein will be making a profit with the dollar fee. I join my voice to those who lament the fact that what used to be free now costs. Of course, I lamented the installation of pay toilets too. It has been pointed out that Doug is getting free trades with all the zines which he would otherwise have to pay for. I don't feel this is a valid argument. No one can seriously tell me that if Doug had to sub to all those zines he would. I don't trade with all zines. I trade with those zines I would want to sub to. The trades are carried at a loss in postage. They are made up for by speading the cost into my sub rate, as other zines do. Doug does not, I believe, have such a large sub list to carry the large number of trades.

I notice that the people who are crying the loudest for Doug to either keep things as they were, i.e. no fee for numbers, are the first to explain why they can't possibly take over the Boardman number Custodianship. No one seems to want the numbers to be taken over by someone who is active in IDA or TDA and the fact is that of the remaining body of Diplomacy players few, if any, are qualified or want to spend the large amount of time required by administering the Numbers. I certainly don't. Diplomacy is only one of my activities - I don't want it to become my only activity. If someone can be found who is deemed qualified by the Diplomacy hobby at large and wants to take over the Boardman number Custodianship and run it without charging a fee for the service, then perhaps Doug should considering turning over the numbers to him. But so far no one has done so. And does the hobby want to run the risk of having a Robert Sacks take ever the Boardman Numbers?

The question is rapidly boiling down to whether the Boardman numbers mean enough to pay for them. It is my opinion that Diplomacy will continue to be played with or without the Numbers. But there will be no hobby without them. Whether or not you follow the ratings, any ratings, and someone must or they wouldn't exist. The Boardman numbers provide an efficient reference point. I can't imagine that zines running a large number of games would do without some sort of reference. They might name their games as I do, but what are the players to refer to when discussing a game that only one is playing in? The sixth game opened in Centurion in 1976?

Some publishers are allowing the players to pay extra for a Boardman number, if they wish to do so. Is there a time limit, or can someone pay for it after he discovers he's doing well? And some are refusing to use them at all. The Boardman numbers are a service. If they are a valid service, it is worth paying for. It is, and shall be, the policy of this zine to provide Boardman numbers for its games. I hope every zine will make it clear to its potential players whether Boardman numbers will be provided. I further state that I will refuse to play in any zine which does not provide Boardman numbers for all its games. If it wishes to raise its game fees to pay for this, its fine with me. But I refuse to co-operate with a force of division.

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Medusa

Fall. 1904



MEDUSA

ITALY FINDS AUSTRIA'S BACK DOOR

Austria (McArdle) (A apu r VEN) F SMY S RUSS F ank-CON, F ADRion, A ven-APU, A ROM S A ven-APU, A TUS S A ROM, A vie-BOH

England (Rittel) F SWE H, F nwy-NTH, A wal-BRE, F ENG C A wal-BRE, F MAO S A wal-BRE

France(Happel) (F eng r BEL) F bel-hel(D, A), A gas-BUR,

A PAR S A gas-BUR, A MAR S A gas-BUR, F POR-mae

Germany(Cehen) A LVN-mes A ST.P S A LVN-mes, A pru-WAR, A SIL S A pru-WAR, A RUHR-hel, A bur-BEL, F PIC S A bur-BEL Italy(Drews) A apu-GRE, F ION C A apu-GRE, F NAP-rem Russia(Rauscher) A RUM-bul, F ank-CON, F arm-BLA, A MOS H,

A UKR S A MOS, A war h(d, r gal, etb) Turkey(Nurse) F con-bul(sc)(d, r aeg, etb)

Russia must retreat the army from Warsaw; Turkey must retreat the fleet from Constantinople. The French fleet in Belgium is annihilated. Underlined moves do not succeed. CAPS denote final resting place of unit.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1904

Medusa

1976R

AUSTRIA: bud, gre, srb, tri, ven, vie, ROM, SMY.....7, build 1 ENGLAND: edi, lvp, len, nwy, stp, BRE, SWE..........6, build 1 TURKEY:

Winter, 1904 and Spring, 1905 will be due tegether. Winter may be made conditional upon Autumn retreats; Spring may be made conditional upon Winter. I will separate seasons if a player so requests.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1904 AND SPRING, 1905 IS DECEMBER 11, 1976, 3PM EST

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Turkey(Christmas, 1904) It had been a bad year. First it had been Ahmicen and then it had been Flitank. Or was it Conflit and Armyank? The poor and befuddled Smicen couldn't remember. These big bad men had come and taken them away. And new he was hungry and on his last legs. His feathers were tattered and rusted and his beak had been bent and rattled when he walked, or rather, gobbled. This feeble imitation of the grand old bird hadn't been annihilated like his two, nay three, friends. But he had died in the long cold winter that followed. You may say that I am jumping the gun, but if he doesn't, you're all a bunch of dummies ((see above)). 1976BM

Cycleps

Fall, 1903

EVERYONE TRIES FOR A CHUNK OF GERMANY



Austria(Muchnik) A TYO S A beh-MUN, A beh-MUN, F AEG S A CON, A GAL-sil, A gre-SRB, A CON S RUSS F bla-ANK England(Deehrer) F nrg-NWY, F LON-eng, F nth-DEN, A KIE S

F nth-DEN
France(Levy) F LVP H, F MAR H, A SPA S F MAR, A GAS S F MAR.

A BEL-hel, F BRE-eng
Germany(Gemignani) (A war r PRU) F den S A BER-kie(Fden d, r ska, otb), A pru-war(d, a), F HEL-hel, A BER-kie,

A SIL S A pru-war
Italy(Kelly) F tyn-LYO, F wes-MAO, F rem-tus(NSU), A PIE-mar,
A TUS-pie

Russia (Bressleur) F nwy-SWE, F BAL S ENG F nth-DEN, A lvn-PRU, A WAR S A lvn-PRU, A ukr-SEV, F bla-ANK Turkey (\$pieck, CD) NMR A SMY H, A ank h(D, A)

CYCLOPS

Germany must retreat the fleet from Denmark. The Turkish army Ankara and the German A Prussia are annihilated. Turkey is new in civil disorder. Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1903

Cycleps

1976BM

Spring, 1904 will be due with Winter, 1903 builds and may be made conditional upon them. I will separate seasons upon request.

PRESS 1976BM

LONDON-The Lord Protector told cheering throngs here that Commonwealth naval forces have driven the German invasion fleet from the North Sea and are now preparing to repel Royalists who have landed on the English west coast with the aid of the French. He said that the speedy recovery of the North Sea, and the capture of a German port, had been made possible by the fraternal co-operation of Russian naval forces.

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The Basilisk

Winter, 1903

Austria: Builds A Vienna, F Trieste

England: Retreat F bre-PIC, Build F Edi, F Lon

France: Remove A Por

Russia: Build A Sev, F St.P(sc)



THE

BASILISK

1976BA The Basilisk Spring, 1904

ITALY GOES NORTH

Austria(Hessel) A BOH S A tyo-MUN, A tyo-MUN, A VEN-rom, A SMY H, F aeg-GRE, A vie-TYO, F tri-ADR

England (Rogowski) F edi-NWG, F SWE S F den-BAL, F den-BAL,

F pic-bre(d, r bel, otb), F ENG-mae, A HOL H, F LON-eng France(McLendon) A bre-PIC, A PAR S A bre-PIC, F mao-eng (d, r por, iri, nat, naf, bre, gas, otb)

Germany (Mann II) A BUR-mun, A BER S A BUR-mun, A PRU-sil, F KIE H

Italy(Brendlinger)(A ven r ROM) A mar-PIE, F wes-MAO, F SPA(SC) S F wes-MAO, A ROM H, F ION H

Russia (Anderson) A mos-LVN, F ST.P(SC) S A mes-LVN,
A sey-MOS A WAR-sil F hal-her(d, r GOB, eth)

A sev-MOS, A WAR-sil, F bal-ber(d, r GOB, etb), A ank-ARM, F con-AEG, A BUL S Austrian F aeg-GRE

France must retreat the fleet from the Mid-Atlantic; Russia must retreat the fleet from the Baltic Sea. Fall orders may be made conditional upon these retreats. Underlined orders do not succeed. CAPS denote final resting place of unit.

DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1904 IS DECEMBER 11, 1976 3:00PM EST

PRESS 1976BA

Budapest(15 November, 1903): Archduchess Elizabeth today rejected a personal "Note of explanation" from the Italian Empress, and with war between the Empire and Italy a near-vertainty, Hapsburg troops in the North were reported to be preparing to counter-attack the Italian army in Venice.

Although the bloody assault by the Italians into Tyrolia last summer had elicited a stream of demonstrative denunciations from the Austrian Parliament, up until now the Imperial Government had confined itself to strongly worded remonstrations. However it was evident to observers here that active manuevering has been on-going within the Government to attempt to produce a show of unity in the face of the surprize Italian perfidy. After a fashion, that effort met with success today.

While officials in Vienna have steadfastly maintained Russian responsibility for the attempted Italian invasion, the Hungarian Chamber of Deputies, meeting for the first time since the incident, enthusiastically received a speech by President Kossuth denouncing in the same breath the German Chancellor and the Italian Empress "who have ever spoken in league, ever plotted in league, and shall now be despatched in league."

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Leviathan

Winter, 1900

NEW GAME BEGINS

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LEVIATHAN

Gamemaster: Don Rittel, 2311 Badger Pkwy, Apt. 2, Madison WI 53713 (608) 256-3263

Be sure to send your moves and press to your gamemaster, not to me. He has asked me to inform you for those who wish to phone in orders to call only between 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Also he is not home on Wednesdays, so do not try to call then. Also notice the use of a guest GM alters your deadlines from those of the other games.

((Also, the following people still owe me money: Cliff Mann-\$2.00, Steve McLendon-\$2.00, Scott Hazel-\$3.00))

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St.Petersburg: Thought I'd say that it's just as well that Germany retook Berlin, as that city was full of Aryan pimps and whores and gays and sodomists and sado-masochists and smack junkies and doggie beaters, not to mention other social deviants of a very nefarious type, including Reaganite Republicans. I mean, words cannot begin to describe the cultural decadence found among the squalid, seedy streets of that capitol of moral turpitude and imperial self-indulagence. Besides, there wasn't a drop of vodka in the whole place. Utterly neanerthal.

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Dateline Washington; reprinted with the permission of the Washington

Herald Star Clarion Bugle Times Daily Tribune

It seems that the French, who are usually a warm blooded lot anyway, have gone stark raving mad with joy. As I stood outside the Palace of Versailles with a crowd of about 75 thousand, I watched the decoration of three generals and one admiral for their bravery and fulfillment of duty to La Belle France. The decorations were, in fact, named just that: the Supreme Order of La Belle France. Their speeches of acceptance were rendered nearly inaudible by the roar of the happy throngs so proud to be alive, so proud to be Frenchmen.

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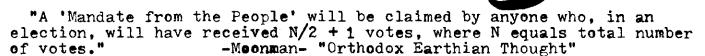
(Continued from page 6) This merriment comes in the wake of the enermous naval victory against England last Spring, when French warships came to rescue of French citizens whose lives and property were imperiled by what have been described as English atrocities.

Emperor Louis Maximillian, of the recently re-instated Bourbons, has proclaimed that an Imperial holiday shall exist in France for the last two weeks of this fall. The Emperor stated further that "as we drove them out of Belgium and Liverpool, we will drive the English butchers out of every port, every mountain, every field and every city where there are men who long to be free.

Dateline Antwerp: The provisional government of Belgium, which shall for all time ewe a debt of gratitude to France and its beloved Emperor, wishes to announce that the last of the English opium dealers has been tried and sentenced to 25 years in the French penal colony of Devil's Island. It is rumored that this colony shall be closed down in the near future. A replacement penal colony will probably be built on land owned by France near the city of Oran. No definite plans of construction have been released at this time.

MINSTREL'S LAY

The Moonman - Chapter Nine



I stifled a yawn. Moonman and I had been watching the election returns for what seemed like hours. Mace had lost interest and gone out and gotten drunk. She had wandered in later and was busily barfing in the toilet. I sincerely hoped the strange noises did not mean she was drowning.

The toilet door opened and Mace came out. She did not look improved by her experience. "What's the latest?" she asked.

"Well, NBC has projected Ford the winner in Indiana, and Carter has carried Kentucky. The rest are too close to call." "That's the situation we had when I went out!"

"I must admit things have not been eventful. Wait a minute. David is about to say something."

"NBC projects Carter the winner in Georgia."

"You're kidding !" snorted Mace. She suddenly turned green and made a lunge for the toilet.

While Mace was continuing her barfing, Moonman turned to me. "Is it that Ford is now the president of Indiana and Carter of Kentucky and Georgia ?"

"No, it just means that each gets the electoral votes of that state and whoever gets the most electoral votes is president of everywhere." "What about the states where part of the people vote for the other candidate. Does he get part of the electoral votes ?"

"No, they don't count once the candidate wins the state. In effect. the Democrats in Indiana, once having voted for a man which lost their state, no longer affect the outcome." (Continued on page 8) *********************************

"I see," said Moonman. "And how is this 'Projection of winners' done?"

"The networks examine so-called key precincts. If the voters are
voting the same way they always have, the networks know who will win. If
they vote differently, then that means the other candidate will win. In
this election apparently nobody is voting normally, so they don't know
which will end up the winner."

"I do, " said Moonman. "How?" I asked.

"I have mentally influenced the outcome. People are voting the way I wish. Which may explain why your pundits are unable to project winners. I have given the election to Carter."

"Do you think that's right?"

"Of course it is! I bet the pilot of my mother ship 700 grndkls on the outcome."

Mace re-emerged from the toilet. "What's on ABC and CBS? I'm getting sick of looking at a blue Indiana and a red Kentucky."

"The same thing - orly without the map.""Arrrggg!" she gurgled and staggered back to the john.

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