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PEACE IS AT HAND

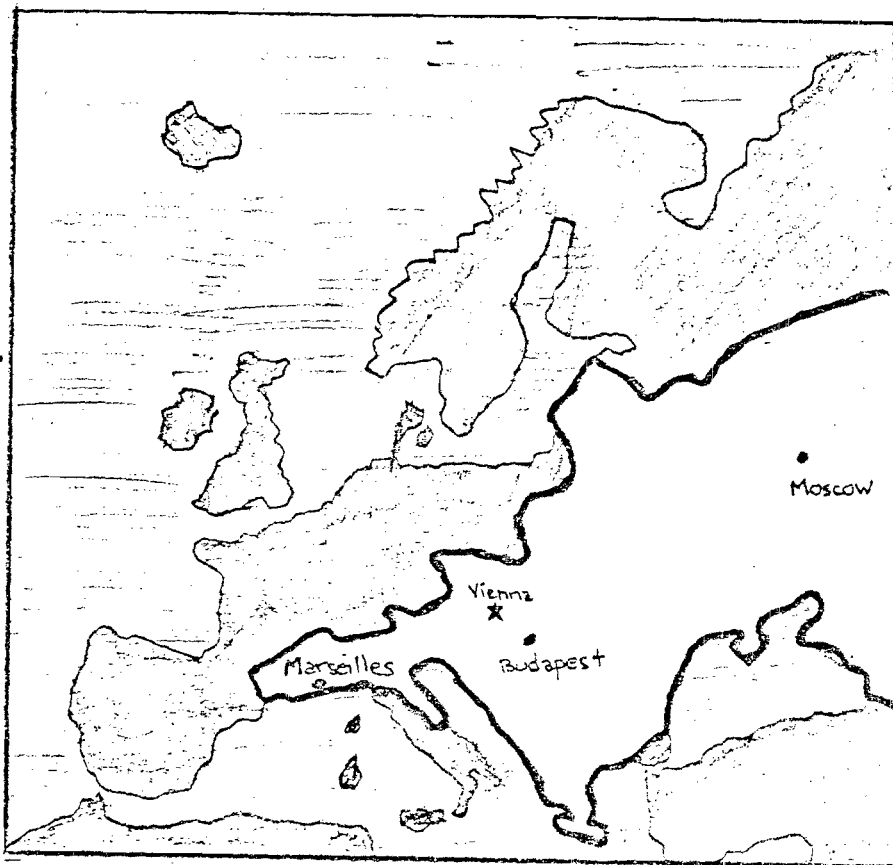
Vienna (API) - At 12:30 AM this morning peace was declared in the WAR OF ROSES AND THORNS. When the articles of peace were signed our forces held territories stretching from Moscow to Marseilles and Livonia to Greece.

Overall our brave forces were the most numerous in Europe with the English a somewhat distant second. While the war was indeed one of "roses" for Austria-Hungary and England, it was for Russia a war of "thorns": With the outbreak of hostilities the Russian Bear made a bold move against our northern regions threatening both Vienna and Budapest. But if the Russian thought he was in a rose garden he soon found that it was in reality a thorn patch. With much appreciated help from the Sultan our forces were able to push the Russians out of A-H. In 1904 we supported the Sultan's forces in his overthrow of Moscow, thus throwing Russia into civil disorder.

In the north and west Germany spent most of the war keeping England and France from a strong alliance and push against the Vaterland. For the most part Germany succeeded in this task and in 1905 she was equal in strength to A-H. England's efforts were slow starting when she ordered two fleets to the North Sea simultaneously. This so upset the Queen that the old girl passed on and King Edward took the ship of state (the one that didn't enter the North Sea most likely). In the end England controlled most of the northern parts of Europe.

France turned against her ally Italy in 1904 and had Italy on the ropes. However while the frog swam in the Mediterranean the Hun decided Paris would be a nice place to spend the fall, and Paris did. In the end France declared civil disorder and ended up in a tie with her victim, Italy. The Italian commander was quoted as saying to the French commander: "That-a serves-a yoo right, from-a now on frog-legs will-a be our national dish." The valiant Italian fleet (the only Italian unit on the map for most of 1905-1906) outmaneuvered attempts to eliminate Italy entirely. During the last move she recaptured a home supply center and doubled the size of Italy's armed forces.

There were two oddities concerning final positions of forces. While Turkey was bottled up at home for the most part at the end, the Sultan had succeeded in capturing Berlin!! The German player was not able to recapture Berlin on the last turn thus ending any chance of preserving the honor of a multitude of German frauleins. The other oddity involved the Russian fleet at Constantinople. The commander of only Russian unit on the board at the end was quoted as saying "We Russians have always coveted the Dardanelles but not at this price."



The Expanded Austro-Hungarian Empire

DIPLOMACY RATINGS

Using the Gamer's Guide to Diplomacy "Overall" rating system, here are the results of the game of 4/18/81. The country ratings include not only the 4/18 game but also the last 5 games played by a group of diplomacy gamers in Louisville, Ky.

GAME RESULT

Game #1 4/18/81. "The War of Roses and Thorns"

1.	Austria-Hungary	Russ Sipe	10	points
2.	England	Russ Abbott	6	points
3.	Germany	Karl Fikes	5	points
4.	Turkey	Richard Gazley	4	points
5.(t)	France	Ed Fikes	2.5	points
	Italy	Bob Bonday	2.5	points
7.	Russia	John Cummings	1	point

<u>COUNTRY RATINGS</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Games</u>
1. Austria-Hungary	5.08	30.5	6
2. Turkey	4.60	28.0	6
3. England	4.58	27.5	6
4. Russia	4.25	25.5	6
5. France	2.83	17.0	6
6. Italy	2.25	4.5	2
7. Germany	1.00	3.0	3

The "Overall" Rating System- Win,10. Survivals: 2nd,6;3rd,5; 4th,4;5th,3;6th,2,7th,1. Eliminations:3rd,3;4th,2;5th,1;6th,0; 7th,-1. Countries that end the game tied for a position split the sum of the points for that position and the next lower position. In games where less than seven are playing subtract 1 for each vacancy from the result (i.e.- In a six player game the winner would get 9 points; in a five player game he would get 8 points).

THE LOUISVILLE GAMES

- Game 1 - "The Great Unification War" (A-H and Turk. tie 1st,England
Russia,France)
- Game 2 - "The Anglo-Austrian War" (England, Austria-Hungary,Turk. &
Rus.tie,France.Germany elim.)
- Game 3 - "The Forgotten War" (Turkey,Austria-Hungary,England,
France,Russia)
- Game 4 - "The Czar's War" (Russia,France,Turkey,Austria-
Hungary,England)
- Game 5 - "The Holy War" (Russia,Eng.&France tie,A-H &
Turkey tie, Italy, Germany elim.)

The following are excerpts from the Easter Message of Tsar Nikolai II to the Nations (4-25-1906):

...I wish peace and good-will to all nations on this day following the end of the Italian Renaissance War. For the past year we of Mother Russia have sought to stay out of the general fracas that has embroiled Europe for the past 6 years. The Sultan, Kaiser, and Prime Minister of England will attest to the fact that for the past year to year and a half I assured and carried out the assurance that Russia would not disturb their holdings. Even the common man on the street can look back and see what consternation Russia could have caused Turkey and England during the past two years had we wished to. In fact even now I must deal with those elements in my country, military and court who felt I was "weak" in sitting on our fall 1904 holdings...

...to the unfortunate people of Austria-Hungary I extend my sympathies. It is tragic whenever a nation declares civil disorder, but to do so when she is the fourth strongest nation in Europe is a great disservice to the Austro-Hungarian people. I pray that your Italian rulers may rule benevolently while sternly dealing with the Hapsburgs who so shamefully abandoned you...

...concerning the victorious Italian nation, we are most watchful. The plight of the Austro-Hungarians as well as the French, whose government fell in fall 1905, must be eased. Spanish olives had better be plentiful in Budapest and Hungarian goulash had better be abundant in Marseilles and Iberia...

...had our English neighbors been slightly less intransigent they could have saved the embarrassing situation of losing the North Sea for much of the last year and a half not to mention signing the peace treaty with a British army in Ruhr cut off from the sea. An obscure seer by the name of Rasputin came to court today and foretold that the English army cut off from the sea on the Continent was a portent of the future. He said that within 50 years another English army on the continent would be threatened with isolation from the sea. However the future army would escape, he said, unlike the army presently in the Ruhr...

...to our German neighbors - we wish you well and hope that you will accept our invitation to send your liasons to our authorities in all of Scandanavia. May the Russian fleets in Denmark and Norway as well as the German fleets and armies join together to promote "stabililty to the region" (a phrase I picked up in a dream of the future)...

...Finally I say to all the peoples of Europe, may your rulers be as kind and benevolent toward you as I have been toward them.

Tsar Nikolai II
Tsar of all the Russias and
Scandenavia
from the Imperial palace, Petrograd
Easter, 1906

DIPLOMACY RATINGS

Ratings are based on the "Overall" rating system (see WGtoD).

<u>COUNTRY RATINGS (2 games)</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Italy	6.25	12.5
2. Austria-Hungary	6.00	12.0
3. Germany	5.00	10.0
4. England	4.50	9.0
5. Turkey	4.00	8.0
6. Russia	3.50	7.0
7. France	0.75	1.5

GAME RESULTS

Game #1 4/18/81 "The War of Roses and Thorns"

1.	Austria-Hungary	Russ Sipe	10	points
2.	England	Russ Abbott	6	points
3.	Germany	Karl Fikes	5	points
4.	Turkey	Richard	4	points
5.(t)	France	Ed Fikes	2.5	points
	Italy	Bob Bonday	2.5	points
7.	Russia	John Cummings	1	point

Game #2 4/25/81 "The War of Italian Renaissance"

1.	Italy	Karl Fikes	10	points
2.	Russia	Russ Sipe	6	points
3.	Germany	John Cummings	5	points
4.	Turkey	Richard	4	points
5.	England	Paul Bonday	3	points
6.	Austria-Hungary	Rocky	2	points
7.	France	Bob Bonday	-1	points (elim.)

 Ed. Comment - It isn't often that you find Italy on the top of the heap in "Country Ratings", but just like in baseball "it's too early in the season to consider the averages". On the other hand, even if we include the 5 Louisville games mentioned in last week's Dip Ratings Italy would only slip to 2nd. The Italian win will keep her high in the ratings for several games even if she does not fair as well in the next few games.

The key for keeping your rating or a country's rating up is to avoid elimination. France's elimination in game 2 has placed her in the position not only of being in the cellar but also of being almost five times weaker than the next to last place country, Russia.

A final observation concerning country standings- Using almost the same rating system, The WG to D rates our top three countries (Italy, A-H, Germany) as the bottom three countries! Difference-our rating is based on 2 games while their's is based on 803 games!

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GENEVA (API - Armchair Press International) - This morning the following
 communique was intercepted by an agent of an unknown government:

From: NAPOLEON IV (General of the Army)

To: President Emile Loubet

*****CONFIDENTIAL*****

We now have England and Germany where we want
 them. With Italy's withdrawal in the south we
 can now launch our long planned but unexpected
 offensive. Our Paris army can march on London
 while our Marseilles army can destroy Berlin.
 Just give the word and the face of Western
 Europe will be changed.

P.S.- Our long term goal will be to take Constanti-
 nople.

 DIPLOMACY RATINGS

COUNTRY RATINGS (3g)	Avg.	Points	PLAYER RATINGS (2g+)	Avg.	Pts.	Games
1. Turkey	6.00	18	1(t)Richard Gazley	6.00	18	3
2. Aust.-Hungary	5.66	17	Russell Sipe	6.00	18	3
3. England	5.00	15	3. Russell Abbott	5.00	10	2
4. Germany	4.33	13	4. Carl Fikes	4.66	14	3
5. Italy	3.83	11½	5. John Cummings	4.00	12	3
6. Russia	3.66	11	6. Paul Bonday	3.00	6	2
7. France	1.16	3½	7. Bob Bonday	2.16	6½	3

GAME RESULTS

Game #1 4/18/81

"The War of Roses & Thorns"

1. Aust.-Hung.	Russ Sipe	10
2. England	Russ Abbott	6
3. Germany	Carl Fikes	5
4. Turkey	Rich Gazley	4
5t) France	Ed Fikes	2½
Italy	Bob Bonday	2½
7. Russia	John Cummings	1

Game#2 4/25/81

"The War of Italian Renaissance"

1. Italy	Carl Fikes	10
2. Russia	Russ Sipe	6
3. Germany	John Cummings	5
4. Turkey	Rich Gazley	4
5. England	Paul Bonday	3
6. Aust.-Hung.	Rocky	2
7. France	Bob Bonday	-1

Game #3 5/2/81

"The Sneaky Turk War"

1. Turkey	Rich Gazley	10
2. England	John Cummings	6
3. Aust.-Hung.	Bob Bonday	5
4. Russia	Russ Abbott	4
5. Germany	Paul Bonday	3
6. France	Russ Sipe	2
7. Italy*	The Fikes'	-1

*- Although Ed was the "player of
 record" Carl regularly invoked the
 "seniority rule". Therefore Carl

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Gentlemen,

On this occasion of the opening of ostentatious negotiations between your several selves we at the Armchair Diplomat offer these words of warning from the Old Testament:

The godly man has perished from the earth,
and there is none upright among men;
they all lie in wait for blood,
and each hunts his brother with a net.
Their hands are upon what is evil,
to do it diligently;
the prince and the judge ask for a bribe,
and the great man utters the evil
desire of his soul;
thus they weave it together.
The best of them is like a brier,
the most upright of them a thorn hedge...
...Put no trust in a neighbor,
have no confidence in a friend;
guard the doors of your mouth...

Micah 7:2-5

THE PRINCIPALS:	✓ AUSTRIA-HUNGARY	- Mark Peterson	h 528-8529
			w 732-9524 (1)
	ENGLAND	- Russ Abbott	h 776-9218 494-3203
			w 975-8612 494-3203
	FRANCE	- John Cummings	(714)991-5364
			(213)956-0431
	✓ GERMANY	- Carl/Ed Fikes	828-3059
	ITALY	- Brian Stokes	h 526-1671
			w 778-4511
	RUSSIA	- Richard Gazley	871-9967
	✓ TURKEY	- Kirk Robinson	538-3896

GUIDELINES

1. There will be one move per week.
2. Only written and signed orders will be accepted.
3. All orders are due by 8:00pm Sat. evening and none will be accepted after that time except by prior arrangeemnt.
4. Results will be mailed on monday mornings.
5. Unclear orders will not be executed.
6. There is a \$2.00 entry fee (mail fees).

FIRST MOVES ARE DUE NEXT SAT., MAY 16

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SPRING 1901

MAY 18, 1981

Austria (Peterson)...A-vie--GAL, A-BUD-s-russian-f-sev--rum,
F-tri--ALB

England (Abbott).....F-lon--NTH, F-edi--NRG, A-liv--EDI

France (Cummings)....F-bre--MID, A-par-BUR, A-mar--PIE

Germany (Fikes).....A-mun--RUH, A-ber--KIE, F-kie--HOL

Italy (Stokes).....A-ven--TRI, A-rom--VEN, F-nap-ION

Russia (Gazley).....F-stp(sc)--BOT, A-mos--SEV, A-WAR-stands,
F-sev--RUM

Turkey (Robinson)....A-con--BUL, F-ank--BLA, A-smy--ARM

Mark Peterson	h	528-8529; w	732-9524
Russ Abbott	h	(1) 494-3203; w	975-8612
John Cummings		(213) 956-0431 (call collect)	
Carl and Ed Fikes		828-3059	
Brian Stokes	h	526-1671; w	778-4511
Richard Gazley		871-9967	
Kirk Robinson		538-3896	
Russell Sipe		776-4979	

Notes from GM

1. Save this phone list. It is the last one that will be printed for a while.
2. Note the change in Russ Abbott's home phone number.
3. Please include with your next orders the date on which you received this issue of The Armchair Diplomat.

Message Center

(Paris) Greetings from Paris. As always France is maintaining a completely neutral defensive stance, we are here to help anyone in need. Signed Affectionately, Napoleon Bonaparte

(Geneva) In light of last week's international developments in St. Peter's Square the GM would advise the Italian player not to get too close to the "mad" Turkish player.

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FALL 1901

MAY 23, 1981

Austria (Peterson)...F-alb--GRE, A-gal--RUM, A-BUD-s-A-gal--rum

England (Abbott).....A-edi--NWy, F-NRG-c-A-edi-nwy, F-nth--SKG

France (Cummings)....A-PIE--vie, F-mid--spa(sc), A-bur--BEL

Germany (Fikes).....A-kie--DEN, A-ruh--HOL, F-hol--KIE

Italy (Stokes).....A-tri--SER, A-VEN--pie, F-ion--TUN

Russia (Gazley).....A-sev--arm-r-MOS, F-rum-BLA, A War--GAL, F-bot--SWE

Turkey (Robinson)....A-BUL--rum, F-bla--SEV, A-ARM-s-F--bla--sev

Adjustments

Austria.....Home, Rum, Gre = +2	Builds A Ven, A Tri
England.....Home, Nwy = +1	Builds F Lon
France.....Home, Spa, Bel = +2	Builds F Bre, F Mar
Germany.....Home, Hol, Den = +2	Builds A Mun, A Ber
Italy.....Home, Tun, Ser = +2	Builds F Rom, F Nap
Russia.....Mos, War, StP, Swe = -	No change
Turkey.....Home, Bul, Sev = +2	Builds F Con, F Ank

Note from GM There will be a change in the game format beginning tonight. From now on moves will be due on Thursdays at 8:00pm. Moves can be called in by that time or at any time prior to that. As the GM has no intention of scheduling his social life around "being at the phone 'til the bitter end (i.e. 8pm Thur.)" it would be wise to begin calling as soon as you have determined your move. Half the mail fee will be retained for photocopying the other half may be obtained from the GM by ~~working-him-over~~ requesting it.

From the Armchair Diplomat Dictionary

PARANOIA (noun) - The state of mind which normally develops in the French player when after trying to call the German player and finding his phone "busy" tries to call the English player and finds his phone "busy" also.

Message Center

(Rome) Less than 90 years ago Italy shook the bonds of slavery that had been so severely placed upon us by a "neutral France" and a Corsican upstart. Yet it would seem that history will once again attempt to repeat itself as another upstart, calling himself "Napoleon Bonaparte" has seemingly overthrown the ever peaceful government of President Emile Loubet. To all of Europe, BEWARE! Already, officials of the new French "government" have been quoting France's policy as, "[U] completely neutral defensive stance [being there] to help anyone in need" even as French troops were marching into Italy! What boldface lies! What hypocrisy! Even now reports are streaming in from the Piedmont describing in lurid details the sacking and burning of churches and the rape, pillage and murder of innocents by the oncoming French anarchists. BEWARE Europe, ere you find that London, Berlin, Vienna, and Moscow are included in France's "Neutral Defensive" positions.

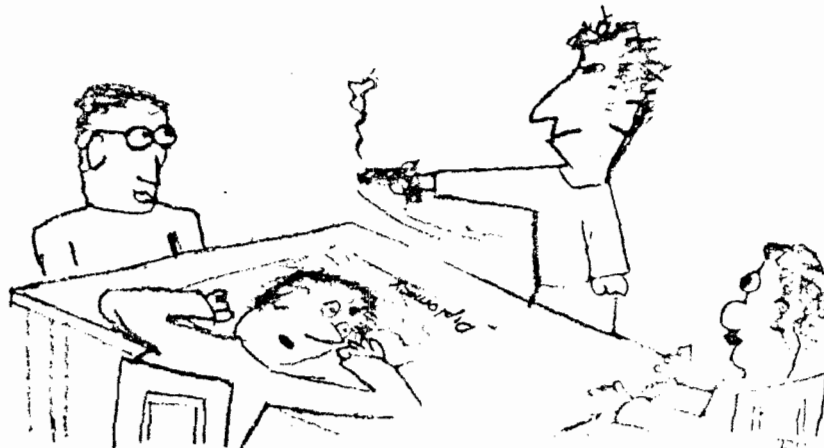
(The Vatican) Pope Leo XIII has officially confirmed that acts of cruelty and barbarity, even beyond what could be expected of the Turks, are being committed by the French troops now in Piedmont. Vatican sources indicate that the Pope is considering the imposition of a Papal interdict upon all of France. Such an action, however, will be subject to the forthcoming actions of the French "government".

(Berlin) We germanic folk living up to our traditional role of protecting our racial brothers have marched on Holland. Also, bowing to international pressure we have agreed to relinquish all just and legal claims to Belgium. Instead, due to our excellent "intellegence" network we have moved to stop an anarchist uprising in Copenhagen. Sincerely, Your Royal Cousin Willy and Crown Prinz Eugen.

(Vienna) News report from VPI - "The Kaiser is ducking all questions of the press with the terse statement 'No comment at this time'".

(London) Let there be peace in the East.

(Constantinople) Sormayana söylemeyiz. Anlamayanlar tekrar sorsun. Yaşa ve öğren. Maşallah.



GEE FRED, DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE TAKING THIS BACKSTAB A LITTLE TOO PERSONALLY?

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Game Results

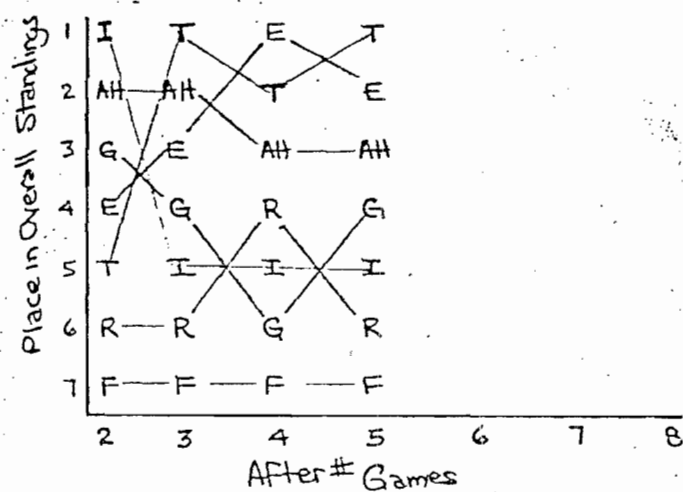
Game #4 5/23/81
"The War of Cousins"

1.	England	John Cummings	10
2.	Russia	Carl Fikes	6
3.	Turkey	Mike Hearn	5
4.	Italy	Russ Abbott	4
5(t)	Austria	Bob Bonday	2
	France	Paul Bonday	2
	Germany	Tony Rios	2

Game #5 5/23/81
"The Short War"

1.	Turkey	Steve Frazier	10
2(t)	Austria	Kirk Robinson	5½
	England	Russ Sipe	5½
4(t)	France	Larry Thompson	3½
	Germany	Tony Rios	3½
6.	Italy	Tony Vivano	2
7.	Russia	Rich Gazley	-1

COUNTRY RATINGS (5 g) Avg.			Points
1.	Turkey	6.6	33.0
2.	England	6.1	30.5
3.	Austria-Hungary	4.9	24.5
4.	Germany	3.7	18.5
5.	Italy	3.5	17.5
6.	Russia	3.2	16.0
7.	France	1.8	9.0



THE PLAY BY PHONE GAME
 FACT - Last week's AD stated that A-H built an Army in Venice
 FACT - A-H cannot build an Army in Venice
 FACT - A-H actually built an Army in Vienna
 FACT - The GM blew it!

IS DIPLOMACY GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE DEPARTMENT The wife of one of the pbp players said that she was going to paint the Diplomacy map on her body so as to gain her husband's attention. Sounds like she's trying to arrange a little Trieste. Actually, such a painting would be interesting to see. For example, we know where Brest, Armenia, Ionian and Irish Seas would go, but where would you paint Liverpool?

PLAY BY PHONE SPRING 1902

AUSTRIA...A-BUD-s-russian-A-gal--rum(nso), A-rum--BUL, F-GRE-s-A-rum--bul, A-tri-TYR, A-VIE-sA-tri--tyr
 ENGLAND...F-lon--NTH, F-skg--SWE, A-NWY-s-F-skg-swe, F-nrg--BAR
 FRANCE...F-bre--MID, F-SPA(sc)--wes, F-mar--LYO, A-PIE--ven, A-BEL-h
 GERMANY...F-kie--BAL, A-ber--PRU, A-mun--SIL, A-DEN-h, A-HOL-h
 ITALY.....A-SER-s-austrian-A-rum--bul, F-TUN--wes, F-rom--TUS, F-nap--TYR, A-VEN--pie
 RUSSIA....F-swe-h-r-BOT, A-gal--UKR, A-MOS--sev, F-bla-s-A-mos-sev-r-RUM
 TURKEY....A-bul-rum(disband), F-SEV-h, A-ARM--s-F-sev-h, F-ank--BLA, F-CON-s-F-ank--hla

Message Center

(London) The Queen is dead, long live the King! Today the King was crowned At his crowning King Edward announced the formation of the North Atlantic Commonwealth and invites all nations to join for greater prosperity and national security. At this very moment the King of Sweden has agreed to join the Commonwealth. In the name of national security...End Message BBC (Malta) With 7 fleets in the Mediterranean area and another 2 near by, the Mediterranean is declared a war zone and all tour groups to Malta are cancell

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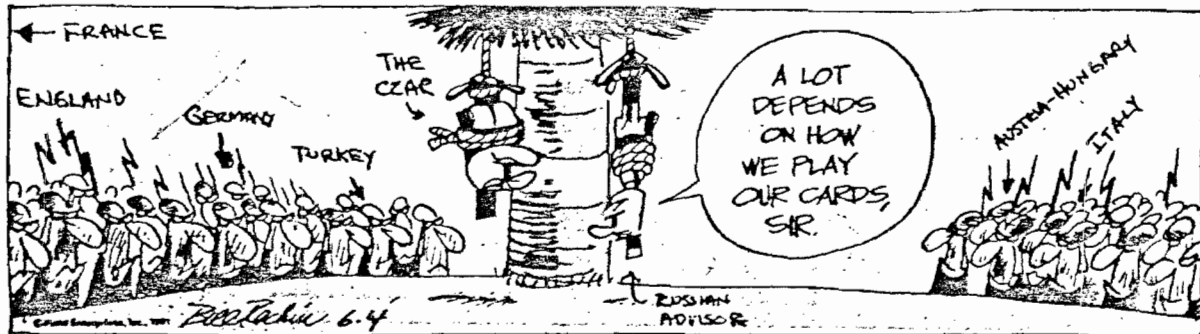
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FALL 1902

June 6, 1981

A Cartoon concerning the Russian SPRING 1902 position:



Did the Czar "play his cards right"? Read on -

EDITOR'S NOTE - It is obvious that the tension level is running high in this game. Saturday nights have been rough for most of you. The game was intended to be a play by phone game rather than a play by Saturday game. Let me suggest that you do not go out of your way to discuss the game on Saturday nights (that's a time for less serious gaming, such as a "quick" game of North African Campaign). I realize that discussion is inevitable on Saturday but try to keep it cordial, as diplomats should.

MOVE NOTATIONS FOR POSTAL DIPLOMACY

<u>A Mun-Sil</u> This order was not successful.	NDR	No Disbandment orders were Received by the Gamesmaster.
<u>A Mun-Sil</u> This order succeeded.	[u]	This unit was Unordered and holds.
[otm] The unit being supported in place was Ordered to Move, invalidating the support. See Rule IX.6.	[d]	This unit was Dislodged but had no available retreat, was ordered not to retreat, or received no retreat order. It was therefore Disbanded (annihilated).
[nso] This support order failed because the movement to be supported was Not So Ordered.	Supply Center Lists (under Fall adjustments each year)	
[nsu] There is No Such Unit on the board.	<u>Mun</u>	A center owned last year and owned this year.
[r-] This unit was dislodged. It Retreated to the space indicated after the dash.	Mun	A center owned last year but lost this year.
NMR No Movement orders were Received by the Gamesmaster.	<u>Mun</u>	A center gained this year.
NBR No Build orders were Received by the Gamesmaster.		

Regions capitalized in the "Move" section are the location of the unit at the end of the turn.

AUSTRIA...A-TYR-s-italian-A-ven-pie, A-vie--BOH, A-BUD-s-russian-F-rum-h,
A-BUL--con, F-GRE-s-italian-A-ser-bul
ENGLAND...F-BAR--nrg, F-NTH--nrg, A-NWY-s-F-swe-h(nso),
F-swe-s-german-F-bal-h-r-FIN
FRANCE....F-spa(sc)--POR, F-mid--ENG, A-BEL-s-german-A-hol-h,
A-pie-h-d, F-lyo-h-r-SPA(sc)
GERMANY...A-sil--MUN, A-pru--SIL, A-HOL-s-french-A-bel-h,
A-DEN-s-F-bal-swe, F-bal--SWE
ITALY.....A-SER--bul, A-ven--PIE, F-tyn--LYO, F-FUS-s-F-tyn-lyo, F-tun--NAP
RUSSIA...A-mos-STP, F-BOT-s-german-F-bal-swe, F-RUM-h, A-UKR-s-F-rum-h
TURKEY....F-SEV-h, A-ARM-s-F-sev-h, F-CON-bul(sc), F-BLA-s-F-con-bul(sc)

It would appear that the Czar "played his cards right".

Adjustments Fall 1902

Austria.....	Home, Rum, Gre	=5	No change
England.....	Home, Nwy	=4	No change
France.....	Home, Spa, Bel, Por	=6	Builds A-Par, F-Mar
Italy.....	Home, Tun, Ser	=5	No change
Germany.....	Home, Hol, Den, Swe	=6	Builds F-Kie
Russia.....	Mos, War, StP, S/A , Rum	=4	No change
Turkey.....	Home, E/A , Sev	=4	No change

Message Center

(Constantinople) The rebirth of the Hapsburg Empire is being met with great consternation in the halls at Ankara. The Ottoman Empire wishes to remind other nations that Spain, Portugal, and Holland were also at one time parts of the Hapsburg hegemony. We wish further to remove any rumor from European diplomatic circles that the revolutionary group, the Young Turks, are in anyway a threat to our government. Signed, Representative of the Government Lt. Mustafa Kemal. Maşallah.

(Malta) With "withdrawel" of a fleet from the Medd. the Malta travel bureau is once again accepting reservations for holidays on the island. The first available date is spring 1903 (political and military conditions permitting).

(Geneva) Our spy at large, Ryan Flamming, reports that French realtors are selling plots of English land to Parisian speculators. Also, he reports, the annual Pan-Germanic games between Germany and Austria-Hungary are in danger of being cancelled.

The Nature of DIPLOMACY

DIPLOMACY is a game of intense competition. It is not a "nice" game . . . that is, it is a game where some vices become virtues. In real life we don't lie to our friends, nor betray trust, nor attack without warning. We do in DIPLOMACY. Often. The First Commandment in DIPLOMACY is, "Thou shalt covet thy neighbor's supply centers."

A player must always remember that DIPLOMACY is only a game. He should realize that the friend who stabs him in the back and rips off three supply centers is not a terrible person; he is just playing DIPLOMACY. And he is playing it very well.

DIPLOMACY demands maturity: the ability to distinguish between a game and reality. Appeals to friendship and past favors have no relevance to the game. Neither do displays of bad temper.

"Good" DIPLOMACY

The *ideal* DIPLOMACY game, according to its designer, is one in which the Balance of Power is preserved. Whenever any player gets too large, his neighbors combine to cut him down. He in turn joins in the alliance to bring down the next leader . . . and so on and on. An actual game of DIPLOMACY seldom meets that ideal.

A *good* DIPLOMACY game is something quite different. It is a game in which all the players enjoy themselves. Much of that has to do with where and how the game is set up.

Attitude will have a strong effect on fun. Those who worry too much about winning, or about playing the "right" way, or about being a "good" player, will interfere with their own enjoyment of the gaming experience. Taking the game too seriously is a heavy mistake.

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CONDENSED ARTICLE DEPT.

"The Price We Paid For War"

If the question were to be posed, What were the broad historical circumstances out of which WWI arose? one would probably be safe in naming two: 1) The failure to find a place in the European order for the recently formed German State (1870); 2) The rivalry between Russia and Austria-Hungary over the succession to declining Turkish control in the Balkans. The European order emerging from the Napoleonic Wars was not flexible enough to stand the subtraction of one great power in the southeast of the continent and the addition of a new one in the northwest. The tragedy of Germany's situation lay in the fact that with the formation of a united Germany the two provinces, Alsace and Lorraine (previously part of France), were incorporated into Germany (this being an outcome of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-1871). This territorial change was never really accepted by the French. Thus France never really accepted Germany into the family of the European powers. In the decades just prior to WWI France was actually more hostile to the existing status quo in Europe than was Germany. Germany was a satiated power in Europe; France was not. Germany had no territorial aspirations anywhere on the continent; France did.

The war, as it turned out, produced the destruction of all three of the great empires so prominently involved in its outbreak: the Austro-Hungarian, the Russian, and the German. This was something which no one—not even the French and British, but least of all the statesmen of those three empires themselves—wished or expected to achieve when they went to war in 1914, and from which no one really profited.

Excerpts from "The Price We Paid for War" in
Western Civ.—Recent Interpts V.II ed. Doty

Do you accept this pro-German view of the political climate prior to WWI. The Armchair Diplomat will print any responsible articles dealing with the causes or results of WWI (just get your facts straight).

A Comment on WWII uniforms by Carl Fikes & RS We often think of 20th Century uniforms as dull in comparison with their counterparts in the 19th Century. However there are some interesting "facts" concerning WWII uniforms that may reflect on the countries that wore them. Here's what we mean:

British soldiers look like they're going to a tennis match in their "spiffy" uniforms with short pants.

American soldiers look like factory workers on leave.

German soldiers look like they're going to a ball just as soon as the last shot is fired

Russian soldiers look like they got their uniforms from the Salvation Army

French soldiers are living in the past wearing outdated uniforms. But the Designer Uniform Award definitely goes to those Italians who turned out several fashionable lines.

Austria... A-bud--GAL; A-BOH-s-a-tyr-h; A-TYR-s-a-boh-h; F-gre-AEG; A-BUL-h

England... A-nwy--YOR; F-NTH-c-a-nwy-yor; F-bar--NWY; F-SKA-s-f-bar-nwy

France... F-MAR-s-f-spa(sc)-h; F-SPA(sc)-s-f-mar-h; F-por--MID; A-par--BUR; A-bel--WAL; F-ENG-c-a-bel-wal

Germany... A-MUN-s-a-sil-h; A-SIL-s-a-mun-h; A-hol--RUH; F-kie--HOL; A-DEN-s-f-swe-h; F-SWE-s-a-den-h

Italy... A-PIE-mar; F-LYO-s-a-pie-mar; F-TUS-s-f-lyo-h; F-naf-WES; A-SER-s-aus a-bul-h

Russia... A-stp-MOS; F-BOT-s-ger-f-swe-h; A-UKR-sev; F-RUM-bla

Turkey... F-CON-bul; F-SEV-h; F-BLA-s-f-sev-h; A-ARK-s-f-sev-h

NOTE: LAST WEEK ITALY MOVED F-TON-NHF (NOT WAR) & ENGLAND RETREATED F-SKA (NOT FIN)

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LAST SATURDAY'S GAME

COUNTRY RATINGS (6 g) Avg. Points

Game #6 6/13/81
"The First Miniatures War"

1. Germany	Mike Hearne	10	1. Turkey	6.5	39
2. France	Carl Fikes	6	2. England	5.0	30½
3. Turkey	Russ Sipe	5	3. Germany	4.7	28½
4(t) Austria	Larry Thompson	3½	4. Austria-Hungary	4.6	28
Italy	Paul Bonday	3½	5. Italy	3.5	21
6. England	Mark Peterson	0	(t) France	2.5	15
7. Russia	Bob Bonday	-1	Russia	2.5	15

Winners: Russell Sipe, Carl Fikes,
Richard Gazley, John Cummings,
Steve Frazier, Mike Hearne

Comment- The First Miniatures War could just as easily been called The Bloody War. This is the first 7-midnight game in which two countries have been eliminated. Not only that, but two others (Italy and A-H) could very easily have been eliminated. There were only three viable countries on the board at the end (Germany, France and Turkey).

PBP DIPLOMACY GAME

FALL 1903

- AUSTRIA...A-bul--CON; F-AEG-s-a-bul-con; A-TYL-s-a-boh-h; A-BOH-s-a-gal-h; A-GAL-s-a-boh-h
- ENGLAND...A-YOR--liv; F-NWY-swe; F-SKA--den; F-NTH-s-f-ska-den
- FRANCE...A-WAL-liv; F-eng--LON; A-BUR-s-f-mar-h; F-MAR-s-f-spa(sc); F-SPA(sc)-s-f-mar-h; F-MID-s-f-spa(sc)-h
- GERMANY...F-SWE-s-a-den-h; A-DEN-s-f-swe-h; F-HOL--nth; A-RUH-s-a-mun-h; A-SIL-s-a-mun-h
- ITALY....F-WES-spa(sc); A-PIE-mar; F-LYO-s-a-pie-mar; F-TUS-lyo; A-SER--bul
- RUSSIA...F-rum-BUL(ec); A-mos--SEV; F-bot--STP(sc); A-UKR-s-turkish-f-sev-rum
- TURKEY...A-arm--SYM; F-sev--RUM; F-BLA-s-russian-a-rum-bul; F-con-s-russian-a-rum-bul-r-ANK

Adjustments

Austria.....	Home, Por , Gre, Con	=5	No Change
England.....	Liv , Liv, Edi, Nwy	=3	Removes F-Ska
France.....	Home, Spa, Por, Bel, <u>Lon</u>	=7	Builds F-Bre
Germany.....	Home, Hol, Den, Swe	=6	No Change
Italy.....	Home, Tun, Ser	=5	No Change
Russia.....	Mos, War, Stp, Ank , <u>Bul</u> , <u>Sev</u>	=5	Builds A-War
Turkey.....	Ank, Smy, Por , Sev , Rum	=3	Removes F-Bla

Commentary- As I speak with the various players in our pbp game there is one word that will invariably crop up - "interesting". All of you have used the term at least once and many of you use it often. This is as it should be, for it is indeed an interesting game. After the Spring 02 move everyone thought Russia was packing for Siberia, but he is back and from the looks of it will be a major influence in the game for some time. Now look what countries are in a tight spot (with visiting enemy units)- Turkey and England who just a year ago had Russia by the tail. The wicked witches can only hope they are as lucky extracting themselves from their dilemma as Russia was. Actually Turkey is not in too much trouble (if Russia turns out to be a good friend). England however may be facing it's "darkest hour". Oh well, as they say-DIPLOMACY IS HELL.

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SATURDAY NIGHT GAME RESULTS - The game last Saturday was the seventh game of the "Armchair Diplomat Era". Here are the results of all seven.

Game #1 4/18/81
"The War of Roses & Thorns"

1.	Austria	Russ Sipe	10
2.	England	Russ Abbott	6
3.	Germany	Carl Fikes	5
4.	Turkey	Rich Gazley	4
5(t)	France	Ed Fikes	2½
	Italy	Bob Bonday	2½
7.	Russia	John Cummings	1

Game #2 4/25/81
"The War of Italian Renaissance"

1.	Italy	Carl Fikes	10
2.	Russia	Russ Sipe	6
3.	Germany	John Cummings	5
4.	Turkey	Rich Gazley	4
5.	England	Paul Bonday	3
6.	Austria	Rocky	2
7.	France	Bob Bonday	-1

Game #3 5/2/81
"The Sneaky Turk War"

1.	Turkey	Rich Gazley	10
2.	England	John Cummings	6
3.	Austria	Bob Bonday	5
4.	Russia	Russ Abbott	4
5.	Germany	Paul Bonday	3
6.	France	Russ Sipe	2
7.	Italy	Carl Fikes	-1

Game #4 5/23/81
"The War of Cousins"

1.	England	John Cummings	10
2.	Russia	Carl Fikes	6
3.	Turkey	Mike Hearne	5
4.	Italy	Russ Abbott	4
5(t)	Austria	Bob Bonday	2
	France	Paul Bonday	2
	Germany	Tony Rios	2

Game #5 5/23/81
"The Short War"

1.	Turkey	Steve Frazier	10
2(t)	Austria	Kirk Robinson	5½
	England	Russ Sipe	5½
4(t)	France	Larry Thompson	3½
	Germany	Tony Rios	3½
6.	Italy	Tony Viviano	2
7.	Russia	Rich Gazley	-1

Game #6 6/13/81
"The First Miniatures War"

1.	Germany	Mike Hearne	10
2.	France	Carl Fikes	6
3.	Turkey	Russ Sipe	5
4(t)	Austria	Larry Thompson	3½
	Italy	Paul Bonday	3½
6.	England	Mark Peterson	.0
7.	Russia	Bob Bonday	-1

Game #7 6/19/81
"The Ditto War"

1.	Germany	Steve Frazier	10
2.	France	Mike Hearne	6
3.	Austria	Bob Bonday	5
4(t)	Italy	Al Anderson	3½
	Turkey	Larry Thompson	3½
6.	Russia	Paul Bonday	2
7.	England	Don Soelberg	-1

COUNTRY RATINGS (7g)

Pos.	Country	Avg.	Pts.
1	TURKEY	6.0	42½
2	GERMANY	5.5	38½
3	AUSTRIA	4.7	33
4	ENGLAND	4.2	29½
5	ITALY	3.5	24½
6	FRANCE	3.0	21
7	RUSSIA	2.4	17

Germany's two wins in the last two games places her in a strong second place behind the always strong Turkey. At the same time England's elimination in each of the last two games has dropped her from second place to fourth! France has finally begun her climb out of the cellar (with the help of two second place finishes in games 6 and 7).

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RULING - The GM will not give out anyone's move to any other player regardless of the situation. Permission by one player to give his moves to another player in the long run will only serve to make the GM a clearing house for all alliances. You're just going to have to trust one another (snicker, snicker!)

CORRECTION - The following move was omitted from last week's Diplomat:
Germany...A-MUN-s-a-sil-h

ANNOUNCEMENT - Play By Phone Game Number Two is ready to begin.
The players are:

Russ Abbott	()	h(1)494-3203; w 975-8612
Paul Bonday	()	871-5909
Ed Fikes	()	828-3059
Mike Hearne	()	839-4860
Steve Krause	()	991-5364
Larry Thompson	()	(213) 337-9371
Tony Viviano	()	525-2168 or 871-5913

Selection of countries will take place this Sat. night.

Guidelines:

- 1) There will be one move per week.
- 2) All orders are due at 8:00PM on Thursdays. Moves can be called in by that time or at any time prior to that. As the GM has no intention of scheduling his social life around "being at the phone 'till the bitter end (i.e. 8PM Thur.)" it would be wise to begin calling as soon as you have determined your move.
- 3) GM'S PHONE - 776-4979
- 4) There will be a \$2.00 fee (photocopying).
- 5) First move is due Thur. eve. July 9.

PBP #1

SPRING 1904

AUSTRIA...A-TYL-s-a-boh-h; A-BOH-s-a-gal-h; A-GAL-s-a-boh-h;
A-con--BUL; F-AEG-s-a-con-bul

ENGLAND...A-yor--BEL; F-NTH-c-a-yor-bel; F-NWY-s-f-nth-h

FRANCE...F-mid--WES; F-spa(sc)-s-f-mid-wes-r-POR; F-MAR-s-f-spa-h;
A-BUR-s-f-mar-h; F-bre--MID; A-wal-YOR; F-lon--ENG

GERMANY...F-swe-SKA; A-den--SWE; F-HOL-nth; A-ruh--KIE; A-MUN-tyr;
A-SIL--boh

ITALY.....A-SER-s-turkish-f-rum-h; F-wes-SPA(sc); F-LYO-s-f-wes-spa(sc);
F-tus-TYN; A-PIE-mar

RUSSIA...F-bul-h-r-BLA; F-STP-h; A-WAR-h; A-SEV--rum;
A-UKR-s-a-sev-rum

TURKEY...A-SMY-s-f-ank-con; F-ank--CON; F-RUM-s-russian-f-bul-h

Message Center - (Moscow)- Greetings from the new People's Socialist Society. A little party this October we had. Our foreign policy being formed is.

There will not be a move this coming week (ORIGINS next weekend). The FALL 1904 move is due Thur. eve. July 9.