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Diplomacy is receiving a letter from your "ally" right after he buried the knife in your back up to the hilt, saying ", but we shouldn't let this get in the way of our friendship..."

Lovely Fall weather we're having. I can hardly wait for winter. Those of you in states to the north, probably don't understand why I keep complaining about the weather. You see in states north of us they have what is called "snow removal". Here in Indiana, however, a mayor of Indianapolis once decided we were not "in the snow belt" so we didn't need to spend all that money for such frills. Since then the phrase "not in the snow belt" has become a standard reminder of political incompetence. However, although this was more than 15 years ago, Indiana still doesn't have adequate snow removal, and doesn't appear likely to.

There have been 15 inches of snow on the ground for a week. Roads are still not in drivable condition. They consist of packed and polished snow. I haven't driven on them for five days. I'm going to give it a shot tomorrow. So if any of you have ever given any thought to moving to Indiana, keep the above in mind. As far as passing through Indiana

in the winter, that's impossible.

I'm finding it more than usually difficult getting into the holiday spirit this year. But I hope the rest of you are enjoying the holidays.

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1976R

Medusa

Winter, 1909

A:builds A BUD, G: no room to build, I:builds A NAP Spring, 1910

TOGETHER AGAIN

Austria (McArdle) F ank-BLA, A MAR H, A BOH S A GAL-sil, A TYO S A BOH, A GAL-sil, A UKR-mos, A rum-SEV, A BUD-gal A VIE S A BUD-gal

England (Kelly) F POR S F SPA(NC), F MAO S F SPA(NC), F SPA(NC) S F MAO, F ENG S F MAO, F NTH C A hol-NWY. A hol-NWY, A BUR-mar, A GAS S A BUR-mar, A RUH-bur, F BAL C German A den-LVN

Germany (Cohen) A den-LVN, A BER S A SIL, A KIE S A MUN, A SIL S A WAR, A sev-MOS, A WAR S A sev-MOS. A MUN S English A RUH-bur

Italy(Drews) F WES-mao, F NAF S F WES-mao, F aeg-ION, A smy-ARM, A nap-ROM, F LYO S Austrian A MAR

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DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1910 IS JANUARY 14, 1977 12 NOON EST

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Cyclops

Winter. 1908

Austriæ (Muchnik) declines builds; plays 4 short. Has A SRB, A MUN, A PIE, A TYO, A MAR, A TUS, F SPA(SC) F WES, F TUN, F LYO

France(Michalski) F spa(sc) r OTB, F lon r WAL, A bel r RUH. Has A BUR, A RUH, F WAL (removes Fbre, A pic)
Russia(Bresslour?) NBR plays 6 short. Has A PRU, A BER, A KIE, A BEL, A LON, F SEV, F ENG, F IRI, F MAO, F HOL. F NTH

CYCLOPS

MEDUSA

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1977CZ

Cerberus

Fall, 1903



ERBERUS

EASTERN POWERS CONTINUE TO GROW

Austria(Kehrer) A bul-CON, F AEG S A bul-CON, F gre-ALB, A boh-MUN, A TYO S A boh-MUN, A tri-VIE England (Machir) A PAR H, F nth-BEL, F ENG S F nth-BEL France (Fiack) A bur-MAR, F iri-LVP, A BRE H Germany (Gibson) A PIE S French A bur-MAR, A sil-WAR, A mun-ber(d, r sil, ruh, otb), F den-BAL, F hel-KIE, A HOL-bel

Italy(Bunke) A rom-VEN, A APU S A rom-VEN, A mar h(d, r

spa, gas, otb), F POR H, F wes-TUN
Russia(Michalski) F BLA S F arm-ANK, F arm-ANK, A ukr-GAL A PRU'S F bal-BER, F bal-BER, F swe-DEN, A NWY(U) H Turkey (McManus) F con S A ank (d, r smy, otb), A ank S F con (d, r smy, otb)

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1977CZ 1903 Cerberus AUSTRIA: ENGLAND: FRANCE: **GERMANY:** ITALY: RUSSIA: BER, DEM......9, build 2 ank. con. smy...... TURKEY:

DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1903 & SPRING, 1904 IS JANUARY 14, 1977 12NOOM EST 1977CZ PRESS--

Berlin Wunderblatt: Vive la France: Warsaw saw war; Piedmontese love our soldiers so they stay and raise Munchmontese and maybe menace Venice. Munich Bavaricator: Our local army ordered to Berlin so the French army in Burgundy will have a nice retreat in case the English and Dagos drive them.

Turkey-West: The juggernauts of the east are rolling; the carnage is appalling. Toll the bells and turn toward the fires in the east and feel the forces which will turn upon you as they have me. Let us unite and fight these usurpers of sovreighty.

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1976IF

Leviathan

Winter, 1905

Austria: builds A TRI Germany: builds F KIE Italy: builds F NAP

Russia: A rum R UKH, removes A edi

Spring, 1906

RUSSIA FIGHTS BACK

Austria(Nurse) A alb-SRB, A vie-GAL, A BUD S A vie-GAL, A rum(d, a) S A vie-GAL, A tri-VIE, A bul(d, r gre, otb)S A rum

England (Rogowski) A LVP-yor

France(Gable) A gas-WAL, A MAR H, F MAO C A gas-WAL, F IRI C A gas-WAL, F nao-NWG, A YOR S A gas-WAL

Germany(Berch) F KIE-bal, A nay-STP, A DEN-swe, A mun-SIL, A sil-PRU, A BEL stands respectfully at the grave of General Isch Turnip, F NTH S French F nao-NWG

Italy(Beyerlein) A PÎE H, A VEN H, F aeg-EAS, F gre-AEG,

F nap-TYN

Russia (McLendon) A con-BUL, F BLA S A con-BUL, A gal-bud(d, r war, boh, otb), & ukr-RUM, A SEV S A ukr-RUM, A mos-UKR, F SWE-bal, F CLY-nwg, F nwg-BAR

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EVIPTHAN

Vienna: The Emperor was somewhat astonished at the implication that he perceived international relations as a form of consummatory behaviour and expressed a hope that the Kaiser would be less inflammatory and more civilized in his public communiques. He also began a speech denouncing the hyper-expansionary policies of the quadruple alliance, but this was found to be the result of the substitution of a different speech by a Russian. He was heard to comment, after perusing it out of curiosity: "Only in Russia, you say. What a dreadful pity!"

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BASILISK

1976BA The Basilisk Winter. 1909

PEACE REJECTED AS EUROPE PREPARES FOR MORE WAR

Austria (Hessel) builds A BUD, A TRI, A VIE. Has A BUD, A TRI, A VIE, A BER, A BOH, A PIE, A TYO, A BUL, A VEN, F WES, F ION, F GRE, F TYN

England (Rogowski) F nwy R NWG, F swe R DEM. HAS F NWG, F DEN, F EDI

France (McLendon) even. Has A GAS, A POR, F ENG, F IRI Germany (Mann II) removes F ska, F hel, A ruh. Has A BEL, A KIE, F NTH

Italy(Kelly) removes F lyo. Has F SPA(SC)

Russia (Anderson) builds A WAR, F SEV. Has A WAR, A NWY, A STP, A PAR, A PIC, A BUR, F SEV, F AEG, F SWE, F BAL

The draw vote is defeated. There is a new proposal for a draw between Austria and Russia. Please vote with your Spring, 1910 orders. *

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*Note that England retreated to Denmark, changing ownership of that center from German to English.

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Russia-Austria: Small is beautiful.

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The Phoenix

Winter, 1906

England: F nth r EDI, removes F lom, A lvp r YOR, Has A YOR, (McLendom) F EDI

France (Machir) builds F MAR. Has A BEL, A LVP, A WAL, F MAR. F BAR, F IRI, F ENG

Germany (Bunke) builds A MUN. Has A MUN. A RUH. A PIE. A BOH. F NWY, F NTH, F DEN

Italy(Mann II) even. Has A APU, A TYO, A TRI, A VIE, A BUD, (A rum r SRB), A SRB, A CON, F ION, F BUL(SC), F AEG, F EAS Russia (Gibson) removes A stp. Has A GAL, A UKR, F NWG Turkey(Staud) builds A SMY. Has A RUM, A SMY, F BLA, F ANK

Weny (F con r ANK)

The concession to Italy and the four-way draw have both been defeated. There is a new proposal for a draw between Italy, France and Germany. Please vote with your Spring, 1907 orders.

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Rome-Berlin: I will accept a I-F-G draw, but not a I-F-G-R or T draw.

I will fight to the last piece first. The Pope
Warsaw Warner: The Gremlin growing grim, but sends this notable notice
to the F-G-T alliance and asks that it be secretly leaked to Europress
International: By the beard of the Profitless, if you wolves gobble one more Russian or English SC you'll all be discombobulated (more pg 7)

..by the deal Russia makes with AROMA PROVOLONE! And you'll fall like a row of dominoscetti! We appeal to Saints Sacco & Vanzetti.

Berlin(15 December, 1906): The Imperial German Government, in the true spirit of this most hallowed season((Is it Halloween?)) wishes to call a general truce of honor for the Christmas celebration. If agreed to, de-mobilization of the Kaiser's forces will begin at once. Soldiers may return to their families for one week, after which we intend to blow those dirty I-ties(that's slang for Italians, gents) right off the blasted continent!!

Sans Souci(22 December, 1906): The Kaiser today amnounced that the planned de-mobilization has begun. All courts and ruling bodies of Europe(with minor exceptions) have agreed to the proposed one-week truce. The exceptions being Turkey and England. Turkey because the infidel of that land have never even heard of Christmas, and England because no one seems to be able to locate the court or ruling body!! Amid excitement and anticipation, the German nation has settled down for a short Winter's nap.

Europe(25 December, 1906): Merry christmas to one and all! And best wishes for a prosperous and healthy New Year!!!

Trent(16 December, 1903): In keeping with the approaching Christmas season, His Majesty the King of Italy and His Most Apostolic Majesty the Emperor-King of Austria-Hungary have secretly met in the Tyrolian city of Trent to discuss proper European decor for the yule-tide celebration. It was decided that all Europe would be gloriously bedecked in resplendent hues of Italian green and Austrian red-- the Christmas colors!!

Rome(24 December, 1903): The lamps have been re-lit all across the continent! A short vacation from war has been declared--Death takes a holiday!! People throng in the streets of the Eternal City. And, in St.Peter's Square, the Pope addresses the represented nations of Europe: "Whether we be idiotic Frenchmen," His Holiness stated, "war-mongering Germans, bodacious Englanders, power-mad Russians, weak-kneed Turks, proud Austrians, or strong-willed and confident Italians, we are all brothers at this most holy time of year." The Pope's remarks were greeted with great enthusiasm by the generally wine-sodden crowd. Europe(25 December, 1903): Merry Christmas to one and all! And best wishes for a prosperous and healthy New Year!!

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