THE TACTFUL ASSASSIN

THEFRONT PAGE

Sorry about being a little late this time. Things rather crowded in on me. Too much work, too much health stuff, too much spring-time farm start up, too little time and then the library phones and says that "Debt of Honor", all 766 pages of it, is in for me, but I can only have it for 21 days because there are 137 people on the waiting list for the 23 copies that they have. Something had to give. It was TTA.

I have been re-assessing my energy orientation lately. I've decided that I have to re-orient my priorities in the near term. My community health stuff will have to be toned down, but not dropped. My Dip time will have to be scaled back. So when I finish any games I will not take on any new ones for quite a while. TTA will have to change, too. The amount of personal writing that I put in will vary with the amount of time that is available at the moment. The look may be more warehousy, but that's better than a fold.

Marco and Runestone Poli ballots are enclosed, Please VOTE

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GAMEOPENINGS:

Regular Diplomacy: Have 5 (Wiedermeyer, Gesell, Sorfleet, Renken, O'Reilly); Need 2. BRIT SEASONS Sp&Su; Fa&Wi Regular Diplomacy: Have 2 (Sorfleet, Wiedermeyer); Need 5. AMERICAN SEASONS Wi&Sp; Su&Fa Gunboat Diplomacy: Have 3; Need 4. This game will be alough WITH pages. PRITISH SEASONS Sort Sur For Wi

Gunboat Diplomacy: Have 3; Need 4. This game will be played WITH press. BRITISH SEASONS Sp&Su; Fa&Wi Gunboat Diplomacy: Have 2; Need 5. This game will be played WITH press. AMERICAN SEASONS Wi&Sp; Su&Fa III no preference stated, I'll put you in the closest to full.] Ninjistic Dip: Have 2 (Renken, Gesell); Need 5. AMERICAN SEASONS; extra supports listed after FALL moves. Puzzles will vary in type and difficulty.

LETTERBOMBS

Berry Renkem: A little something on what you wrote about government vs. commercialism. 1st You say that economics is a game, with businesses as players, government as a referee and rules that seem to write themselves. 2nd Without government there would be anarchy and no

infrastructure, so there would be no chance for any company to be of more than local importance.

ECY: Government was supposed to be the impartial referee which it found difficult to be, and decided that it would like to play too. Business put up with that for a while, but wants things to go back the way they were; government writes the rules the way that business wants them written, so that it can get on with the job of making profit. The Japanese have operated that way all along, their government cis just a front for the real rulers; the zaibatsu. The other big world players couldn't quite compete against that tight team until they threw off the sea anchors (government). There wont be anarchy. Heavens, no. Just the 'right' rules. Harry Andruschak: I do get irritated to read lines like "you elected the Newt". Not all of us USA citizens did. I didn't, and many others didn't. It is true that the majority did, but that is not the same as a blanket "you". There is a lot going on in the USA that I voted against or asked my Congressmen to vote against. So why blame me personally? ECY: Whoa, big guy. No insult was intended. I apologize for the flippancy of my comment. It was meant more along the lines of, "The forces of business to control the society's thinking are just as strong, if not stronger, in the USA as elsewhere. It is little wonder that its agenda should be espoused by those recently elected to govern by a 20% to 17% margin (only 37% of those elligable actually voted)]."

NINIISTICS

Berry seems to be the only interested in sending answers to my little brain teasers. I decided he's won so many that I'll send him a \$20 prize and then disqualify him from any more, other than the extra supports in Ninjistic Dip.

He and I agree that the time would have been 9:16.363636, the equation was X/5 - (15 + X)/60.

Twisted Titles II

Fetal Attraction: Youngest sex appeal on record.

Tit for Tot: New La Leche League motto.

The Iliac: Homer's hip epic.

Lonesome Move: The van didn't show up.

Walk Sofly and Carry A Big Stack: Waiter training at

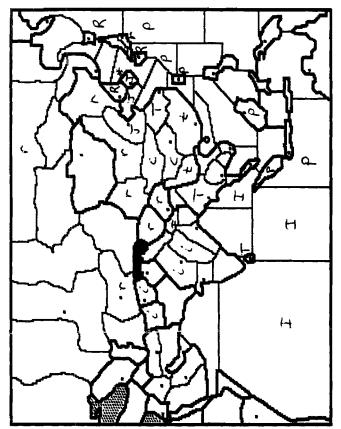
House of Pancakes

Guls Fiction: Stories from the 7-Eleven.

Sheepless in Seattle: Little Bo Peep goes grunge.
The Lion Bleeps Tonight: Simba and Nala finally . . .

Silence of the Limbs: Body language forbidden.

Remembrance of Things Pest: The history of rat control Last time I tried these, the response didn't bowl me over. Let's try it again. I'll print your efforts next time.



Moonlight Mile: 1994Beb03: SUMMER & FALL 1905
I did not report correctly Japan's move: F Seo-Pyo(wc)
China (Schultz) Ret's: A Lha->Yun, A Chu->Sze.
F Sha-Can(A) A Yun-Chu A Sze s A Yun-Chu

Indo-China (Gautron) A Ass-Yun F Ben-Ram
F ECS-Sha A Chu s F ECS-Sha(A) A Can s F ECS-Sha
A Cai-Nep F Cey salutes the Islamic Navy.

Islam (Wilke) A Bom-Del A Mod s A Bom-Del A Isl-Kab A Lar-Afg F ElO-Ada F WIO-EIO F Ken-WIO

Japan (McKee) Ret: F Tok-Kor. F Pek s F Pyo-Man F Pyo(wc)-Man(d, ret->Kor,OTB) F Yel s F Pek F Kor-See

Polynesia (Dousette) F CPO-Tok F KyS s F CPO-Tok F Tai s F KyS A Jak-Sum A Bor H F Tim H

Russia (Reynolds) F Jap-Pyo(ec) A Man s F Jap-Pyo(ec)
A Inn s A Man F Kyu s A Tok A Tok s F Kyu
F Sap-NPO A CSi H A Him-Tib A Sin-Tas
A Kan s A Lha A Lha s A Him-Tib

Press: Isl-InCh: How'd we do? Let's motor.
Isl-All: Thank you all for your Am-Season votes. I guess that song I keep hearing is right: The Lion sleeps tonight.
Isl-J/C: Leaving so soon? Isl-Pol: Did you get my note?
Jap-Rus: How sharper than a serpent's tooth is a Florida based Russian.

Rus-Chi: I was willing to work with you but you never responded. That sealed your fate.

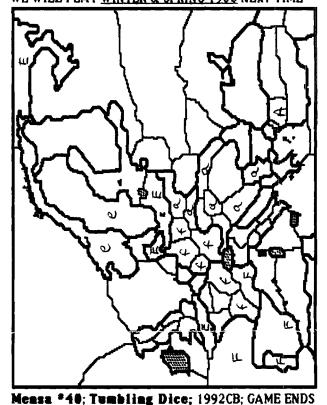
Rus-Jap: Ah, a victim who is fighting back. Kind of refreashing, in a way. But soon we'll both tire of it - to your detriment.

Phil-Eric: Jason didn't put me up to voting for a return to Am seasons. In the issue where I got the stand-by call, I saw the press exchange you and Jason had regarding your decision to change to Brit style. I simply let you know where I, a new player, stood. I always prefer Am-style, and usually don't sign up for any game using Brit-style.

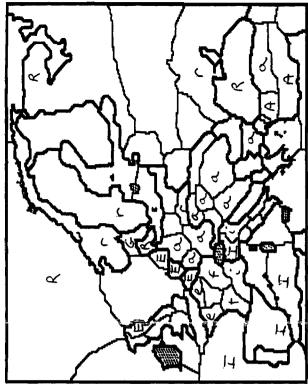
ECY-Phil: I knew that but couldn't help making the dig about you guys both being from Florida. I wonder if the Am-style season thing is in the water down there?

SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1905

China(1)	Chu	-1
Indochina(8)	Hom, Cey, Kua, Cal, Can, SHA	+2
islam(9)	Hom, Pai, Cau, Ken, Bom, DEL, KAB	+2
Japan(3)	Kam, Pek, Seo	-1
Polynesia(6)	Hom, Aus, Phi, Tai	+0
Russia(11)	Hom, Isl, Mon, Pyo, Kyu, Sap, TOK, LHA	+0
WE WILL PLA	Y WINTER & SPRING 1906 NEXT TIME	



5-WAY DRAW: A/E/F/I/R 5-0. All others 2-3 Austria (Glasgow) (8) A Tri A Ser F Con A Vie A Pru A Sil A Gal England (Gaddy) (6) A Swe A Nwy F Bar F Den F Bat F EngC France (Lewis) (10) A Kie A Mun A Ber FMAO FPor FMar FSpa AGas ABur Italy (Kieln) (6) A Tyr A Ven F Tun F Gol FNAf FWMed Russia (Grose) (4) A StP A Mos FGoB FLiv WE WILL PRINT GAME END STATEMENTS NEXT TIME



Beggars Banquet: 1994CC: WINTER 1906 SEASONS SEPARATED ON REOUEST

My apologies; I had no order for the A Silesia and forgot to say that it was still there [the hazards of phone orders?].

Austria (Sorfleet) Build: A Vie A Bud A Tri. A Kie A Ruh A Mun A Boh A Bui A Ank F Smy F Con

England (McCabe) Ret; F MAO-OTB Build: F Edi; F He1 F He1 F Be1 A Pic A Bre

France (Schultz) Remove: F Por. has A Gas A Bur

Germany (Wilke) Remove: A Ber. has F Ska

Italy (Marcinonis) Build: A Ven;

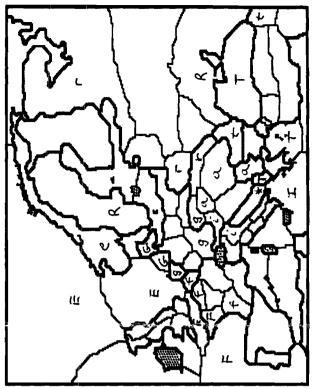
A Mar FMAO FSpa(sc) FWMed FPie

Russia (Gesell) Build: F StP(nc); F Nrg F Den F Blk
A Nwy A Swe A Sil A Sev
WE'LL PLAY SPRING 1906 NEXT TIME I've orders for: E.G.R.

M*47 cont. F-I: Come sta Lei?

Aus-World: It is with great sadness that I must announce that the leader of the Russians is that most foul of Diplomacy players, a player that holds grudges from game to game. As all civilized players know, a game is a game, entire of itself, isolated and unique. In my circle of FTF Dip players such a person would be the first to be eliminated until he reformed. I had hoped rumors of my Russian friend were not true, but unfortunately they were. I challenge Ray to deny my charge, but I predict he will not. I challenge the rest of you to decide if this is the type of leader any country should have?

WE WILL PLAY <u>SUMMER & FALL 1902</u> NEXT TIME



Blinded By Rainbews; 1994CD; M*47; SPRING 1902 Austria (Morris) A Bud & A Ser's TURK A But-Rum FAlb-Tri(d. re->Adr, OTB) A Vie's FAlb-Tri

England (Lewis) F Lon-EngC F NeS s F Lon-EngC

A Nwy s GER F Den-Swe F Nrg s A Nwy
France (Burns) F Bre-EngC F Por-MAO

A Par-Pic A Spa-Gas A Pic-Bel

Germany (Byrne) F Kie-Hei F Den s F Kie-Hei

A Mun-Beh A Ruh-Mun A Hel s FRE A Pic-Bel Italy (Belfay) A Tyr-Tri A Ven s A Tyr-Tri

Flom s Tur A Gre-Alb

Russia (Grib) F Swe s A StP-Nwy F Sev s A Gal-Rum

A War-Gai A StP-Nwy A Gai-Rum
Turkey (Tomiinson) A Bui-Rum A Gre-Aib
A Ank-Arm F Con-Bia F Smy-Aeg

Press: E-GM: Just another gunboat?!?!

E-R: How fortunate to have all the friends in the world.

E-I: The first choice is not always the best. And then what? E-World: Does anyone know how to deal with R-T?1 or is

Neville Chamberline needed?!

Piedmont: Dalla Città del Vaticano oggi, il Papa si è roto la sua anca quando sciava sugli Alpi del Piemonte. Si dicano che il Papa tentavaa attraversare le montagne della Svizzera, ma, come tutti sanno, questo è una cosa impossibile.

R-A: This Basset is ready to hunti

R-T: Let's keep the peace, skinning cats is funl

R-I: I like the way you think.

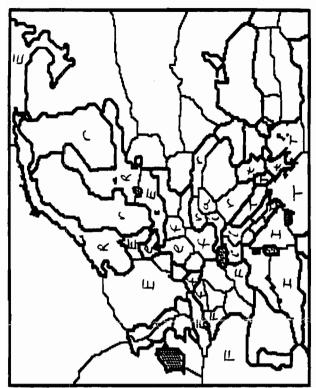
R-E: If it's war you want, then it's war you'll get.

R-F/G: The brothels of England beckon. Hope you're hornyl

F-E: Be careful. There may be sharks in the Channel.

F-G: Eastward marchi

F-R: A hop, skip and a jumpl



Rock and a Hard Place: 1993 Grb32: SPRING 1905

WINTER 1905:

England: Remove: A Den France: Build: F Mar Germany: Remove: F Bal

Italy: Ret: Flon->Tun; Build: F Nap

Russia: Build: F StP(nc)

Austria (Dr. Watson) A Vie s RUS A Bud-Tri

England (Armaditto) F Nrg-Bar F NoS-Ska F Het-NeS F Swe-Bat A Hot-Kie A Kie-Den F EngC H

France (Spamster) F EngC s F MAO(NSU) F MAO s F EngC
A Bur-Mum A Ber s A Bur-Mun F Mar-GoL
A Bet H A Pic s A Bet F Bre H (UNO)

Italy (S. Spiff) A Tyr-Mun F Tys-Gol, F Nan-Ion F Tun-WMed A Ven-Pie A Tri-Ven

Russia (Hillary C.) A Nwy-Swe A Fin s A Nwy-Swe F StP-Nwy F GoB s A Nwy-Swe A Beh-Tyr A Bud-Tri A Gal s AUS A Vie

Turkey (W. Dealer) F EMed-lon F Aeg s F EMed-lon F Ion-Adr F Gre-Alb A Bul-Gre A Ser s F Gre-Alb

Press: Hillary-Dr Watson: Thanks for the support. I will stand by you.

Hillary-Army: You have forced me to spend much time and energy needed other places just to get back what is mine. I shall take Nwy and Swe as compensation. Peace can follow.

Hillary-Spamster: Good Luck.

Hillary-Spiffy: Mun and Tri will be hard to defend.

Hillary-WD: You can have all of Italy and Tun. I may take Tri but will give it up when you are in position. Consider convoying to Italian soil.

Spiff-Arm & Spammer: We could've rumbled, but now we've stumbled.

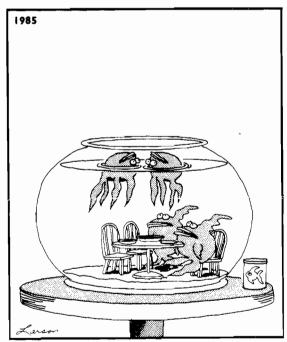
Spiff-All: Due to the unforseen politico-military upheaval that is now playing itself out in the west, the 2nd Roman Empire hereby declares all bets to be OFF. Negotiations with anyone interested in forging new alliances are opened. Spammer-Spiffer: Please find enclosed a fleet in Gol. If I hear nothing, I will support you next turn into TyS. After that, please submit your requests.

Spammer-Armor: Hey, we all fall prey to temptation once in a while, don't we. It should be obvious that your stab failed. You may get a dot, even two, but by then Russia will be convoying his armies into Edi. If you back off, then all is forgiven. My fleets will maintain a holding position awaiting your reply.

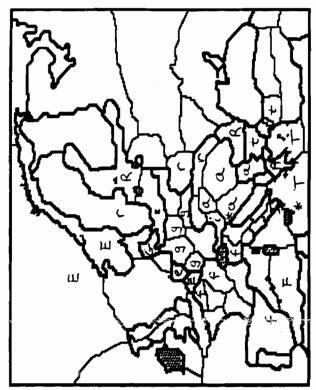
Arm-Spam: You may serve up your plate of crow now. From my Spring orders you can see that I've corrected my errant ways. Hope the damage was not too severe. Get your armies into Germany so we can head east on our original course.

Arm-Hillary: We can't work together if you are continuing to arm in the north with me as your only target. It could have been good.

WE WILL PLAY SUMMER & FALL 1905 NEXT TIME



"Well, the Parkers are dead. ... You had to encourage them to take thirds, didn't you?"



Slipping Away; 1994ADrb32; FALL 1902 Austria: A Alb-Tri A Ser & A Vie s A Alb-Tri A Bud s A Vie F Gre s TUR F EMed-lon



France: A Bur-Mun A Pic-Bur A Mar-Pie A Gas-Spa F Spa(sc)-WMed

Germany: Ret: A Hol-Kie. A Pru-Ber A Mun-Ruh
F Den-NoS A Kie-Hol A Sil-Mun

Italy: A Tri-Vie(d. ret->Ven, OTB)

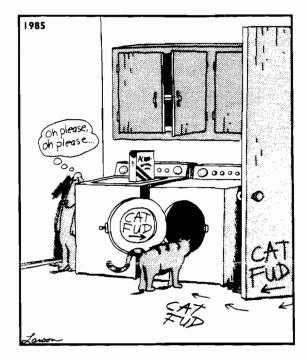
F lon s AUS F Gre(d. ret->Adr. Apu, TyS, Tun, OTB)

A Tyr s A Tri-Vie F Nap s F lon

Russia: A Nwy-Swe F GoB s A Nwy-Swe A Ga1 s A War A War s A Ga1 F Rum s TUR A Con-But

Turkey: F EMed-lon F Aeg s F EMed-lon A But s RUS F Rum A Con s A But

SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1902: Austria(5) Hom, Ser, Gre +0 England(6) Hom, Bel, HOL, NWY +2 France(5) Hom, Por, Spa +0 Germany(4) Hom. Den -1 ltaly(4)Hom, Tun +0/1/2 Hom, Rum, SWE Russia(6) +1 Turkey(4) Hom, Bul +0





"Well, of course I did it in cold blood, you idiot! I'm a reptile."

WE WILL PLAY WINTER & SPRING 1903 NEXT TIME

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