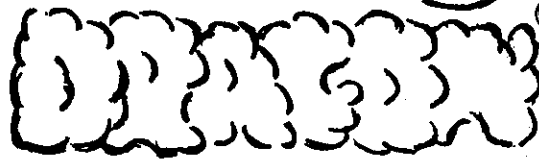




# Saint George

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Diplomacy is attending your first convention and mentioning the name of your best and most trusted ally in the one game you have that's really going well, and noting that a hush falls over the entire room.

THE SPRING THAW HAS STARTED !! HOORAY!! There's nothing quite like the feeling of realizing that you have managed to survive the worst winter on record, unless possibly winning a game as Italy. I even went outside yesterday without a coat on, something I don't usually do until July.

I still have three positions in my last game. Signed up are: Mike McManus, John Michalski, Tom Johnston, and David Bunke. If you have a previous grudge against any of these gentlemen, feel free to sign up and give them Hell. If you would like to have a grudge against them, also sign up. Inquiries for games or not, this shall be the last, positively, game until one of the current ones end. If you have an ally who is devoting too much of his attention to keeping an eye on your moves, suggest to him that he needs to start a new game. The fee is a modest \$1.00 plus sub. Also, we have received (and begun play in) The Dragon and The Lamb, from Steve McLendon, Box 57066, Webster, TX 77598. We flatter ourselves that Saint George was the inspiration for the name, as this is a well-done zine. We also thank Brad Hessel for the compliment in naming his latest game in Diman the "Dragon Game."

Any publisher interested in forming an insurance organization similar to DNYMPA, please contact me. This is for publishers outside the NewYork/New England area, which can join DNYMPA.

Also, I have reached the end of my standby list. Anyone interested in standing-by, which is done at no extra charge to you, please let me know. And one final note. If any of my present traders wish to join the new game, all you need is the \$1.00.

The dice indicate what's next...

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## SAINT GEORGE SPEAKS

### Miscellany



I know I promised further SF reviews in this column, but they are being postponed temporarily. A number of things have come up which need to be shared.

First, the results of the poll. Lowest ranking goes to the press. I will admit the press is not what I'd hoped for, but I don't intend to eliminate it. I encourage press, and I think if a little time is devoted to the press it can turn out as good as that being printed in Diman. After all, I did encourage players from that zine to play in mine. So think about it guys and gals. Writing press can be an enjoyable part of this game.

Next lowest rating went to the illustrations. I also intend to keep those (It's beginning to sound like I'm not paying any attention to the poll). I will admit, I'm not the greatest artist in the world, but I think the illustrations add a distinctive feature to this zine. In fact SG&TD is going to remain essentially as it is. Moonman will disappear from this pages however. It was good in concept, but the author and I lack the time to extract its potential. If anyone would care to try writing it on a regular basis, let me know. It will accrue to your sub credit. I have had an offer from Charlie Spiegel and Ferkin Doyle of Brotherhood of Thievs. They will be doing a regular column for this zine, as I will be doing for theirs. (Charlie, what kind of column do you want? Diplomacy, or mad ramblings?)

The essential thing I extracted from the poll is that most people want something to read in a zine. I don't seem to have attracted anyone who just wants games. That is the crucial piece of information I needed.

Next, all readers, players and subbers should be aware that this summer will bring two, count 'em two, Diplomacy tournaments. One will be in New York City, Origins III; the other will be at Lake Geneva, Gencon X. Not having a death wish, I shall not be attending Origins this year. I want to give Don Pitsch a chance at best Germany. However, I will, if I can come up with the money, be at Gencon. The latest issue of Diplomacy World has information about Gencon. I know you all have it, because I have told you repeatedly to subscribe. There is a substantial savings if four people share a room. I would be happy to act as a clearing house to organize Saint George's attendees into groups of four. You will have to make your arrangements with the Convention committee, but I can at least let you know the names of others who are looking to share a room. The names of those who respond will be printed next issue in Saint George. Gencon is to be held in August. Origins is to be held in July. If you are more interested in Origins, I suggest you get a copy of the General, or write Rick Loomis, %Flying Buffalo, Inc., P. O. Box 1467, Scottsdale, AZ 85252, for a sub to Wargamer's Information, which will keep you up to date on these and other wargaming activities.

And lastly, I have received comments that a) separation of seasons is extremely boring and b) there isn't much communication in the games. On a) I would like to say I totally agree. Please don't ask for separation unless you really can't deal with the conditions. If you think your ally is about to stab you, you should know what he is supposed to build. Cover that with your conditions. On b) I suggest that maybe there might be reasons to keep writing someone who is attacking you. He might change his mind, if you can give him reasons to do so. He won't if you don't write.

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Leviathan

Spring, 1902

TSAR OPENS TURKISH FRONT(BACK?) WHILE UNEASY ENGLISH/  
GERMAN PACT UNFOLDS

Austria(Nurse) A vie-TYO, A TRI S A vie-TYO, F ALB-gre,  
 A SRB S F ALB-gre, A BUL S F ALB-gre  
 England(Charnley) F nth-HOL, F lon-NTH, A yor-LON, F nwy-SWE  
 France(Hazel) A par-PIC, A BUR-bel, A spa-GAS, F por-MAO,  
 F bre-ENG  
 Germany(Berch) F DEN S English F nwy-SWE, A ber-PRU,  
 A hol-BEL, A RUH S A hol-BEL, A MUN-bur  
 Italy(Agosta) A VEN H, F NAP S F ION, F ION C A tun-APU,  
 A tun-APU  
 Russia(McLendon) F stp(nc)-NWY, A FIN S F stp(nc)-NWY,  
 F gob-BAL, A rum-UKR, F bla-ANK  
 Turkey(Mann II) A CON-bul, A GRE S A CON-bul, F AEG S A GRE,  
 F smy-EAS



LEVIATHAN

Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. COA (3-1-77 to 5-1-77) SR Morton M. Charnley III, 369-48-7546, Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL(no zip)

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DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1902 IS APRIL 5, 1977 6:30PM CDT  
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Leviathanic Press--

LONDON: The king today expressed his apologies to the Kaiser for occupying Holland, but cited urgent supply needs and the Kaiser's intractability over English occupation of Belgium.

LONDON: His Royal Highness, Mort III, has decreed that if the double-dealing, lying Tsar of Russia cannot keep secret negotiations secret or move his forces in the agreed-to manner, then the British Empire wants nothing to do with him.

MOSCOW TO BERLIN: Can the German fight everybody? The Tsar has some surprises for you, yes he does!

ST. PETERSBURG: The Russian ambassador to Turkey has tried unsuccessfully to gain an audience with the Sultan. We realize that the Sultan has been catching up on his exercises in the Imperial Harem, but three weeks is carrying it a bit too far.

VIA VIENNA: To whom it may concern: I am not interested in a three-way alliance, but a two-way draw is fine. You've got to choose between me and him.

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Medusa

Winter, 1905

ANOTHER PLAYER TURNED TO STONE ?



MEDUSA

Austria(McArdle) Even. Has A GAL, A BOH, A TYO, A PIE,  
 A VIE, F SMY, F TRI  
 England(Rittel)(F spa(nc) R MAO) builds A LON. Has A LON,  
 A PAR, A BRE, F MAO, F NAT, F NTH, F ENG  
 France(Charnley)(A par R GAS) removes A gas. Has A BUR,  
 A SPA, F POR  
 Germany(Cohen) builds A KIE, A BER. Has A KIE, A BER, A BEL,  
 A MUN, A SIL, A PMU, A LVN, A MOS  
 Italy(Drews) builds F NAP. Has A BUL, F NAP, F AEG, F TYN  
 Russia(Rauscher?)(NRR F con R OTB) NBR, one Short. Has A UKR,  
 A WAR, F ANK  
 Turkey(Nurse) Even. Has A CON

A separation of seasons was granted. Spring orders, which may be changed, but which will be used in the event of no new orders are on file for: France, Germany, Italy and Turkey. See Leviathan for COA for Charnley. Mike McManus, 5101 48th Ave. N, Crystal, MN 55429 is asked to standby for Russia. Turkish press is held for Spring, other press on page 8.

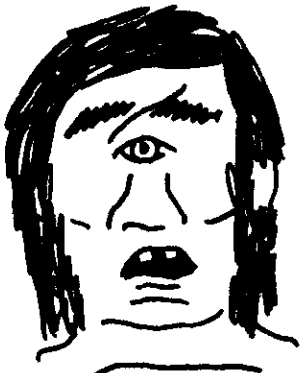
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 DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1906 IS APRIL 9, 1977 3:00PM EST  
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Cyclops

Winter, 1904

DOESN'T ANYONE NEED THESE UNITS ?



CYCLOPS

Austria(Muchnik) builds F TRI only, one short. Has A MUN,  
 A TYO, A BOH, A VIE, A CON, A VEN, F TRI, F ADR, F NAP  
 England(Doehrer)(F den R SKA) removes A edi, f eng. Has  
 A KIE, F SKA, F NTH  
 France(Levy) builds A PAR. HAS A PAR, A SPA, A GAS, A HCL,  
 A BEL, F MAR, F MAO, F LVP  
 Italy(Kelly) removes A pie, F wes. Has A TUS, F TYN.  
 Russia(Bresslour) builds F ST.P(NC), A WAR only, two short.  
 Has A WAR, A NWY, A BER, A SIL, A SMY, F STP(NC), F DEN,  
 F SWE, F ANK

Bart Levy announces a new apartment number: Apt. 421S. The rest of his address is the same. Press is on pages 7 and 8.

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Dragon Fire - continued

I wrote to England, innocently asking what I should do. Should I 1) A Mun H, trying to curry France's favor or 2) A Mun-Bur, seizing the time to make some progress ??? Of course, I had no intention of doing either, and knew that 2) was a lousy move. England could either A) ignore my question, or even worse, recommend 2). In that case, I would know that England did not have my best interests at heart, and I would F Den H, Or England could B) criticize 2) in which case he was not trying to sabotage me, or C) suggest that I do A Mun-Ruh, in which case the move was probably riskier than I first thought, since if it were reasonable to England then it might be reasonable to France and then France might do Bur-Mun and I'd be shafted. England's response was B. I realize this was a fairly slender thread on which to base a decision on whom to believe, but it was the best I had. I also got B from Turkey, whom I asked to see if I'd get C. One other purpose of this charade was that if England was feeding my mail to France, then France would see that I was not even considering A Mun-Ruh and would not then do the devastating A Bur-Mun.

For those who did not see the Fall moves, England did not stand me out of Holland, but rather stood the French out of Belgium. The German and Russian fleets both went to Sweden as A St.Pete went to Finland, and I went A Mun-Ruh.

Conclusion ? Don't be afraid to try different or unusual openings, and be alert to the opportunities presented by unexpected circumstances.

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Basiliskian Press - continued

BUDAPEST: in London. Though the existence of the negotiations has been consistently denied by Hapsburg officials, informed sources in Budapest believe that they have been ongoing for several months, sporadically, but that for some unknown reason they have now been broken off by the Italians. While fighting had continued in Italy, the amount of territory that has changed hands in the last three years had been minimal, until the unilateral Austrian pullback from Venice last Spring.

Cyclopsian Press--

LONDON(undated): Pointing to the imminent danger of a Tsarist restoration in Russia as the cause, the Lord Protector, speaking before both Houses of the Workers and Postal Gamers Parliament, announced that plans to build a fish and chips factory in St. Petersburg have been postponed until Commonwealth Peace Marines have arrived to restore order in that troubled city. He also revealed new information concerning the exiled Royal family. According to reliable information from continental sources, he said, the Royal entourage, carrying the crown jewels and the stolen national game board with them are moving eastward through Germany in a sealed railroad boxcar guarded by Cossacks.

(more press on page 8)

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Cyclopsian Press--

IN THE CAVES OF POSTOJNA: The scream had stopped, but the cave opening was still nowhere to be seen.

"What was that scream?" said Prince Buchovsky, the leader of the party. The Prince (He bestowed that title upon himself) was a major commander in the partisan resistance against the Hapsburgs.

"It was only Wilhelm," said Rojer, a friend of the Prince, while pointing to a man who was lying on the cave floor and who seemed to be out cold.

The others gathered themselves and lit a fire. What they once thought to be a small cave for shelter changed immediately into a vast cavern. The light from their fire did not seem to even start to penetrate the darkness coming from the cavern's chamber. Coming, it was, as the pitch blackness seemed to obscure all but a small area around their fire.

After a few hours sleep and a few more spent thinking, Buchovsky decided that the only way to go was deeper into the cave. They had precious little food, and the need for more pressed them to find the lair of even the smallest cave creature. The group gathered up their belongings and started on what proved to be an enlightening quest.

Medusan Press--

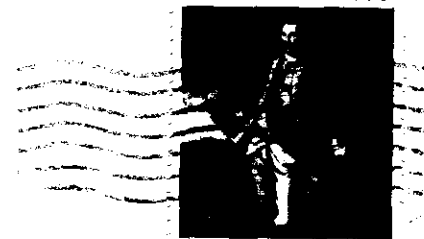
BERLIN(December 5, 1905) The German government today extended its most heartfelt support and good wishes to the noble and gallant Italian forces in their struggle against the Russo-Austrian alliance. The War Ministry expressed the hope that the Italians would be able to throw off the oppressive yoke of Austrian tyranny which currently chokes the Italian homeland and would join the forces of freedom in their fight against despotism. When asked about reports of alleged pillaging and plundering by German forces on the outskirts of Moscow, a spokesman for the Ministry replied, "That's none of your verdammt business," and asked to see the interrogator's identification papers.

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Trader  \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub \_\_\_\_\_  
Sample \_\_\_\_\_

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