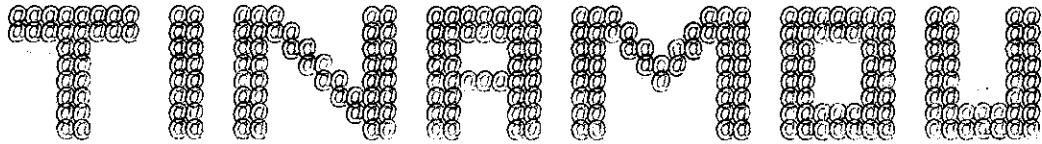


We all agree - Nottingham Forest are magic!

THE



FORTY - NINE

Almost there! I'll have to look out my chipped record of 'Happy Birthday To You' in the next week or so. However, let us get on with this issue first. This 'ere is Bob of the clan Brown, hailing from 53 Broadwood Drive, Fulwood, Preston PR2 4SS. Telephone numbers are Preson 863459 (home) - shazbat, no 't' in Preson ; my God I've done it again. Bring on the men from the funny farm - hey that's a nice white coat.... - and Preston 51831 ext 219 (work). Welcome to one or two newcomers, goodbye one or two others. 25p.

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En Garde to Dave Waring by Saturday April 7th  
R. Rivals to Dave Watts by the same date  
All the rest to me and Ron by Friday April 13th (glurk)

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David Watts, 'Rostherne', 102 Priory Rd., Milford Haven. Dyfed SA73 2ED.

Right, I'll get the important things dealt with first and then I can ramble on to my heart's content. Cybercrud 4 has been held over because Ron has received no orders from Mordor. I suspect that the blame may be laid at the door of the postal strike in the Republic of Ireland, so he feels that it is only fair to wait for it to end (not to mention the fact that Third Age II is a bit pointless without Mordor!).

Secondly - ETHIL THE FROG - what's happening? Well, there have been some behind-the-scenes moves to rehouse the games, but that does not need to be done now. Someone has got off his backside down south and done (what, with hindsight, is) the obvious and picked up Ethil from John to take it to the printers. That person is Chris Tringham - take a bow, Chris, you deserve it. The latest edition of Ethil is thus in the capable hands of Chris, who will take it, together with Reg 14 (?), to the printer on Monday and will mail the two together during the week. There is still a question mark hanging over the future of Ethil, so I will watch to see if similar problems occur with the issue after this. If so, steps will be taken rather more rapidly than they were this time.

Thirdly, and rather short notice I'm afraid, but that's not my fault is the announcement of

#### BRISTLECON/UNICON

To be held in Manor Hall (University of Bristol) over the weekend of 30th March - 1st April. B&B £5 per night, but places limited (so hurry). No meals on site, although coffee and refreshments will be available. Covention fee of £1. Contact Jeremy Hawker, 23 Coombe Rd., Nailsea, Bristol BS19 2HH (Tel 027-55-6255) as soon as possible.

NO, I won't be going myself. The reason I'm not is that it would be rather selfish of me to leave the ~~badly~~ wife on her own and it's a bit too far for a day trip. On top of this, I'm going over to York to a biochemistry meeting on the following Tuesday and I won't be getting any expenses for the trip - not that we're hard up, but....

No, I shouldn't talk about the lass like that. Jane is very well, thank you, for those of you that enquired. As I type this she is about half-way through her last day at work. Not that she is particularly looking forward to being one of these idle (?!!) housewives - she's already mentioned going back for a couple of days a week, well, nights, actually. We shall see.

A funny thing happened to me on the way to the post office with the last issue of the Tinamou - someone pinched my case with about thirty grrr, 30 copies in it, all addressed (but not stamped). I had already posted most of the rest, so I had no idea whose copies had gone and was not a happy man. Fortunately, it turned out to be an honest mistake - someone had mistaken their case for mine (or should that be the other way round?) and the missing case returned the next day (phew!). It seems that someone pinched this other-bloke's case as it turned up in the Poly carpark and as our two cases had identical exteriors..... Boy was I pleased to get it back.

Time for a brew, methinks.... I had some amusing and interesting comeback from one or two of the bits contained in T48. Jonathan Palfrey supplied me with some data to back up my comments about dropouts - "You're too conservative ((arrgh - anything but that - oh, it's OK, small 'c')) in your editorial comment about "one drop-out per game" - in fact the dropouts/game ratio has never been as low as 1 in any individual issue of The Finishing Touch. The ratio of cumulative dropouts/cumulative games reached an all-time low after the first 8 issues of TFT, when the ratio was 1.61; it then rose gradually to the value of 2.12 after New Statsman 3, and fell slightly to 2.10 after NS 5. I haven't counted any games not in TFT. These are dropouts of original players only, dropouts of standby players not counted." Thanks, Jonathan. I can well believe those figures, but don't forget that these include those people that dropout when they are down to only a centre or two and are going to be wiped out in a year or so. I was more concerned, although I didn't say as such, with the people that drop out right at the start or when they are in a tenable position - yeh, I know, define 'tenable' and 'right at the start' - which I would think would be more like one per game and rising steadily I would think.

Stuart Dagger hit me with a nice PS - "Please convey my thanks to Messrs Simpkins, Doubleday, Hawes, Haven and Willis. Anything which makes the life of ratings compilers more difficult is to be applauded". No comment. Kristian Norris asks me what influences my choice of names for my Diplomacy games? Well, first of all, my dictionary (Chambers 20th Century) - if it's not in there; too bad. Seriously, though, I look for a name which isn't too much of a mouthful and which is appropriate if possible (eg Birk, Jugular and Wezand) or which just strikes me at the time (eg Kyte, Xyster). Sometimes one of the players suggests a name, such as Lovelace of fond memory and Tickle (I think). So the criteria are many and various, but really it just has to sound right to me. Using numbers for your games is rather boring, don't you think?

One of the criticisms frequently levelled at T is that it is too game-heavy and doesn't have enough reading matter in it, and just as frequently, people suggest that a letter column is the way to get round this. Hmm. There are some pretty dreggy letter columns around which aren't worth the space they occupy and I'm certainly not going to go out of my way to generate controversy to produce printable letters. Rather I like to just reproduce occasional pieces of letters like those above and reply privately to other people's comments etc. If you make a comment on your letter which doesn't evoke an immediate response from me, don't think that I don't read you comments, I do and I am pleased that you make them - keep them coming. I have particularly noticed that people have mentioned their disillusionment with some of the zines in the hobby which are not turning round as quickly as they might. Let's hear it for the reliable zines which aren't packed with reading matter!

My comments about the hobby last issue - especially those about the lack of effort that people are putting into their games - seem to have struck a chord with several people. Graham Box agrees with my thoughts, reflecting that he doubts that he will "...ever be in a game involving so much correspondence as NGC 129..." and Pete Mearns even went as far as reprinting some of my words in PTN 54 (and also agreeing with what I said). Pete then came up with a novel idea: he has opened a waiting list for a game which will have a gamefee of £5, but he will return £1 to the players for every centre held when the game ends. It's an interesting idea says he thoughtfully....

but I don't have sufficient confidence in my ability as a player to enter. There are one or two people that I would put money on that would do well, though. If you are interested, Pete Mearns can be found at 10 May Terrace, Inverness. The only trouble is that he seems to like Hawkwind or whatever they call themselves now.

25 Years On is a newsletter containing statistics and information about the Diplomacy/games hobby and is available if you send an SAE, no, make that an SSAE to Robin Hood, 103 Oxford Gardens, London W10 6NF. The idea is that it will fill the gap between the statistics of Mick Bullock and the chatty parts of the rest of the zines in the hobby. It carries things like a frequency of publication table, short reviews of all the zines, news of forthcoming events, hobby services and I think that the next issue will contain a list of game openings available. Now I know that Steve Doubleday and Nick Shears have the latter in mind as well, but 25YO is worthwhile anyway. My feeling is that it could find its biggest market as a companion to Stephen Agar's novice package being sent to newcomers to the hobby. Stephen has sent me a copy of his novice package (thinks, must send or send him the 25p) and it looks nice; the only problem being that his list of zines is out of date virtually as soon as he types it, so combined with 25YO this problem would be overcome. I'm a fan of these lists of game openings available in other zines as they have brought me several subscribers and Stephen tells me that the one I did some time ago netted him some subscribers too, so I may put a list in the next issue. Mind you, I've got a fair amount of stuff already.

What else is going on? Well, I'm a bit confused about the fate of the games from Aide de Camp, but they seem to have been rehoused, so all is well in that respect. A certain person, who shall remain nameless, has sent me a copy of his zine which he is producing privately for distribution to players in an invitation game and some GMS. In other words, he has started like Pigmy and Mr Gladgrind with the intention of becoming larger when he has more experience - a thoroughly good idea. If you go to Unicon, you may well be approached by Graham Box with a view to subscribing to Finisterre. I'm going to keep plugging this (a) because, having known Graham for as long as I've been in the hobby (yes, I was in NGC 129 as well), I know that Finisterre will be good and (b) new publishers need as much encouragement as they can get. Witness the recent demise of QLA after only six issues (same as Ferkin RIP) for financial reasons is not enough subscribers. This is absolutely criminal that QLA should have perished like this and I hope that the big publicity campaign which Philmar are going to run to promote the game of Diplomacy will produce sufficient changes so that zines like QLA will have a decent chance instead of dying like starvelings. Which brings me quite conveniently on to the first issue of The Fool Plays On (25p from Malcolm Brown, 2 Park St, Dunstable, Beds). Malcolm has taken over the Ferkin games I referred to last time and apart from regular Diplomacy and variants, is going to run Company Chairman and a Soccer League (I've underlined the latter because I recall having had one or two enquirers recently wanting to know about zines running soccer-type games.). Initial impression of the reduced photocopy booklet is good and will be even better when Malcolm gets used to used the medium. Apart from the introductory blurb, Fool1 contains the rules for Stab and Cline Nine-man Diplomacy and a column on poker by Keith Loveys. I couldn't give a toss about the latter - I'm not interested about learning to play poker, but I thoroughly enjoy reading Birks talking about his games and the psychological (?) aspects.

An Taidhleoir has also gone reduced photocopy with issue 25 and Der comes up with an idea about fining NMRs and dropouts which I've thought about and come to a decision about as clear as that 'thought' just now. As a separate booklet we also received the rules of 'Fallout - a game of international conflict' by Michael Heaton. Having had a quick look through these rules, they look very similar to those of 'Nuclear Destruction' and could be infringing copyright (??). Of course, THE magazine which has gone to booklet form is the (now litho) Gallimaufry (Steve Doubleday, 16 Somerton's Close, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6YB). Superb is the only word that I can use to describe the result. Steve has told me that he plans to get over the problem of having to run lots of games to attract subscribers by acting as a directory to game openings in the other magazines in the hobby. He will run a few games himself, but the majority of G will be for the reader rather than the out-and-out player. I think that it is a good idea and I hope that he will get the support he deserves - note the word 'hope', one cannot be certain that deserving cases will be supported these days.

### The Mr Gladgrind Awards for 1978

I've got a nasty feeling that I never mentioned this poll conducted by John Miller in his zine Mr Gladgrind, but since T is included in some of the categories I'm going to be egocentric and reproduce the results. As an aside, I very much recommend Mr Gladgrind - probably the zine with the most promising future in my opinion.

#### Best Zine

1. Greatest Hits 362 votes
2. Chimaera 192
3. Mr Gladgrind 185
4. Dolchstoss 176
5. Ethil the Frog 160

#### Best GM

1. Richard Hucknall 323
2. Bob Brown 239
3. John Piggett 167
3. Stephen Agar 167
5. Mike Jervis 112

#### Most Improved Zine

1. Mr Gladgrind 207
2. Pigmy 185
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4. Bron Yr Aur 162
5. Howay the Lads 128

#### Best New Zine

1. Pigmy 242.5
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3. Megalomania 200
4. spirit of the age 136
5. Perkin 128
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#### Best Zine for Diplomacy

1. Fall of Eagles 344
2. The Tinamou 247
3. Greatest Hits 229
4. Pigmy 169
5. Dolchstoss 112.3
6. White Dwarf 112.0?

#### Best Looking Zine

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2. Megalomania 263
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#### Best Variant

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3. ID 171
4. Mercator 164
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#### Best Zine for Games Playing

1. Griffin 276
2. Chimaera 246
3. Fall of Eagles 200
4. The Tinamou 191
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2. Mr Gladgrind 144
3. Chimaera 115

#### Pimley Memorial Award

1. Bob Brown 258 (for organising PolyCon)
2. Mick Bullock (statistics) 174
3. Der Garvey 130 (World Variants Bank)

Thank you everyone that voted for The Tinamou. There were 31 people who voted, so it was a pretty representative sample and I don't think that I would argue with the majority of the results. I voted in all the sections that didn't involve me or The Tinamou. The Pimley Memorial Award (for meritorious service to the hobby) - blush, but thank you all for the recognition. I enjoyed PolyCon, but I wouldn't do it again.

As I've said before, I expect GH to be up there when the next zine poll is run, so I voted it best zine without hesitation. For me, most improved zine was a toss up between Pigmy and Mr Gladgrind and so it proved overall. I think that I plumped for the latter because I enjoy John's sense of humour and the ridiculous, but there was really very little to choose between the two. It was no surprise that they also contested the best new zine slot - I suppose it depends on what you define as a 'new' zine - and this time Pigmy triumphed. Best looking zine goes to Vertigern, which is probably reasonable, but I'm sure I voted Gallinaufry first as there isn't much to choose between them for presentation, but there is much more interesting content in G. Best zine for hobby news and best zine for games playing are two categories which are very open to completely different interpretations, but it is no surprise to see Griffin (the latest issue a sixty-pager!) and Chimaera doing well in the latter. Best lettercolumn - no comment.

I completely disagree with the result for best variant. There is no way that Mercator should be placed so low. The only way it can be criticised with respect to the other nominations is that it is not as original as the others - having borrowed some of its concepts from others, earlier, variants. When it comes to playability and enjoyment, I would opine that the only game to touch Mercator of the other four is Stab. I suppose that Mercator suffers because it is so much bigger in terms of players than the other games and only one or two GMs run it. That is a great shame, because it is a superb game to GM - the range of nastiness available to the players makes Mercator continually enjoyable, both for player and GM.

En Garde - April 1601

Things haven't been going too well for the armed forces this month; the Frontier Division only just stood off an enemy attack, and will be under siege again next month; while the Cardinals Guard were trounced by a bunch of peasants! The 13th Fusiliers will be sent to assist them next month.

Major Xngus de Mars (PR): Had a narrow escape when his horse was shot from beneath him, as he was jumping over a wine vat at the time. He gained +1 military ability for swimming out, and found 150 crowns which had been hidden inside it. He'll need to buy three horses now because his permanent rank in the 13th is now Major; he has replaced

Ex-Major Guillaume d'Enfant: The Colonel of the 13th Fusiliers was carrying out a surprise inspection of the squadron when it was noticed that Guillaume was absent. A quick search found him hiding in the latrines. The Colonel was so furious at this blatant poltroonery that he threw him out of the regiment. ((Mark, see the rules on Page 22 of the booklet))

Captain Oisin de Paddy (13th): The Colonel was so upset over Guillaume's perfidy that he awarded you a MID worth 6 before he came to his senses.

Captain Redfin (RM): In the absence of any attack on your section of wall, you manage to organise a poker school - and so impressed is your commander by your skill that he gives you the rank of Major in his Frontier Regiment.

Captain Pierre Bayard (RM): Joining in the poker school, you make 200 crowns from the learners, some of whom think a stacked deck is an over-loaded ship!

Subaltern Perkin Twassocke: It is with deep regret that His Majesty must inform the people of Paris of the death of this would-be hero. He will be most remembered for his endearing habit of writing incomprehensible, illegible letters professing his loyalty to the King.

Major Giscard d'Stain (CDMD): By various devious means you acquire 400 crowns; however, you are also captured! You are sent to join

Major Seiko Quartz (PM): Apparently enjoys captivity, because he made no attempt to escape; but finally your sense of duty prompts you to pay your ransom and leave.

Captain Randolph Catstrangler (RM): Arriving back at the front under an assumed name, you are promoted to Major in a Frontier Regiment before the Colonel recognises you.

Captain Zutre des Champs (PM): Eager to impress in your new position as Acting Major, you gain a Mention in Dispatches worth 6 status.

Subaltern Stamford Rafflesworth (PM): As eager as your superior to gain attention, you also receive a MID (6), and a medal (Medaille Militaire) to go with it. Unfortunately you are also cut off by the enemy and captured.

Major Marmaduke Dogwash (53rd): Died peacefully in his sleep on the night before the enemy attack. RIP.

Events in the City of Paris during the Month of April AD 1601

Week One: The main topic of conversation during the week was the strange occurrence at the Pont du Roi over the Seine. Sir Pablo de Casserole was on his way to Hunters when he saw a shadowy shape on the bridge, then heard a splash in the water. Not thinking of his own safety, he dived in to rescue what he thought was a suicide; so imagine his surprise when he came up with a chihuahua! Looking up at the bridge he saw Tuffus la Custard, who, after helping Pablo out, explained that he had been giving his dog swimming lessons. He was unable to explain how the brick had come to be tied round its neck.... Mustapha Krappe held a small party for his friend Breton de Volution in Blue Cables; Breton explained that Sally had been going to come, but she was in bed with a cold. For which read Mulliken Allred-Rochow, who had overcome Sally's loyalties with a massive number of gifts. Patrick de Poie Gras bought his way up to Major in the RFG, then after a hasty inspection of his money pouch, ordered his squadron to the Front. Three newcomers to the capital, namely Bottler le Bootboye, Frank de Stamp, and Luther Blocpan, all met with success in their first endeavours; Bottler joining the PM as a Private, Luther the ALC as a Major, and Frank successfully courting Agatha Crispie.

Week Two: However, Frank's elation didn't last long, because while he was in Red Philip's celebrating, Agatha's defences were being besieged by Luther Blocpan and Bottler le Bootboye. Eventually they collapsed, giving Luther a new friend and Bottler a new enemy. Breton de Volution was furious; he had invited Mulliken Allred-Rochow to a party at the Frog & Peach, and the swine had turned up accompanied by his old mistress Sally! Tuffus la Custard was drinking in the Frog & Peach as well; his affection for the chihuahua

was plain for all to see as he playfully kicked it back and forth across the room. Pablo de Casserole once again spent a quiet week in Munters, relating tales of battle to awed listeners; while Mustapha Krappe was busy gambling in the Red Light district. He lost, of course.

Week Three: Whilst practising with his new sabre, Luther Bloopan was surprised to see his friend Tuffus le Custard arrive with his rapier, carrying a wrapped-up dummy of a dog which he proceeded to hack to pieces. Feeling Luther's interested gaze, Tuffus explained that he was practising in case France was ever invaded by miniature werewolves. Odd sort of fellow, Tuffus.... Frank de Stamp, upset by the loss of Agatha, visited her while Luther was away, but she would have nothing to do with him. Bretton de Volution and Mustapha Krappe were once again together in Blue Gables, and Pablo de Casserole was in his customary nook in Munters. Mulliken Allred-Rochow tried to join the CPC, but the Colonel was away at a staff meeting about the Catstrangler problem. Bottler le Bootboye was getting his first lessons in how to muck out stables.

Week Four: By now somewhat smelly, Bottler completed his duties in the stables. Mulliken Allred-Rochow was still unable to find the Colonel of the CPC, nor was Frank de Stamp any further along in his attempts to persuade Agatha that she had made a mistake.

Bretton de Volution, Mustapha Krappe, and Pablo de Casserole were all in their usual pubs, while Tuffus le Custard was destroying his second dummy dog of the month with his rapier. Luther Bloopan paid a visit to the residence of Linda McCartwheel, but after one look at him the doorman told him to be off. ((Beryek, you are SL7; Linda is SL15!!!))

Death & Dreck: The duel between Pablo de Casserole and Mustapha Krappe is held over for a month, because Pablo submitted an illegal set of routines - and Mustapha tried to Slash and Cut with a Foil!!

Redfin failed to challenge Pablo de Casserole; Mustapha Krappe challenges Seiko Quartz. Mulliken Allred-Rochow failed to challenge Bretton de Volution.

((Deep breath!))

Bretton de Volution has cause to challenge Mulliken Allred-Rochow over Sally.

Bottler le Bootboye & Frank de Stamp have cause vs Luther Bloopan over Agatha.

Arvus de Mars has cause vs Pablo de Casserole over Ursula.

Lissens ((OK, Nick?))

Ursula flouted herself publicly with Pablo de Casserole.

Sally & Agatha both refused once.

Shylock was visited by Frank de Stamp, who borrowed 300 crowns.

#### Rule Clarifications

Although the GM keeps records of practice, visits to Shylock etc, it would be advisable for a player to do so for his own character; then you won't be surprised when I print that you owe Shylock 500 crowns in two months time, for example.

Frontier Regiments If a character is in command of, or part of, a squadron or battalion of his regular regiment that is attached to a Frontier Regiment, then he will receive his normal regimental modifiers. But if a character joins a Frontier Regiment directly or is promoted out of his regular regiment into one, he will receive the Frontier Regiment modifiers. So although you receive one MID per month if promoted into a Frontier Regiment, it is a lot more dangerous than your normal regiment.

Other Weapons Players may choose to fight with alternative weapons, if both are agreeable. But they will probably both lose status for non-kosher behaviour! And giant sausages would certainly invite the comment that both players were "hamming" it!

Royal Society Any character may attempt to join this organisation, simply by sending in a short treatise to be published as Press. This can be serious, semi-serious or totally spoof, such as a treatise on the nocturnal habits of chihuahuas. The next month, all members of the Society vote whether to let the newcomer in, abstentions being taken as "No" votes. If successful, the new member must pay 500 crowns per game year to stay, and also publish one treatise every six months. The advantages are twofold; each member of the Royal Society receives 1 status point per month for being a member, and every three months there will be a one-week party at Bothwells for all members, at which the King will make a brief appearance (the appearance alone is worth 5 status, plus the difference in clubs, plus carousing). There are at present no members, so the first players to send in their treatise will be elected by default. The first gathering in Bothwells will be in the first week of July. ((Thanks for the idea, Ian - will you be the first?))

The League of Natives

Name	Flayer	OLD NEW		Cash	Regt	Rank	Ms	Cl	EC	MA
		SL	SL							
Sir Pablo de Casserole, MM	Rob Chapman	10	11	557	DG	M(2)	-	2	4	4
Patrick de Foie Gras	Ian Doherty	10	10	27	RFG	M(2)	2	2	2	2
Redfin	Graham Box	8	8	89	RM	C(e)	6	6	4	3
Mustapha Krappe	Brian Douglas	8	8	102	QOC	M(2)	-	4	2	1
Luther Blocpan	Deryck Dovey	7	7	347	ALC	M(2)	10	4	2	3
Braton de Volution	Tim Sharrock	6	7	93	CFC	M(2)	-	5	2	2
Seiko Quartz	Nick Clennett	6	6	747	PM	M(2)	3	-	2	2
Ciscard d'Stain	Ian Quilty	6	6	1739	CDMD	M(2)	-	-	2	6
Tuffus la Custard	George North	5	5	920	RM	M(2)	4	5	1	5
Mulliken Allred-Nochow	Jeremy Tullett	5	5	427	-	-	7	5	2	6
Randolph Catstrangler	Bob Brown	4	4	146	RM	C(d)	-	-	4	6
Guillaume d'Enfant	Mark Evans	4	4	222	-	-	-	-	4	5
Pierre Bayard	Tom Butcher	4	4	603	RM	C(f)	-	6	2	3
Oisin de Paddy	Der Garvey	4	4	947	13th	C(f)	-	6	3	1
Angus de Mars	John Marsden	4	4	430	13th	M(2)	15	6	3	4
Frank de Stamp	Robin Hood	3	3	274	-	-	-	6	3	1
Zutre des Champs	Ted London	2	2	338	PM	BatC(f)	-	-	4	3
Stamford Rafflesworth, MM	Philip Jones	2	2	47	PM	Sub	-	6	2	3
Bottler le Bootboye	Simon Burke	2	1	19	PM	Pte	-	-	2	4

SL = Social Level, Regt = Regiment, Ranks: M = Major, C = Captain, Sub = Subaltern (The numbers refer to their rank, eg M(2) commands Captains e & f), Ms = Mistress, Cl = Club, EC = Endurance Class, MA = Military Ability

Femmes Fatales

No.	Name	SL	No.	Name	SL
1.	Arwen Evenstar	13	11.	Alison Wonderland	13I
2.	Joni Michelin	15B	12.	Linda McCartwheel	15B
3.	Jane Fondue	11B	13.	Anne McCafe	14
4.	Ali McCravy	8WI	14.	Janet Morris-Minor	13B
5.	Barbara Castille	14	15.	Ursula le Cagnet	8I
6.	Bella Donna	9W	16.	Tanith Leaf	11
7.	Sally Coldfield	8I	17.	Delilah Bak	12I
8.	Sarah Jane Smythe	4I	18.	Cilla Blackett-Dirac	11B
9.	Barjory Troops	9WI	19.	Andre Northwind	9WB
10.	Agatha Crispie	5WBI	20.	Victoria Fosdyke	16I

W = Wealth, B = Beauty, I = Influence, Underlines mean that mistress is already taken.

PRESS

Deer King,

Jest a lyne too let u no I aint muckin art no more cos eros donet muck art.  
X Perkin Twassocke his marke ((Neither do corpses.....))

To Braton de Volution

My dear friend, I ask you advise. I was speeking with Patrick de Foie Gras at his party and was sorry and angry at Jane she run away with Seiko Quartz. I have no end the trouble since I meet her and I am always in the fighting. Now she gone and I want I challenge Jane to a duel - custard pies at two paces. Patrick say no, but as we dranked a lot I forget what he say and I not see him since. Do you think a good idea, and if so will you be my sparring partner when I practise? Mustapha.

A special invitation to Marmaduke, Perkin, Zutre & Stamford and any other who might like to come along and help me celebrate my success at the front is hereby offered in weeks three and four of the coming month. Carouse at the expense of Tuffus la Custard. The festivities are at the Frog and Peach. Tuffus.

((Two of your prospective guests are dead, and another captured; could this be an omen.....?))

Frank de Stamp

Well now, after arriving in this fair city post-haste from the country on this mornings mail coach, I was all shook up I can tell you! Well, it's no fun riding second class over bumpy rutted roads, don't y'know. They are little more than dirt tracks really. When I become the Minister of State I shall demand a tax be levied in order to improve the roads and my indisposition. As you will already have gathered, I have come here to ~~do~~ raise the whole tone of this wonderful city, d'you see. Tax EVERYONE say I.

Xngus watched sadly as the bulk of the army trundled off towards Paris. Perhaps he could with great bravery and skill redeem himself; certainly he could not return now, having angered the King. He had since discovered that the man who had told him that the King had a beard was one of evil Oisin de Paddy's Subalterns. Doubtless acting on his Captain's instructions. "I'll get him," muttered Xngus. "One day I'll get him!"

((I suppose you realise that now you are a Major, Oisin is part of your squadron.....))

A Letter to His Majesty King Dave the Nearly from Patrick de Foie Gras, Major, Royal Foot ((~~LIKES~~)) Guards

My Liege,

Further to my letter of last month, I feel I ought to clarify the suggested Royal Society.

Those submitting papers of sufficient merit on scientific topics would be eligible for election to the position of Fellow of the Royal Society, doubtless a prestigious position. Fellows would obviously donate money to the Society, some of which would be presented to your Majesty as a small recompense for your hoped-for patronage.

I remain, as always, your humble and faithful servant,

Patrick de Foie Gras.

((Dear Major de Gras, His Majesty desires me to thank you for clearing up that small detail about monetary benefits; he had been under the (obviously mistaken) impression that you were expecting his patronage for free. He will be only too happy to appear at social gatherings sponsored by the society - on the understanding, of course, that he not be required to actually listen to any readings of papers. I remain, Sir, Baron Knights, Private Secretary to His Majesty King Dave))

To Mustapha Krappe

I am so glad that you were able to make it for our little gathering, your unique turn of phrase was most entertaining. I do hope that the stain will come out, Beau-jolais is devilish to remove, but after all I did warn you about the chandelier.

Mulliken, I believe, still hasn't returned the LEATHER sofa. I am sure you will agree that he was most amusing with the decanter!!!

Joni sends her best wishes and we both hope that your duel with de Casserole will have the right outcome. Best wishes, P. de F. G.

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Brown rambles on( and on and on....)

I'm sure that most of you are aware that Dolchstoss did eventually turn up and most entertaining it was, too. Richard is including more and more about his bridge exploits, which I find most interesting, but which others have questioned (whether the magazine is being taken over by the bridge). I'll have to get a copy of Richard's book one of these days - it's called 'The Game of Diplomacy' and costs £7.50. Yes, it is a lot, but have you noticed how much specialist hardbacks cost these days - no? You would if you were a student or lecturer - £20 is standard for new textbooks. Down Alien Skies will be out soon and may be obtained free (although a stamp or a large SAE would be appreciated) by writing to Nick Shears at 2 Jennifer Court, 92 The Street, Ashted, Surrey KY21 1AW. I think I did ask Nick if Ashted was a one-street town (The Street), but he hasn't responded - perhaps it would only be \*rhubarb\* anyway. Last, but not least, let's give honourable mention to Gummi 34, which must have come out within a week of the last deadline - who said efficiency was dead!?

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We Apologise for the Delay, but.....

RT 53 B - Round 9

13)	Leeds - Leicester	SDR 20; LOVE 10
14)	London - Liverpool	SDR 20; PASS 10-2=8; MARS +2
15)	Birmingham - Bolton	PASS 20+2-3=19; MARS 10-1=9; SDR 0+3-2=1; LOVE +1
16)	Nottingham - London	FHT 20; PASS 10-5=5; LOVE 0; SDR 0+5=5
17)	Wolverhampton - Doncaster	LOVE 20; PASS 10-2=8; MARS 0; FHT +2
18)	Gloucester - Burnley	MARS 20-4=16; PASS +4

Earnings: SDR 46, PASS 44, MARS 27, LOVE 31, FHT 22. PASS did well, while with a bit of luck SDR would have done even better. Much more competition in the runs this time.

I omitted FHT's 7 to SDR last time in run 12, but the scores were correct.

Builds

LOVE: (J4)-I5-Manchester =10. PASS: (Coventry)-A64-B64-Oxford =8, (C53)-C54 =1+1 to LOVE  
MARS: (K7)-Huddersfield =8, (C8)-C6 =2, total 10. FHT: (Oxford)-D70-E70-H71-I71 =7.  
SDR: No builds.

<u>Scores:</u>	LOVE (Jon Love, green)	131 + 31 - 9 = 153
	SDR (Paul Ward, purple)	108 + 46 - 0 = 154
	MARS (John Marsden, orange)	101 + 27 - 10 = 118
	PASS (Tom Butcher, black)	53 + 44 - 10 = 87
	FHT (Harry Turner, red)	4 + 22 - 7 = 19

Will the next runs suit Harry better?

- 19) Preston - London
- 20) Manchester - Gloucester
- 21) Coventry - York
- 22) Bristol - Hull
- 23) Huddersfield - any port
- 24) Manchester - Peterborough

Builds: up to 8 points.

RT 66 B - Round 6

BE (Bob Brown, black): 6a) (D44)-E43-York; (F8)-F7-G7. 6b) (A60)-C59-Leicester; (E53)-E51. 6c) (H51)-I51-Lincoln; (G7)-G6; (F9)-G9; (D50)-B49. 50-1(to L&L)-1(CARROT)=48.

CARROT (James O'Fee, blue): 6a) (M11)-M10; (G58)-K60-Peterborough. 6b) (Lincoln)-K51-E48-Grimsby. 6c) (J1)-I2-I3-Burnley; (K19)-K20; (F57)-D58. 67+5+1-1(L&L)-1(MOLE)=71.

L&L (Chikako Butcher, red): 6a) (F7)-D6; (L9)-M10. 6b) (C56)-Derby; (M10)-N10. 6c) (H14)-I14; (D60)-C61; (N10)-A51. 13+1-1(CARROT)-1(MOLE)+1(BB)=13.

MOLE: Mark apologises for his dropout, due to taking on too many games, illness, trip to America etc, etc. Offers for his lines please; new operators take over at the end of round 7. Till then, the tracks remain under the receivers control; you may run over them at normal rates, but no joint runs.....

A: London - K20 B: Birmingham-Manchester C: Preston - Bradford D: Birkenhead - Manchester, branch G6-G4.

Now, the first runs, for round 7

- 1) Crimsby - Bradford
- 2) Liverpool - Stoke
- 3) London - Oxford
- 4) Bolton - Hull
- 5) London - Coventry
- 6) Preston - Birmingham

Something for everyone?

Builds - up to 14 points. These include payments for building into spaces already occupied by someone else.

RT 81 K Gamestart NB ORDERS TO BOB BROWN NOT DAVID WATTS.

Brighton: Graham Box, 15 Earls Crescent, Wealdstone, Harrow. Middx. Colour - black.

Deal: Gordon Fish, 74 Highfield Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14. Eire. Colour - blue.

Eastbourne: Tim Sharrock, YMCA Hostel, RAE Farnborough. Hants. Colour - orange.

Margate: Deryck Povey, 25 Alexandra Rd., South Woodford, London E18 1PZ. Colour - red.

Round 1 throws: 6,6,6

Verity, Autumn 1903 (1978 GJ)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Gal)-War, A(Sor) S A(Bud)-Rum, F(Alb)-Gre, A(Bul)-Con  
(Tim Sharrock)

England: F(NTH)-Nor, F(SKA)-Swe, A(Yor) St  
(Chris Bishop)

France: A(Bre)-Pic, A(Par)-Bur, A(Mar)-Pic, F(WMS)-TYR, F(MAO)-WMS  
(Gary Murkin)

Germany: A(Mun)-Boh, A(Bur)-Mun, F(Hol)-NTH, A(Bel)-Pic, A(Kie) S A(Den) St  
(John Foulger)

Italy: A(Tyr)-Ven, F(ION)-Tun, A(Syr) S F(EMS)-Smy  
(Coff Chase)

Russia: A(Ukr) S F(Sev)-Rum, A(Mos)-War, F(BAR) S F(Swe)-Nor, A(Fin)-Swe,  
(Jeremy Tullett) F(Nor) unordered

Turkey: F(Con) S A(Rum)-Bul, A(Smy) St  
(Chikako Butcher)

Nasties. Austrian A(Bul) annihilated. Turkish A(Smy)-Ank.

#### Winter 1903

Austria: Bud, Tri, Vic, Sor, Gre

builds F(Tri) for 5

England: Edi, Lon, Lpl

no change for 3

France: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa

no change for 5

Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel

no change for 6

Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun + Smy

builds F(Nap) for 5

Russia: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Swe, Nor

no change for 6

Turkey: Ank, Con, ~~///~~, Bul, Rum

no build possible, 1 short for 4

Italy - Dippy Addicts. If you want to know how to play Italy then look at any game but this. Help on how to extricate myself would be greatly appreciated.

Sorry Tim, but I believe Rumania is traditionally Russian!

Russia - Austria. Don't you think you are going in the wrong direction?

England - Rest of Europe: Come on you turds. This game is really boring my khaki pants off - lets have some action! I want to earn my commission.

Jeremy - Chikako: QIA would still be alive today if it weren't for your cruel accusations. I am deeply saddened. I'm even considering resignation from this stupid game. A failure at nineteen, and I just hope to God I can get over it. They shoot horses don't they? Jesus I'm glad I'm not a horse.

Turkey - Russia: They say Sevastopol's nice this time of year. We could experience this niceness together. We could stroll arm in arm through the orange blossom whispering sweet nothings in each others earholes. But that isn't the life for me, oh no it isn't. I plan to stroll through the orange blossom alone, with you safely six feet under my feet, pushin' up the bleedin' daisies.

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"DRAW A NAMIBIAN AUBERGINE" COMPETITION  
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YES, now's your chance to win four free copies of The Tinamou! All you have to do is draw a picture of a Namibian Aubergine, and send it to Martin Feather by the deadline for T50. The winning entry will be decided by the Supreme Aubergine and will be printed, together with other deserving entries at a later date. If you don't know what a N.A. is, don't be put off, no-one else knows either.

Martin Feather - Dept of Artificial Intelligence, University of Edinburgh,  
2 Hope Park Square, Edinburgh EH8 9NW. Scotland.

Kyte, Autumn 1909 (1977 DY)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: F(Ven), A(Tri), A(Bud), A(Gal), A(Rum), A(Arm), A(Lvn) stand  
(Anarchy)

France: F(Haf) S F(Spa se)-WMS, A(Pic) S A(Tus)-Ven, A(Tyr)-Vic, A(Mun) unordered  
(Stephen Andrews) F(ENG) S A(Pic)-Bel, F(NTH)-Hol, A(Edi) S A(Wal)-Lpl

Germany: A(Ber)-Sil, A(Sil)-War, A(Fin)-StP  
(Graham Box)

Russia: F(Nor) stands  
(Anarchy)

Turkey: F(Cly) St, F(Bel)-Hol, F(WMS)-MAO, F(Tun) St, F(Rom) St, A(Ser) S A(Gre)-  
(Mike Johnson) Bul, F(AEG)-ION, A(Ank) St

Nasties. Austrian F(Ven) chopped. Turkish F(Bel) annihilated.

Winter 1909

Austria: Bud, Tri, Rum, ~~Sev~~, Mos, ~~Bel~~, ~~Gal~~, ~~Fin~~  
France: Mar, Par, Bel, Por, Spa, Hol, Lon, Edi, Mun, Bre, Vie + Ven, Lpl b F(Mar), A(Par) for 13  
Germany: Ber, Den, Swe, Kie + StP, War builds A(Kie), A(Ber), 1 short for 6  
Russia: Nor no change for 1  
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Cre, Nap, Rom, Tun, ~~Sev~~ + Ser builds F(Con) for 9

Prelech. The two draw proposals from last time were both defeated, but 1st F, 2nd T/G has been proposed. Votes next time please - failure to vote counts for the proposal. I received a letter from Arthur Lowe the other day - it appears that the postal service caused one of his NMRs - but all I could do was sympathise.

Berlin - Marshall You-know-what: Is it surprising, all-knowing one, that he who struggles in the darkness should follow the light to save himself? The forces of darkness itself may be the stronger, but must they not make themselves known to him who seeks the light, that he may realise the futility of his quest? And please desist from sending anonymous letters - the last one scared the wits out of my father who thought it was addressed to him. That was November 1977, and he's only just recovered.

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Rhubarb, Autumn 1904 (1978 DY)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: F(Map), A(Tri), A(Vic), A(Bud), A(Ser) stand unordered  
(Anarchy)

England: F(WTH), A(Nor), F(Swe) stand  
(Anarchy)

France: F(Tun) St, A(Spa)-Gas, A(Mar)-Pie, A(Bur)-Par, A(Pic) St  
(John James)

Germany: A(Bel) St, A(Ruh) S A(Bel), A(Mun) St, A(Kie)-Den, F(Den)-SKA  
(Harry Turner)

Italy: NMR! A(Pic), A(Ven), A(Tyr) stand unordered  
(Ian Pringle)

Russia: A(Gal), A(Ukr), A(Mos) stand  
(Anarchy)

Turkey: A(Gre) S A(Bul)-Ser, F(FMS) S F(AEG)-ION, F(BLA) S A(Rum) S A(Bul)-Ser  
(Chris Bishop)

Nasties. Austrian A(Ser) chopped.

Prelech. What have I done to deserve three dropouts in one game before A04? Ah! Now I understand. I've not yet bought a copy of Richard's book and I'm being punished as a result with the death of a thousand NMRs. Enough of this drivel, Brown, give these people the builds (PTO). PS Forest 3 Southampton 2 - there's only one Bary Girtles!

Rhubarb Winter 1904

Austria: Bud, Tri, Vie, <del>xxx</del> , <del>xxx</del> , Nap	no change for 4
England: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nor, <del>xxx</del> , Swe	2 short for 5
France: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Per + Tun	builds F(Bre) for 6
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Hol, Bel + Den	builds A(Ber) for 6
Italy: Rom, Ven, <del>xxx</del>	GM removes A(Pic) for 2
Russia: Mos, StP, War	no change for 3
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Rum, Sev + Gre, Ser	builds A(Con), F(Smy) for 8

EMISAR - Your time scale is too long. 1 more year.

To the World

Solemnly, mournfully  
 Dealing its dole  
 The Curfew Bell  
 Is beginning to toll.  
  
 No voice in the chamber  
 No sound in the hall  
 Sleep and oblivion  
 Reign over all.

Where are you, Morbu?

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Xyster, Autumn 1902 (1978 JI)

GM: Bob Brown

<u>Austria:</u> (Roger Ayre)	A(Bud) S A(Gal)-Rum, <u>A(Tri)-Ser, F(Gre) S A(Ser)-Bul</u>
<u>England:</u> (Dave Tucker)	<u>F(UTH) S FRENCH A(Pic)-Bre, A(Nor)-Swe, F(BAR)-Nor, F(Lon)-ENG</u>
<u>France:</u> (Paul Ward)	A(Pic) S <u>A(Par)-Rur, F(MAO)-IRI, F(COL) S F(WMS) St, A(Spa)-Mar</u>
<u>Germany:</u> (Chris Bishop)	A(Ruh) S A(Bel) S A(Mun)-Bur, <u>F(Den) S ENGLISH F(Nor)-Swe, F(Kie)-Hol</u>
<u>Italy:</u> (Gordon Geddes)	<u>A(Pic)-Mar, A(Maf) St, F(TYR) S F(Tun)-WMS</u>
<u>Russia:</u> (Gary Murkin)	<u>A(Mos) S F(StP nc) St ((it's on the south coast)), A(Ukr)-War, F(Sev) S AUSTRIAN A(Bud)-Rum ((no such unit)), A(War) unordered</u>
<u>Turkey:</u> (Rob Larter)	A(Arm) S F(Sev) St, <u>A(Rur)-Ser, F(AEG) S A(Bul)-Gre</u>

Hosties. Austrian F(Gre)-ION. Turkish A(Rum) annihilated.

Winter 1902

Austria: Bud, Tri, Vie, <del>xxx</del> , Ser + Bul, Rum	builds A(Vie) for 6
England: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nor + Swe	builds A(Lon) for 5
France: Bre, Mar, Par, <del>xxx</del> , Per, Spa	disbands A(Par) for 5
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol + Bel	builds A(Mun) for 6
Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	no change for 4
Russia: Mos, <del>xxx</del> , StP, War	GM removes A(Ukr) for 3
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, <del>xxx</del> , <del>xxx</del> + Gre, Sev	builds A(Con) for 5

Frelech. Cock-ups Inc. Last season. Russia had no F(Sev), so Turkish F(BLA)-Sev succeeded and A(War) was unordered. All interested parties were informed, although it would appear that not all of them took notice!

T - A: Sorry! My pen must have slipped.

Cybercrad 3, Autumn 1906

GM: Ron Fisher

Austria: F(TYS)-WMS, F(Gre) S F(ADR)-ION, A(Tyr) St, A(Ven) MS A(Rom), A(Bul) S  
(Andy Holborn) F(Gre), A(Rum)-Ukr, A(Con)-Smy

England: F(StP nc) S F(Nor) S F(NTH)-SKA, F(Lon)-ENG, A(Hol) S FRENCH A(Bur)-Ruh  
(Doug Wakefield)

France: F(MAO)-WMS, A(Mar) S A(Par)-Bur, A(Bur)-Ruh, F(Bel) S ENGLISH A(Hol),  
(Allen Owens) F(Yor)-NTH

Germany: A(Pie)-Mar, A(Mun) S A(Kie)-Ruh, F(HEL)-Kie, F(Den) S F(SKA)-NTH  
(Richard Sharp)

Italy: F(ION)-Tun, F(Nap) S A(Apu)-Rom  
(Stuart Dagger)

Russia: A(Sev)-Rum, A(War) S A(Mos)-Ukr  
(Willy Haughan)

Turkey: A(Ank)-Con, F(AEG)-Gre  
(Dave Johnson)

Winter 1906

Austria: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gre, Rum, Ven, Bul, <del>Ø</del> + Rom, Smy	builds A(Bud) for 10
England: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nor, StP + Hol	builds A(Edi) for 6
France: Par, Mar, Bre, Por, Spa, Bel	no change for 6
Germany: Mun, Ber, Kie, Den, Swe, <del>Ø</del>	removes A(Pie) for 5
Italy: <del>Ø</del> , Nap, Tun	removes A(Apu) for 2
Russia: Mos, War, Sev	no change for 3
Turkey: Ank, <del>Ø</del> + Con	no change for 2

Rome - GM: It is bad enough having to play in this game - the worst I have endured in almost 5 years in the hobby - without having casual observers think that I am responsible for the witless performance by Germany. Do concentrate when you are typing! I am the long-suffering Italian, not the "for a mere £7.50 you too can learn to make basic strategic errors" German!

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G3 Bourse, Autumn 1906

GM: Bob Brown

	<u>Crowns</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Lire</u>	<u>Roubles</u>	<u>Piastres</u>
Geoffrey Fourmyle	+1248	-499	-500	-500	-	-462	-
Fezoco Inc	-500	+598	-500	-500	+1000	+2500	-
John Marsden	-500	-500	-500	+352	+900	+3000	-
Sercooge & Marley	-	-500	+737	-500	-	-	-
Garfield Butler	-500	+2047	-500	-500	-	-	-66
Deals	-252	+1146	-1263	-1648	+1900	+5038	-66
Old value	2.44	1.58	2.19	1.65	0.37	0.73	1.45
New value	2.42	1.69	2.07	1.49	0.56	1.23	1.45

	<u>Crowns</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Lire</u>	<u>Roubles</u>	<u>Piastres</u>	<u>V. Points</u>
G. Fourmyle	6848	1498	2633	706	0	0	0	959
Fezoco Inc	4267	1599	2589	1532	1000	3000	0	845
John Marsden	2049	3240	5392	356	1003	3000	0	835
Ser & Marley	4540	1151	1293	1314	0	0	0	653
G. Butler	1666	2047	1127	3986	0	0	0	541

Prolech. Interesting to see Fezoco and John diversifying their holdings - especially as they both predict that Russia is good for three more game years. That gap between them and Fourmyle is quite a formidable one, though, especially if Austria continues to prosper.

NGC 215, Autumn 1909

GM: Ron Fisher

England: A(Ber)-Kie, F(BAL) S A(Swe)-Den, A(Nor) St, F(Yor)-NTH, A(Edi)-Cly,  
(Hugh Baldwin) F(IRI)-Wal, F(MAO)-MAO

France: F(Apu) S ITALIAN F(ION) St, A(Ven) S A(Pic)-Tyr, A(Mun) S A(Kie)-Ber,  
(George Kingston) A(Ruh) S A(Mun), A(Den) St, F(NTH) S F(Lon)-Yor, F(ENG) S F(MAO) St

Italy: F(ADR) S F(ION) St, A(Tri)-Alb  
(Ian McIntyre)

Turkey: NMR! A's Tyr, Boh, Vie, Bud, Ser, Bul F's Alb, Gre, Con, AEG, EMS  
(Pat Jones) stand unordered

Retreats. English A(Ber)-Pru, F(Yor)-Edi. Turkish A(Tyr) chopped, NRO. French A(Den) annihilated.

Winter 1909

England: Edi, Lpl, Nor, Swe, StP, Mos, War, <del>W</del> + Den	no change for 8
France: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Bel, Hol, Ven, Kie, <del>W</del> , Lon + Ber, Mun	2 short (NBR) for 12
Italy: Rom, Nap, Tun + Tri	builds F(Nap) for 4
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Ser, Gre, <del>W</del> , Bud, Sev, Rum, Vie, <del>W</del>	no change for 10

GM: A fascinating game. The NMR has set back Turkey but he can still win. France must be favourite despite missing his builds. England continues to make life difficult for France in the north. New life for Italy may make him think about being more than a French puppet. Italy holds the key to deciding who wins, but anything can happen yet and probably will!

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Caradharas, Autumn 1906 (1978 DK)

GM: Bob Brown

England: F(Lon)-ENG, A(Yor)-Wal, F(Nor)-Swe, F(HEL)-NTH, F(PAR)-NWG, A(StP)-Mos  
(Alan Lennox)

France: F(ION) S ITALIAN F(Gre), A(Tyr) S ITALIAN A(Ven)-Tri, A(Sil)-Gal,  
(Harry Edgar) A(Pru)-Ber, A(Kie) S F(Den) S ENGLISH F(Nor)-Swe, A(Hol) S A(Kie),  
A(Bur)-Mun, F(ENG) St, F(Bre)-MAO

Italy: F(Gre) St, F(ADR) 2 A(Vie) S A(Ven)-Tri  
(Bob Johnsey)

Russia: F(BAL) S ENGLISH F(Nor)-Swe, A(Lvn) S A(War) St, A(Ukr) S A(Gal) St,  
(Phil Bass) A(Tri)-Bud, F(AEG) & A(Ser) S A(Alb)-Gre, A(Rum)-Sev, F(Con)-Bul sc,  
A(Smy)-Ank

Turkey: A(Arm) St  
(Don Brown)

Nasties. Italian F(Gre) annihilated.

Prelech. Both draw proposals were defeated.

Winter 1906

English: Lon, Lpl, Edi, StP, <del>W</del> , Nor + Mos, Swe	builds F(Lpl) for 7
France: Par, Mar, Bre, Spa, Por, Bel, Mun, Ber, Den, Kie + Hol	builds F(Bre) for 11
Italy: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun + Tri, Vie	builds A(Rom), A(Nap), A(Ven) for 6
Russia: <del>W</del> , War, Sev, Rum, Bud, Ank, Ser, Bul, <del>W</del> , Con, Gre, <del>W</del> , <del>W</del>	removes F(BAL), F(AEG), A(Gal) (GM) for 9
Turkey: Smy	no change for 1

England - Russia: We can't go on not meeting like this.

England - France: Since I know you are too noble to stab an ally, I am withdrawing my support for you to ease your conscience.

Prelech. Would one of you gentlemen like to tell me what's going on?

Odium, Spring 1907 (1977 JX)

GM: Bob Brown

France: F(Tun) S F(TYR) S A(Pie)-Tus, F(GOL) S F(TYR), A(Par)-Pic, F(ENG) S  
(Geoff Chase) F(Mor)-NTH, A(Yor)-Wal, F(SKA)-Swe

Germany: F(Eon)-NTH, A(Kie)-Hol, F(BAL) S RUSSIAN F(Den)-Swe, A(Boh)-Tyr, A(Sil)-  
(Martin Feather) Mun, A(Lvn)-Pru, A(War)-Sil

Italy: F(Rom) S F(Nap)-TYR, F(Apu)-Ven, A(Sev) S TURKISH A(Bul)-Rum  
(John Marsden)

Russia: F(Rum)-Sev, A(Mos) S A(Gal)-War, A(StP)-Lvn, F(Den) S FRENCH F(SKA)-Swe  
(Stephen Agar)

Turkey: A(Vie)-Gal, A(Bud) S A(Bul) Rum, F(ION) S ITALIAN F(Nap)-TYR, F(Gre),  
(Ian DeHerty) F(AEG) & F(EMS) S F(ION), F(Con)-BLA, A(Arm) S ITALIAN A(Sev)

Hosties. Russian F(Rum) annihilated.

Warning to Verity Players: Beware! My alliance with Geoff 'Killer' Chase marks a new low point in my Diplomacy career - never before have I been both stabbed and insulted.

Germany - France: Tubbish! If this game goes to Turkey, it's because you got greedy. Converging on London is hardly likely to help your position in the Med, neither is being sneaky in Scandinavia - it merely draws my forces back. Suggest you pray for Turkish anarchy.

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Dear Supreme Aubergine,

Please send me the new Namibian Aubergine catalogue. I am much beset by enemies, and even the Pope accuses me of being weak and lily-livered. I am sure that by becoming a Namibian Aubergine I will gain in status and importance. Please send my FREE SURPRISE as soon as possible to me c/o The Palace, Rome. Perhaps it will be something to scare off the French!

Yours sincerely,  
Rex Italia.

Italy - France: Sorry, I had to make a decision one way or the other.

I say, I say..... what's medium and black and 'growing' smaller? Answer - a Namibian Supercomputer.

Turkey and France - Italy. Whither now little one, which way will you turn?

CONSTANTINOPLE (surprise, surprise). The semi-official paper the "Khaleej Times" today reported a speech by his most Glorious, Munificent, Imperial and Omnipotent Majesty, Protector of the Faith, Light of the East, Conqueror of Austria, Ruler of the Balkans, Sultan Mohammed bin Rashid al Pepper on the latest stages of the war.

The French heretics, apparently even their mother church (now an Islam sect) have disowned them, are now attacking our faithful northern brothers. Their advance must be stopped, joint naval action is underway against them and if Allah, the all-seeing God, is with us, we will win through.

The Sultan further announced that he will be on a Royal visit to the Gulf for the next month or so. But will still be receiving diplomatic envoys by this new air mail.

Dear Thing, No Thank you. One must commend your perseverance in trying to improve your gastronomic prowess by serving 'Supreme of Aubergine with croutons (or was it crotins?)'. Nevertheless, your basic error (or Fortran, Cobol, Coral etc as preferred) lies in thinking the Aubergine to be potentially edible - or to serve any other useful function for that matter.

Incidentally, I have just had some 'precious little pinkish things' found for me in my game. It has been suggested that they may be vital parts of a Russian but possibly they are some of your aubergines? It seems unlikely that they are pygmies, who are notoriously well-equipped. Should you, or anyone else, lay claim to them, they may be collected from Holyrood Palace (as soon as dustbin collections recommence in this area).

The other day I had an enquiry whether I knew your phone no. from someone who wanted to go to MarsCon, so could you send details to Peter, 15/2 Craigmount Hill, Edinburgh 12, and oblige, Frank.

Jugular, Autumn 1911 (1977 DX)

GM: Bob Brown

France: F(COL) & F(Tun) S F(WMS)-TYR, F(ION)-Nap, A(Pie)-Tus, A(Ven) S A(Tri) S  
(Geoff Hardingham) ITALIAN A(Vie), A(Sil) MS A(Ber), A(Pru)-Liv, A(Kie) S F(NTH)-Den,  
F(Nor) S A(Den)-Swe, F(NWG) S F(Nor)

Italy: A(Vie) St  
(Anarchy)

Russia: A(Bud) MS A(Gal), A(War) S A(Gal), F(BAL) S F(Swe), A(StP) S F(Swe)-Nor  
(Andy Norman)

Turkey: F(TYR)-Tun, F(Rom)-Tus, F(Apu)-ADR, A(Ser) S A(Alb)-Tri, A(Bul)-Gre,  
(Dave Browne) F(Gre) S F(Map)-ION, F(AEG) unordered

Nasties. Russian F(Swe) chopped, NRO. Turkish F(TYR) annihilated.

Winter 1911

France: Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Spa, Por, Ipl, Hol, Edi, Lon, Mun, Ber, Kie, Ven, Don, Nor + Swe, Tri, Tun 19

Italy: Vie, ~~Tri~~, ~~Alb~~

Russia: Mos, StP, War, ~~Sev~~, Bud, Rum, Sev 6

Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, ~~Alb~~, Rom, Nap + Ser 8

Prelech. Congratulations on your win, Geoff, although I'll bet that Dave will reckon that he could have saved it with a bit of cooperation from Russia. Supply centre chart and any last comments that you have will be published in the next issue. The three-way draw was rejected, by the way.

Caliph - Tsar. I still can't hear you. Please shout louder. Are you receiving me? If you can't write to me, please contact through press. Love & kisses, Screwtape.

Screwtape was a trifle nonplussed. While it was true that the President of France had not broken his neck - yet! Nonetheless the Turkish armed forces had not done badly this last season, a centre had been gained - for one lost - a French army annihilated, and his fleets in the Med now outnumbered the French Navy in units - a case of win some, lose some, reluctantly, all things considered, he had no real cause for complaint - yet! So, did he send his magician to the stake, or keep him on. He frowned in his perplexity, decisions, always decisions. At last he made up his mind.

"I suppose I'm just soft-hearted really" he said to the Lord High Executioner. "We'll let him live another season and see how we go on. If we get Trieste and France cocks things up again, fair enough. If not, we'll burn him, so say nothing about it now but keep the faggots ready," and he nodded his dismissal to the executioner.

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Wezand, Autumn 1902 (1978 GU)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: F(Tri), A(Tyr), A(Ser), A(Bud) stand unordered  
(Anarchy)

England: A(Edi)-Ipl, F(Lon) S F(NWG)-NTH  
(Ray Harper)

France: F(MAO)-IRI, A(Spa) St, F(ENG) C & A(Wal) S A(Pic)-Lon  
(Ian McIntyre)

Germany: A(Bel) St, A(Mun) St, F(Hol) S A(Bel), F(NTH) C A(Den)-Yor  
(Vic Smith)

Italy: A(Ven)-Tri, F(Alb) S A(Ven)-Tri, F(ION)-Tun, A(Apu) paddles at the  
(Ian Doherty) seaside

Russia: F(Swe) MS A(Nor), A(Ukr) S A(Mos)-Sev, A(Gal) S F(Rum) St  
(John Miller)

Turkey: F(BLA) S A(Arm)-Sev, F(Con)-AEG, A(Bul)-Rum  
(John Fisher)

Nasties. Austrian F(Tri) chopped. English F(Lon) annihilated.



Wozand Winter 1902

Austria: Bud, <del>Vic</del> , Ser	no change for 3
England: Edi, <del>Lpl</del>	no change for 2
France: Bre, Mar, Par, <del>Por</del> + Lon, Spa	builds F(Mar) for 6
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol + Bel	builds F(Kie) for 6
Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Gre + Tun, Tri	builds F(Nap), A(Ven) for 6
Russia: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Nor, Swe + Rum	builds F(Sev) for 7
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul	no change for 4

Moscow - Constantinople: Jack Sprat could not diplome by phone,  
His neighbour wrote no letter;  
'Twas only to be expected that  
The others did much better.

Moscow - Paris: I shall follow the course of your battleship, presently on MAO manoeuvres, with great interest!

Italy - Turkey - If you've stabbed me, I shall exact my revenge sunbeam!!!

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EGC 221, Autumn 1907 (1978 BX) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(War) & A(Mos) S A(Ukr) St  
(John Foulger)

England: A(Gas)-Spa, A(Par)-Pic, F(ENG)-Bre, F(NTH)-Den, F(Edi)-NWG  
(Graham Hewitt)

France: F(MAO) S A(Mar)-Gas, F(WMS)-Spa, se, F(Tun) S ITALIAN F(ION)  
(Granville Williamson)

Germany: A(Bur)-Par, A(Mun) S A(Boh)-Sil, A(Kie)-Den, A(Hol) S A(Bel) St,  
(David Parry) F(Nor)-NTH, A(Swe)-Den

Italy: A(Ven)-Tri, F(TYR) S F(ION)-Tun  
(Paul Jones)

Turkey: F(NEG) S F(Cre)-ION, A(Tri) S F(ADR)-Ven, A(Vie) & A(Bud) S A(Rum)-Gal,  
(Francis Weaver) A(Gal)-Sil, A(Sev) S A(Bul)-Rum, F(BLA) S A(Sev)

Nasties. English A(Gas) annihilated. French F(Tun) chopped; MRO. Italian A(Ven)-Pic.

Winter 1907

Austria: War, Mos, StP	no change for 3
England: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Bre, <del>Vic</del>	no change for 4
France: Mar, Por, Spa, <del>Por</del>	no change for 3
Germany: Mun, Kie, Ber, Swe, Den, Nor, Bel, Hol + Par	builds A(Ber) for 9
Italy: Rom, Nap, <del>Vic</del> + Tun	no change for 3
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, Bud, Vic, Tri, Sev + Ven	builds F(Smy) for 12

A note to Turkey: Please hurry up, I'm waiting for you!

Turkey - Germany: You could have at least said no!

Turkey - England: You may feel safe, but I'm digging a tunnel....

Napoleon - Neopolitan: Sorry about your plight, I'll do what I can but I'm afraid it won't be very much.

Constantinople World Wide Service: All press issued by me this year will be headed "SULTAN".

SULTAN - ROME: I realise that you can't teach an old dog new tricks but I would have thought that you should have learned your lessons by now.

PARIS - LONDON: W1 here I come; and while I'm at it do you think I could have PARIS back someday (I'll include Germany in that mailing list)?

Italy - All. Sh-, manure or bust, probably the former. Distinct morale problem in the Roman Camp. Any offers to boost it gratefully accepted (Not necessarily believed, but accepted).

Ulysses, October 1890, Definitive Mercator

GM: Bob Brown

Argentina: F(HUM) S A(HUM) L Haw, F(TIM) S A(TIM) L Pth, A(Phi) B F(GIS), A/F(GIS)  
(Jon Love) S A(Haw), A(Foz)-Cgo, F(TIM) S A(Pth)-Syd, F(HUM)-CHA ((Jon -- you cannot  
order a fleet in TS2 after a supported TS1 landing)), F(SOL)-Phi,  
A(Haw) B F(HUM), A(GIS) D Vol

Austria: A(Gal) S A(Ser)-Sum, A(Clu) S A(Gal) St, A(Tri)-Tyr, A(Vie)-Boh, F(Zag)-  
(Ian Dcherty) ION

Brazil: F(GHS) S A(GHS) L Tan, A(Nig) S ARGENTINIAN A(Foz)-Cgo, F(CAO)-CAN,  
(Don Brown) F(Rio)-SAO, A(Azo) St, A(Cub) St, A(Tan)-Moz, F(CAR) S USA F(HAT), F(Cai)-  
Amo, A(Nig) E F(GHS), A(Cub) E USA F(HAT), A/F(HAT)-GRA, A(Azo) E F(CAR),  
A/F(CAN)-BIS

China: A(Shn) S A(Dna)-Tha, F(SCS)-ECS, F(CEL)-SCS, A(Sik) S A(Ksu)-Han  
(Jeremy Tullett)

England: A(Den) B F(NTH), A(Que) B F(GRA), A(Lon) B F(ENG), A/F(NTH)-ENG, A/F(ENG)-  
(Doug Wakefield) BIS, F(Ber)-BAL, A(Kie)-Mun, A(Wol)-Bel, F(NWP) St, F(NAO) S A/F(GRA)-HAT,  
F(Tha ec) St, A(BIS) D F(NAO), F(BIS)-NAO, A/F(NAO)-GRA, RUSSIAN A(Swe) E  
F(BAL), A/F(BAL)-SKA

France: A(Par) S A(Ges)-Lyo, F(MAJ)-Spa sc, F(Sai)-Cam  
(Mick Robson)

Germany: A(Bal)-Pic, A(Han)-Tyr, A(Nor) St  
(Peter Wunn)

India: A(Clc)-Tib, A(Jav) B F(EIO), F(Mdr) S A/F(EIO)-WIO, F(Syd) S F(Pth)-TIM,  
(Chris Bishop) F(Mdg) unordered

Italy: A(Pie) B F(GOL), A(Tus) B F(TYS), A(Sav) S A(Lyo), A(Bol)-Apu, F(Mar)-  
(Stuart Dagger) Spa sc, A/F(TYS) S A/F(GOL)-MAJ, A(Sar) St, F(Alg)-WMS, A(MAJ) D Spa

Japan: A(CHA) L Clf, A(Van) B F(CHA), A/F(CHA) S F(Haw)-HUM, F(CPO)-GIS, F(NOM)-  
(Tom Butcher) NPO, A(Clf)-Tex, A(Sud)-Cgo, A(Tan)-Moz, A(Kar) E F(NPO), A/F(NPO)-NOM,  
A(CHA) D F(HUM)

Russia: F(COB)-Fin sc, A(Pos)-Sax, A(Pru)-Sil, A(Mos)-Vol, A(Rum) S TURKISH A(Bul)-  
(Lindy Norman) Ser, A(War) S A(Ukr)-Gal, A(Snk)-IMO, A(Pek) S A(Shg)-Han, A(Han) B F(YEL),  
A/F(YEL)-ECS, A(Tkn)-Snk, A(Sov) S A(Rum), A(StP)-Oms, A(Swe) E ENGLISH  
F(BAL)

Turkey: A(Cen) B F(AEG), A/F(AEG)-BLA, A(Cey) St, A(Del)-Nep, A(Raj)-Del, F(SOM)-  
(John Marsden) Mdg, F(Eth) St, F(Mus)-ARA, F(Egy)-RED, F(FMC)-Egy, A(Sah)-Foz, A(Gre) S  
A(Bul) S AUSTRIAN A(Ser)-Rum, A(BLA) D Cau

USA: A(HAT) L Flo, F(GOC)-Clf, F(HAT) St, A(Chi)-Que, A(Flo)-Tex, Brazillian  
(Geoff Hardingham) A(Cub) E F(HAT), A/F(HAT)-GRA

Nasties: English F(Tha ec)-GOS. French F(MAJ) annihilated. German A(Mun)-Ruh. Indian  
F(Pth)-EIO. Japanese F(Haw) annihilated, A(Clf) & A(Tan) both chopped, NPO.

Prolech. Sorry folks -- left out the Chinese A(Sik) last time (unordered) and I forgot  
to underline the Turkish F(EMS)-Dem.

I - T & C & E: Need you embrace me quite so firmly?

Japan - Rest of World: A thousand apologies for the NMR. My bookkeeping got a bit  
fouled up. I'd commit seppuku (harakiri to the vulgar) in atonement but I can't find a  
kaishaku-nin (who assists by cutting off the head at the right moment to end the agony)  
and haven't got the guts to do it alone. Hardingham would probably oblige but he's too  
far away. (His puns are pretty bad too.)

Japan - Argentina: That was the last break you'll get so look sharp, mon vieux.

Turkey - Rosie: Hi! How about joining the harem?

Rosie - Sultan: See you in Muscat..... (please note COA).

Tragedy, tragedy

Little did I suspect that my macchiavelli n and dishonourable treatment of my presswriter would occasion (a) His retreat from not only the game, but also the hobby (b) A reduction of 40% in the Tinamou volume, (c) Tom Butcher to NMR and (d) A rise in the price of distilled dehydrated fatty acid residue in Sarawak.

C.D. Wish's plaintive plea to the no-longer singing Nunn was along the lines of 'Don't chuck it in, mate, the hobby needs its quota of buffoons'. So

ODE TO THE MOTHER SUPERIOR

So all year long the noise of prattle rolled  
From torrid Folkestone astride its sultry sea  
The pungent pen wrote wisdom stark and bold  
With diverse signatures (but mostly that of me).

In truth the moral what I've learned  
Is full of irony within  
The poor old dear did frequently get burned  
In going for laughs and seeking not to win.

Come back, come back, lamented Mother Petra  
Cry Dagger, Wakefield 'Ours the blame  
For in your absence sadly we can betya  
That we'll not win another bloody game'.

Old Chinese proverb say "Greedy Bear likely to get kick up backside when not looking. So!"

Thailand Any friend of Russia is an enemy of mine.

It was announced in Canton today that the forces of the Glorious Peoples Republic of China were winning great victories against the reactionary masses of Burma and Siam. Minor border skirmishes were also reported from the northern provinces where the imperialist capitalist forces of Russia were carrying out ineffectual raids.

Canton. Of course, I'm going to win this game. Its just that my tactics require that I make a late dash. Already my invisible germ warfare units are occupying the Russian centres. Next build season, Andy Norman will bite the dust.

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Yagatan, Winter 1900/Spring 1901, Stab

GM: Bob Brown

Austria (Ian Doherty)

England (Jeremy Tullett)

France (John James)

Germany (Gary Murkin)

F(Ber)-BAL

Italy (Graham Box)

Russia (Mark Evans)

F(Lvn)-BAL, A(Sev)-Arm

Turkey (Dave Thomas)

F(Arm) St

FRANCE to ALLIES - Apologies for not replying. I agree to your proposal.

England - Germany 23.12.12/16.9.1.5.2/22.11.17.6!!! 4.7.4.14.19.4/17.6.22.22.6.2/16.2/2.7/23.12.12/14.2.9.10.8/4.4.2.7?

Prelech. Gentlemen - please number your retreats (including disband) or else I will ignore them. The rules I am working to are those printed in Fall of Eagles some time ago. Stab III has been included in the first issue of The Fool Plays On and I can't see any substantial differences in the mechanics except when it comes to builds, so I suggest that you let me know what you would like me to do. It all depends on how much information you want me to give - both to you and the other players. I could print a chart of how many centres you have and your numbered builds or, on the other extreme, I could just print a list of the centre holdings - but not tell which country has which number. Do you want me to tell you which sc's you hold after the Autumn move or would you prefer to deduce this from the report? Do you want a separate build season? My feeling is that I should tell you which sc's you have so that you can send in builds with Spring moves.

Sauba, Autumn 1904 (1978 EU) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: F(ADR) S A(Tri)-Ven, F(Nap) S FRENCH A(Tus)-Rom, A(Gre) S A(Bul) S  
(Chris Bishop) A(Bud)-Rum

England: A(Yor) stands  
(Anarchy)

France: F(GOL)-WMS, A(Tus)-Rom, A(Bur) S A(Bel), A(Bel) S A(Tur), F(ENG) S A(Bel),  
(Kevin McAdam) F(NTH) St, F(Cly)-Edi

Germany: F(HBL)-NTH, A(Hol) St, A(Kie) S A(Hol), A(Mun) S A(Ruh)-Bur  
(Stewart Wright)

Italy: F(Smy)-EMS, F(AEG) S TURKISH A(Con)-Bul, A(Ven) MS A(Rom)  
(Stephen Agar)

Russia: A(Ukr) S A(Mos)-Sev, A(Swe) St, F(Nor) & F(SKA) S GERMAN F(HBL)-NTH  
(John Robson)

Turkey: F(Sev)-Rum, A(Rum)-Bul, F(BLA) S A(Con) S A(Rum)-Bul  
(Peter McDonald)

Nasties. French F(NTH) chopped, NRO. Italian A(Ven)-Tyr, A(Rom) chopped, NRO. Turkish  
A(Rum)-Ser, F(Sev) chopped, NRO.

Winter 1904

<u>Austria:</u> Bud, Tri, Vie, <del>Tri</del> , Gre, Bul + Nap, Ven, Rum	builds F(Tri), A(Bud) for 8
<u>England:</u> <del>Edi</del>	removes A(Yor) for 0
<u>France:</u> Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Bel, Lon, Lpl + Edi, Rom	builds F(Bre), A(Par), A(Mar) for 10
<u>Germany:</u> Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol	no change for 5
<u>Italy:</u> <del>Tri</del> , <del>Tri</del> , <del>Tri</del> , Tun	removes F(AEG), F(EMS) for 1
<u>Russia:</u> Mos, StP, War, <del>War</del> , Mor, Swe + Sev	builds A(Mos) for 6
<u>Turkey:</u> Ank, Con, Smy, <del>Sev</del> + Ser	builds A(Ank) for 4

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Tickle, Autumn 1904 (1978 GB) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tyr), A(Tri), A(Ser), A(Gre), F(AEG) stand  
(Anarchy)

England: F(ENG)-MAO, A(Edi)-Nor, F(Hol)-Kie, F(NTH) C & F(BAR) S A(Edi)-Nor,  
(Frank Dashwood) F(Den)-Swe, A(Fin)-StP

France: A(Gas) S F(MAO)-Spa sc, A(Bur) S A(Mar) St  
(Martin Styler)

Germany: A(Ruh) S F(Kie)-Hol, A(Ber)-Mun  
(John Foulger)

Italy: F(GOL) S A(Pie)-Mar, F(WMS)-Spa sc, A(Ven)-Pie  
(Don Brown)

Russia: A(Bud)-Vie, F(Sev)-Rum, A(Mos)-Sev, A(Pru)-Sil, F(Swe) St, A(Nor)-StP  
(Dave Sharrocks)

Turkey: A(Smy) St, F(BLA) S F(Con)-Bul sc, A(Ank)-Con  
(Chris Bishop)

Nasties. English F(Hol)-Bel, Russian A(Nor) annihilated.

Winter 1904

<u>Austria:</u> Bud, Tri, <del>Tri</del> , Gre, Ser	GM removes F(AEG) for 4
<u>England:</u> Edi, Lon, Lpl, Bel, Nor, Den, <del>Edi</del>	removes F(MAO) for 6
<u>France:</u> Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa	builds F(Bre) for 5
<u>Germany:</u> Ber, Kie, Mun + Hol	no builds ordered, 1 short for 4
<u>Italy:</u> Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun	no change for 4
<u>Russia:</u> Mos, Sev, StP, War, Rum, Swe + Vie	builds A(Mos), F(StP sc) for 7
<u>Turkey:</u> Ank, Con, Smy, Bul	no change for 4

### Tickle Press

King Frank of the elegant polythene helmet was considering the Balkan situation with distaste (still it wasn't as bad as the West!). Austria in anarchy damn it, and that silly Turkish gunner just sailing around in small circles, why didn't they have a potent Sultan to put the wind up the Russkies and the Eyeties? By the Holy Rood, Docwra wouldn't have made such futile moves (Nearly as bad as England's!), that is if he had bothered to send orders at all.

"Arran Alyssum," he bellowed, "Send a telex."

"To his Magnificence, Caliph Screwtape of Jugular, the Mighty One, the Most Trusty and Wellbeloved, whose beauty outshines the sun and whose genius makes Solomon seem like a puling child etc, etc. Come and take over this Turkey, for God's sake! (and ours)."

"Pleath Thire," lithped Alythum, "Tho thorry but the telex hathn't been invented yet and your Thyco-analyth ith waiting to thee you about your Oediputh complex ath well ath the man from ITV."

"Don't be ridiculouth, thorry ridiculous," snapped His Britannic Majesty. "I distinctly remember that just recently in Filibuster 27 we sent the head-shrinker to the Tringhams. So perish all who try and fit us with the wrong size of plastic bucket. Moreover, if you want to play the Time Jump game, I'll remind you that TV hasn't been invented yet either, tho get thtuffed."

Alythum departed, hathened on her way by a boot up the arth, which was less painful to her, than to the Imperial, but gouty, foot.

Dear Frank, How dare you insult \*\*SUPERCOMPUTER\*\*? Deadly Killer Robots are converging on you at this very moment - with instructions to take you ALIVE. Yes, you're to be sacrificed to WILD NAMIBIAN AUBERGINES (yummy tasty protoplasm - they thrive on it).

Infinite hatred, Supreme Aubergine.

Edinburgh: King Frank of Scotland, oh and England as well, surveyed the map of Europe on the east wall of the Royal Ante-room. His cringing aide, Lemon, was as usual by his side, head bent, eyes down, tongue at the ready.

"Well Lemon, I think it's time we sent forces over the Channel to take on these wretched Froggies. It would be rather apt if you yourself were to lead the overthrow of these froggies - you being chief toadie and all, ho, ho, ho."

Lemon put on his yes-sire-that-was-side-splittingly-funny smile.

"But no, leaving humour aside, let's appoint someone really good. Let's appoint someone of supreme ability, someone of great presence and courage, honesty and integrity. But who? Who is there in this Kingdom of mine in possession of such high qualifications? Who is there on this small but brave island who could possibly handle a large expeditionary army and lead it to a glorious victory on French soil? I am at a loss Lemon. But wait! A name is coming from out of the mists of my mind. There, it's clear now. I know who I can send. Of course, it's obvious now, why didn't I think of it before?"

Lemon pawed at the King's lapels in excitement. "Who Sire? Who have you selected from all the good men of Merrie England?"

"Well, Lemon, I have chosen Johnny Noakes."

A light of uncertainty appeared in Lemon's eye. He smiled to calm his nerves and hedge his bets. "Johnny Noakes, Sire?"

"Of course Lemon, now he's finished with Blue Peter he'll be at the proverbial loose end. This is just the sort of job for a man like Noakes. It's got adventure, danger, travel.... we could even sell him a dog - one of the Royal corgis perhaps. Send him a letter Lemon. I want to see him today."

Lemon turned to go in a mood of hopeless exasperation. Why did Frank have to be King? Why couldn't someone with a brain get the job? At times like these he was tempted to shout out his denunciation of the divine right of Kings. But he didn't do that. Instead, as he was closing the door of the anteroom he changed his facial features into a Maniacal, eyes-staring grin, and launched into a wildly exaggerated Halifax accent: "And you Frankie boy, you win this month's Blooo Peeterr Beadge!"

McCrockomoot - Flashgood Dashwood: Och! Pu' it awai laddie. We've ha' enuff o' yer tricks! Anthassafacked!

Tsar to King (?) of Brits. I can see that you really do rule the waves but that's all you're getting. I am not sending Easter eggs this year.

((PTO))

Page the last - amen!

Tickle Press contd.....

France - England: They don't call me a slimy, lily-livered coward for nothing!

Tsar to Le Roi, Der Kaiser, Il Duce, The (thick sod doesn't know the Turkish for the)  
Caliph: Where are HMS Dreadnought, HMS Prince of Wales, HMS Valiant.... If you can find them, I'll let you borrow Rasputin for a week or longer even (please).

The Kaiser to the Tsar. Der Engländer Joyce auch frage 'Wo ist der Ark Royal?'

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