

TINNY DOLL

FIFTY - ONE

Roll on number 100, as someone jovially remarked along with their orders. My commiserations to any Manchester United supporters among - you wuz robbed! To any Arsenal supporters - thruppp! Of course, THE Cup Final isn't for another 2½ weeks, when I dearly hope that we will acquire the European Cup. After that second leg vs Cologne, we deserve to win it! Counted amongst the 'we' is me - Bob Brown of 53 Broadwood Drive, Fulwood, Preston. Lancs PR2 4SS. Telephone Preston 863459 (home) or 51831 ext 219 (work). 25p.

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DEADLINES

En Garde to Dave Waring by Saturday 2nd of June
 RT 53 B and RT 66 B to David Watts by the same date (1.6)
 All the rest to me and Ron by Friday 8th of June

DEADLINES

Ron Fisher, 85 Studfold, Astley Park, Chorley. Lancs. (Tel Chorley 70030)
 Dave Waring, 39 Grange Rd., Bishops Stortford. Herts. (Tel BS 54835 after 7pm weekdays)
 David Watts, 'Rostherne', 102 Priory Rd., Milford Haven. Dyfed SA73 2ED.

Yep, you guessed it, the Irish postal strike is still in an ongoing situation, but I'm sad to say that Gummi is no longer the same situationswise. Ron has given up the struggle and has folded, so he is looking for homes for the games. There aren't many subscribers to be picked up along with the games, but if you're interested anyway, contact Ron - address given last time (Tel 01-346-2825). He is going to continue to print Doug Wakefield's Spread Vulture which contains all the Mercator, though.

Now then, what am I supposed to remember? Ah, yes. I meant to say last time that if you are taking part in the En Garde and don't have a copy of the postal rules, please tell me and I'll send you a copy. There can't be more than the odd one or two of you.

What else? Hmm - the Fisher nuptials are scheduled for July 14th (Bastille Day - most appropriate! What do you mean, you don't see the significance? Take that, you nit!) if Noelle doesn't wise up in the immediate future. Not that it is likely as she starts her exams next week, along with many others of you I believe. Well, as one who has to set exam papers, you'll be pleased to know that they are at least as hard to set and mark as to sit. What do you mean "bullshit" - would I lie to you? Good luck to one and all, anyway. Now on the subject of the Fisher nuptials, I thought that it would be a nice idea if those members of the hobby that are invited (and Ron regrets that he can't invite many more, but maiden aunts, five times removed tend to take precedence) plus any other people that wanted to contribute, clubbed together to get the lovely (??!!) couple something useful rather than several small gifts. Well, Fisher suggests that a portable black & white TV would be nice. I agreed, knowing that a set from the firm that makes Mickey Mouse watches shouldn't stretch the finances much further than the odd penny or two, but Fisher meant a real b&w tv. Glurp! We'll give it a whirl - run it up the flagpole and see if any birds sh*t on it etc... Contributions will be very gladly received! The miserable Soak (Holborn) still refuses to name the day. Even though he works for British Leyland (smiles at the thought of the 'Tawltly Towers' episode entered for the Montreaux festival), he says he can't afford to get wed. Pah!

Can I direct your attention to a new variant idea and a new 'zine which are both mentioned on the back page - I could have put them in here, but they fitted quite well in there. The variant is called 'Switch' and the 'zine is 'A Voice in the Wilderness' from John Lee and Jeremy Moore.

I've been getting right back into 'fairy games' again recently and my dungeon has undergone a resurrection and is proving quite popular at our games club held every Thursday night at the Eagle & Child in Leyland. The Rev Soak and Dumb Quixote are in a party presently negotiating the second level, having fulfilled a quest given them by a passing Wizard. (Why Dumb Quixote? Well he's a fighter with very low intelligence). As a consequence of this interest I have finally got around to using the random number program on our computer to prepare some sheets of random numbers. I find that these are invaluable as dice-rolling tends to alert the party, whereas all I do now is tick off the next number on the list. I'm prepared to run off copies for some of you as well if the demand isn't too high. An A4-size sheet holds 2000 random numbers of anything up to 1-12 and 1000 of 1-20 and 1-100. If you would like a sheet or so, let me know. If the call for these is too fierce, I will charge something like 5p a sheet for the time I spend doing them. I'm thinking of investing in Empire of the Petal Throne, but before doing so I would love to hear opinions of it. I would also like to hear your opinions of any of the various D&D books etc which are available.

Martin Feather tells me that there was only one entry for the Draw a Hamibian Aubergine competition, from S.W.A.P.O. (that's what it said). It is understood that the Edinburgh branch under the leadership of 'Frank Dashwood' has claimed responsibility. Unfortunately the rat painted it on an egg!! (and in colour....). I'm afraid that we've not got a colour xerox that can see round corners. The result of the Music Quiz will be announced next time, so you still have time to enter.

I suspect that uppermost in many minds will be what's happening about Ethil and Dolchstoss. Well, talking to Chris Tringham reveals that he is going to take it upon himself to see that it comes out again, if John hasn't already got it together. I'm not happy about Dolchstoss, however. What is needed is someone to run the games for Richard whilst he gets sorted out; at least that's my feeling. In other words, one or more masochists are needed as the games will be reclaimed eventually by Richard I would bet. I'll try and contact Richard and see if we can get something sorted out.

In the other 'zines, AZOTT has cut off our trade as Shaun Derrick has been made redundant and has fallen out with his girlfriend, whose typewriter he was using. In the last issue, some anonymous person came to the defence of this noble publication - I have to assume that he is receiving this issue, so many thanks, whoever you are. Not much escapes the eagle eye, you see. Howey the Lads is several weeks late, which won't do their placing in the 'zine poll any good at all. Tim Sharrock chastises me for saying that I like the bridge in Dolchstoss and that this will influence my vote for it. Yes, guilty your honour - it just shows how hard it is to divorce Dippy from the rest of any magazine. People keep making sly comments like "The Tinamou must make the top 5 this year, and might surprise everyone by winning!" Well, Master Tringham, I'm going to say exactly the same about Megalomania, issue 15 of which contained the above quote. I feel that I have badly underestimated Meg and it could surprise us all by winning. (Now you can join me in the bottom 10 after those glowing tributes!)

The new novice introduction scheme started by Malcolm Brown seems to be taking off nicely and when your beloved editor gets off his fat backside, he will be doing a little more than just supporting it through the pages of T. Well in actuality, he has done something already in that he is getting a quote for new fliers for the Dippy boxes. It appears that the old ones have run out and Philmar want us to pay for the printing of any new ones. We have no choice, of course, we have to pay for them - presumably paid for by taking a cut of any gamefee charged to new players taking a central gamestart. I completely agree with Richard Hucknall when he says that all we need is a system to recruit new players, a central gamestart system and someone to clear up orphans, when they appear. Of course, we also point the new players in the direction of things like Steve Agar's novice package, the Zine Bank and 'zines like 25 Years ON and New Statsman, which are pretty invaluable to everyone.

No B's & T's, just
The Tinamou Ratings List
 by Jonathan Palfrey

Pos	Name	Star	Ch.	Cal.	Pt	NG	Pos	Name	Star	Ch.	Cal.	Pt	NG
2	James O'Fee	438		3.00	3	239	Will Haven	98		1.00	6		
3	Mick Bullock	419	+81	6.92	15	242	Ray Harper	97		0.50	3		
4	Roland Prevot	414		3.58	5	243	Donald Brown	97	+7	0.20	2		
7	Martin Feather	366		3.83	6	244	Dave Thomas	97		0.25	2		
9	Andy Holborn	360		3.75	6	253	Stewart Wright	95		0.33	3		
13	Bob Chapman	338		3.00	4	260	Jonathan Palfrey	93	+2	0.67	5		
16	Richard Hucknall	314	-19	5.45	11	265	Pete Dirks	93		2.00	13		
17	Doug Wakefield	302	+92	2.67	4	277	Nick Clennett	91		0.00	1		
24	Dave Browne	264	+86	2.20	3	302	John Leeder	91		0.00	1		
25	Paul Ward	248		4.83	12	338	John Marsden	89	-11	0.00	1		
31	Bob Brown	234		3.20	8	363	Kris Norris	88		0.00	1		
37	Stuart Dagger	222		1.50	2	378	Mark Evans	88		0.00	1		
38	Tim Sharrock	220		1.50	2	405	Derek Wilson	88		0.00	1		
50	Ron Fisher	184		2.50	6	465	Pat Jones	87		0.00	1		
83	Willy Haughan	171		4.25	14	482	Peter Calcraft	87		0.00	1		
88	Richard Sharp	163		4.58	20	529	Ron Rayner	87		0.00	1		
96	Iain Forsyth	152		1.92	6	561	Shaun Derrick	87		0.50	5		
98	Jeremy Tullett	151		1.00	2	568	Simon Burke	86		0.00	1		
99	Andy Norman	151	+3	2.20	7	590	Ian McIntyre	86		0.00	1		
100	Allan Ovens	151		4.42	19	601	Steve Doubleday	86		1.00	8		
114	Stephen Agar	143		1.00	2	638	Brian Douglas	86		0.00	1		
116	Peter McDonald	143		0.75	2	663	David Watts	85	-15	0.00	1		
117	Rob Larter	143		0.75	2	709	Mike Johnson	81		0.00	2		
119	Clive Booth	142		1.25	4	713	Clive Waterhouse	80		0.83	8		
122	Norman Williams	141	+6	1.75	6	726	John Fisher	80		0.00	2		
123	John Piggott	141		6.00	27	729	Roger Ayre	80	-9	0.00	2		
125	Pete Mearns	138		1.50	5	733	Jeff Garrett	80		0.33	4		
130	Chris Tringham	135	-44	1.00	3	734	Stephen Andrews	80		0.00	2		
134	John Miller	134		0.67	2	739	Gary Murkin	79		1.03	10		
140	Brian Williams	132		0.50	1	757	Phil Bass	79		0.00	2		
151	Mick Robson	124		0.83	3	792	Nick Shears	78		0.00	2		
163	Frank Dashwood	118	-26	1.33	6	826	John Robson	77		0.00	2		
165	Dave Johnson	118		1.00	4	864	Graham Box	75		0.00	3		
183	Pete Lindsay	112		1.25	6	866	Richard Bartle	74		0.33	6		
184	Vic Smith	112		1.33	6	871	Robin Hood	74		0.00	3		
190	Bob Howes	111		2.33	12	883	Terry Hill	74		0.00	3		
191	Martin Styler	111	+20	0.83	4	923	Peter Nunn	71		0.00	4		
199	Harry Turner	109	-9	1.00	6	938	Chris Bishop	69	+2	0.25	7		
201	Kevin McAdam	108	+8	0.20	1	940	George North	69		0.00	4		
206	Dave Tucker	106		0.50	3	999	Ian Pringle	60		0.45	12		
213	Geoff Hardingham	104	-8	0.50	3	1015	Glyn Palmer	55		0.00	11		
224	Der Garvey	101		0.25	2	1016	Tony Crouch	55	-1	0.25	13		

(Star: Rating after NS 6 + 10 games (442 games and 1024 players rated). Ch: Change in rating since NS 6)

There you go, some more ratings to annoy Stuart! This list has been compiled from the Roll Call that went out with last issue, although I had originally intended to put the ratings list out with T 50 as well. In actuality, it is a good thing I didn't manage to get it out as the advent of NS 6 with a load of games in it would have meant a complete revision. Not that there have been many changes because of the latest NS - you must all be fairly quiet at the moment or fairly insular in not playing outside of T very much. The above list includes only those people that received the last issue of T.

As I was typing up the list it occurred to me that the presentation of the result of a Dippy game as a number is very cold. Several times I came across ex-opponents of mine and thought that their whole-hearted participation in the game deserved better than the miserable '0.00' they have been credited with. It's a hard life!

TINAMOU EN GARDE - JUNE 1601

Blood flowed in plenty this month - two duels occurred at its end. The first, between Pablo de Casserole and Xngus de Mars, saw Pablo desperately lunging at his foe, who managed to avoid the worst of these blows and land a few solid kicks. Pablo eventually surrendered, but Xngus, with his sword at Pablo's throat, required him to swear never to see Ursula again. ((Pablo - do you so swear?))

And it is with deep regret that I must report the death of Mulliken Allred-Rochow, cut down savagely by that cad Breton de Volution after his surrender! Breton was thrown out of his club, lost his mistress, and after an uncomfortable half-hour with his Colonel was demoted to Subaltern!

SEE-SAW BATTLE AT THE VINEYARD

The vineyard of Vino Rosso is rapidly acquiring vast strategic importance, as it continues changing hands. This month the French regained control, led by Randolph Catstrangler (Maj, RNHR): Through some administrative mismanagement Major Catstrangler found himself in the front rank of the fighting. Nevertheless, he stayed alive (MID - 2!!!) and ran a profitable business in second-hand Spanish horses (1900 cr) Seiko Quartz (Lt Col, FR): Showing good sense, Seiko stayed behind at headquarters during the assault, where his helpful suggestions about the whereabouts of the ashtray earned him +1 Military Ability.

Frank de Stamp (Pte, RNHR): Following in Randolph's footsteps (i.e. hiding behind him!) Frank hijacked a few of his horses (1400 cr). Noticing his ability, his Colonel promoted him to Subaltern.

Pierre Bayard (Capt, FR): Pierre succeeded once more in surviving the battle. Sadly, one of his superiors didn't, and he was promoted to Major to fill the gap.

Redfin (Maj, FR): Picked up 1700 cr in silver bullets (apparently the Spanish had heard Catstrangler was attacking them.....)

Patrick de Foie Gras (Maj, RFG (Att)): Was lucky enough to have a spare cigar on his person when an inspection was carried out by the King, and received +1 MA, a mention in despatches (4), was promoted to Lt Col in a Frontier Regiment, and was Knighted. The local tobacconists subsequently ran out of cigars....

Oisin de Paddy (Maj, 13th (Att)): Tripped over his bootlaces while the King was inspecting his troops to avoid being seen (i.e. not high enough SL to be Knighted), but found treasure trove worth 1400 cr!!

Zutro des Champs (Et Capt, IM(Att)): Learning from his superior Seiko Quartz, Zutro picked up 1700 cr by various dubious means....

Guillaume d'Enfant attempted a dramatic escape from the Spanish (see Press) but was recaptured by a horse ((?)) and rider ((oh)) and returned to jail.

Nothing was heard of Ciscard d'Stain, Stamford Rafflesworth or Bottler le Bootboye, who are still captured.

Next month the entire army will be engaged in field manoeuvres. The following regiments have been called up: the 1st Brigade (Royal Marines, Picardy Musketeers), the 3rd Brigade, and the 4th Brigade.

Events in the City

Week One. Parisians were relieved to hear of the lucky escape of Tuffus la Custard's chihuahua, which was mistakenly reported squashed last month. It had apparently fallen through a trapdoor into the wine cellar, from where it emerged somewhat unsteadily to greet Tuffus as he returned from practising the cutlass. Spring was definitely in the air - Pablo de Casserole and Sigismund de Prave were both out courting. But both were turned down; Pablo by Victoria Fosdyke, and Sigismund by Anne McCafe, despite their expensive presents. The other three braves, Breton de Volution, Mustapha Krappe and Luther Bloocean, could all be found in Blue Gables, trying to drink the house dry.

Week Two. Luther left to practise his sabre, but Breton and Mustapha continued their dissolution. Anne and Victoria finally gave in to their suitors, who were still plying them with expensive gifts. Tuffus la Custard, practising cutlass once more, had great fun with an artifact called a "boomerang" which he had bought. He nearly killed himself laughing watching his dog trying to catch it!

Week Three. Luther Blocpan returned to Blue Gables, to rejoin Breton de Volution at the bar. Pablo de Casserole was holding a party in Bothwells, which was attended by Mustapha Krappe and Tuffus la Custard (to wish him well in his duel - I think...). Sigismund de Prave could be seen on the practise ground with his sabre, throwing apples into the air and trying to cut them in two before they hit the ground. Guess whether he managed it....

Week Four. Eventually giving up, Sigismund left for Blue Gables to join Breton de Volution. His place was taken by Luther Blocpan, also with sabre. Pablo, Mustapha and Tuffus were still in Bothwells, although there was trouble when Tuffus bet 100 crowns that he could knock the barman's hat off with his new boomerang. He won, but only because his chihuahua sat in front of the barman looking so threatening that he dared not move! He was luckier than Breton de Volution, who spent the entire month gambling, ending up 200 crowns and 2 status down!

Shylock lent Breton de Volution 100 cr, Pablo de Casserole 600 cr.

To be repaid at the beginning of next month: Seiko Quartz (660), Redfin (440), Pablo de Casserole (660), Guillaume d'enfant (110), Mustapha Krappe (440).

To be repaid at the beginning of August: Tuffus la Custard (220), Guillaume (330).

Death & Dreck: Seiko Quartz accepts Mustapha Krappe's challenge and chooses rapiers. Sequences, surrender orders, witnesses etc for next time, please. Luther Blocpan ignores Frank de Stamp's challenge. Pablo de Casserole has to decide whether to swear not to see Ursula again or have his throat cut by Xngus!

Appointments

Xngus de Mars: Divisional Adjutant

Breton de Volution: Brigade Major (Heavy Brigade) ((can't since he's been demoted))

Sigismund de Prave: 1) Aide to Lt Colonel and 2) Regimental Adjutant (ALC).

Luther Blocpan: Brigade Major (Heavy Brigade)

Pablo de Casserole: Brigade Major (Horse Guards Brigade)

Mustapha Krappe: Brigade Major (Horse Guards Brigade)!!

Patrick de Foie Gras: Brigade Major (Brigade of Guards)

Femmes Fatales

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

W = wealth, B = beauty, I = influence. Underlines means that mistress is taken.

Press

To Xngus de Mars

Thank you for you good wishes, but as you know I lose the duel. Everyone say 'why you not do the kick?' but I had spilt my pants so I did not want to reveal my best features. Anyway I not get badly hurt, and it was best I surrender.

Mustapha.

P.S. Apparently Pablo was also at a disadvantage; I hear he had just returned from being caught in an embarassing situation with somebody's mistress by a policeman. The policeman said 'I'll not report it as long as I'm next'. Pablo became most upset, went white and started shaking. When asked what was the matter Pablo replied that he'd never made love to a policeman before.

Lt Colonel Catstrangler has no need of pathetic excuses like those advanced by (grovelling) Guillaume d'Enfant to justify his military strategy and if anyone cares to question his conduct, they will be sliced into thin rashers on the field of honour!

Top of the Pops

Name	Player	Old	New	Cash	Regt	Rank	Ms	Cl	EC	MA
		SL	SL							
Sir Pablo de Casserole, MM	Rob Chapman	12	13	656	DG	M(2)	20	1	(2)	4
Sir Patrick de Foie Gras	Ian Doherty	10	10	151	RFG	M(2)	2	2	2	3
Mustapha Krappe	Brian Douglas	8	9	98	QOC	M(2)	18	4	(2)	1
Redfin	Graham Dux	8	8	1905	RM	C(e)	6	6	4	3
Sigismund de Prove	Derek Wilson	8	8	344	ALC	C(f)	13	4	3	2
Luther Bloopan, FRS	Deryck Povey	7	7	136	ALC	M(2)	19	4	2	3
Tuffus la Custard	George North	6	7	841	RM	M(2)	9	5	1	5
Seiko Quartz	Nick Clennett	6	6	1109	PM	M(2)	3	-	2	3
Giscard d'Stain	Ian Quilty	6	6	2021	GDMD	M(2)	-	-	2	6
Breton de Volution	Tim Sharrock	7	4	17	CFC	Sub	-	4	(2)	2
Randolph Catstrangler	Bob Brown	4	4	2020	RM	C(d)	-	-	4	6
Guillaume d'Enfant, FRS	Mark Evans	4	4	172	FR	Sub	-	-	4	5
Pierre Bayard	Tom Dutcher	4	4	817	RM	C(f)	-	6	2	3
Oisin de Paddy	Der Garvey	4	4	1161	13th	M(2)	-	6	3	1
Xngus de Mars, FRS	John Marsden	4	4	1380	13th	BtLCol	15	6	(3)	4
Frank de Stamp, FRS	Robin Hood	3	3	1074	CPC	Pte	-	6	3	1
Zutre des Champs, SF	Ted Lindon	2	2	2068	PM	BtC(f)	-	-	4	3
Stamford Rafflesworth, MM	Philip Jones	2	2	69	PM	Sub	-	-	2	3
Bottler le Boothoye	Simon Burke	1	1	477	PM	Ite	-	-	2	4

FRS = Fellow of the Royal Society, SL = Social Level, Regt = Regiment, Ranks: LCol = Lieutenant-Colonel, M = Major, C = Captain, Sub = Subaltern, Pte = Private, Bt = Brevet (NB the numbers refer to their rank e.g. M(2) commands Captains e & f), Ms = Mistress, Cl = Club, MA = Military Ability, EC = Endurance Class: 1 = 01-50, 2 = 51-100, 3 = 101-150, 4 = 151-200. Brackets such as (2) give the endurance class at the end of the month and show the character is still recovering from wounds.

Press cont

A Treatise to the Royal Society

How to deal with a "blockage" in your 'pan'!

If and when you are ever faced with a block~~ed~~pan do not call in the so called experts like 'Rent'o'kil'. In our experience you will, nine times out of ten, end up tidying up after them anyway, so, you may as well do the job yourself. I suggest you follow these easy step-by-step instructions;

- 1) Give the offending blockage a good solid kick. (This may well hurt your foot, but then, if you feel some pain just think what the pan will be feeling!).
- 2) Next, a couple of buckets of water should be sluiced down the pan. A liberal amount of some kind of cutting agent could be added to the water as an option (caustic soda recommended!).
- 3) If the pan is still blocked at this stage you should introduce a longish, slightly bent, pole or some other implement of a similar nature. Use this 'weapon' to cut, slash and generally gouge out the pan as thoroughly as possible.
- 4) Some block~~ed~~pan's have been known to give up before step two has been reached. However others have been known to put up a very stiff resistance. In the latter case repeat steps one to three until the pan is worn down. Under no circumstances should you turn off the pan's stopcock unless you are prepared to replace it with a new one. Putting in a new pan is tantamount to admitting defeat, so don't do it unless you are very desperate.

Note: It is recommended that verbal abuse be directed toward the block~~ed~~pan. Although not very useful in physically shifting any block, it can never-the-less be of tremendous assistance to one's morale. Shouts of "Have at you varlet! & Take that...SCUM!", for example.

This "Treatise" to the "Royal Society"
Carries the Frank de Stamp seal of approval.

The Flora of Mars

In Canalia, the principal city of Mars, you go to 1176 Irobe Street and ask for Flora, but that is another story...

There are only two types of flowers on Mars - the pink spikey ones and the black rubbery ones. The former lives only where water exists. As is well known, it never rains on Mars, so such places are rare. These plants carry out a curious chemical process, in which fertilization of the female plants causes them to change chemistry to a volatile hydrocarbon which spontaneously ignites in oxygen released from the water. Consequently there are very few female plants left.

The black rubbery plants have a different problem: Water is poisonous to them. Unfortunately, when their leaves are rubbed together vigorously water is created! This can happen naturally in a strong wind. Consequently any strong wind on Mars is known as a "Black Plant Killer".

Martian scientists have failed to find any way of preventing these two species becoming extinct, and it is expected that within a few years there will be no flora at all on Mars. Except at 1176 Irobe St, of course.

~~SECRET~~ -- his mark

Treatise for membership of the Royal Society

Bootlicking by Guillaume d'Enfant
(or how to escape from Spaniards)

If you have no taste at all (I cite as a typical example the noisesome Catstrangler) you will be able to benefit from the profound experience which I am to relate to you. However if you consider yourself a man of cultured sensibility you have little to learn here, you will have to content yourself with more orthodox methods of escape.

Having been captured while holding a tin of boot polish, the foolish Spaniards thought I was a mere boot polisher, and, in consequence, gave me a brush to aid my work. Imagine their surprise when I told them of the newest Paris fashion, not to use polish anymore, but to get minions to lick boots clean. These ignorant peasants thought this a great scheme and lined up around their campfires - all 217 of them. With rasping tongue I cleaned all 433 shoes, and exhausted at last fell asleep - as indeed did my hosts, still in their wet clean boots. Spain, as you know, is a poor country, and her soldiers are shod not in good French leather, but in canvas running shoes (...for running away, of course). Spanish canvas is inferior, and in the presence of French spit contracts and shrinks. When wrapped securely around the bunions of a sleeping Spaniard - they get him on his blisters (q.v. The Blistering of the Long Distance Runner). Suffice it to say that a Spaniard incapacitated in this way is in no position to stop the escape of a sore-tongued Frenchman.

My learned Fellows, as you can see from this true story, there is no surer way to success than to lick the boots of those who can influence your career. I hope in due course to submit a further treatise on the merits of stamping on those who cannot influence your career.

Major Luther Bloopan, FRS deeply implores that the educated gentry of the city of Paris seriously consider the benefits accruing from becoming a founder member of the Royal Society and hopes that he will soon be swapping drinking stories with fellow members, an example of which is given.

VERSE

One night at the club I'd been drinking, and was staggering home about three
Well I'd missed all the cabs, and decided it was their turn to try missing me.
As I zig-zagged along the embankment - as I said I'd had several halves
On the bridge stood the butcher's young daughter, I could tell it was her by her calves.
She spoke in a disjointed fashion, "All the lights have gone out of my life,
I know it's not meet, but there's so much at stake, I shall chop out my heart with a knife!"
I murmured, "That's tripe, you're a chump dear," (Twas the language she best understood)
She replied, "If I had but the guts, sir, I'd throw myself into the flood."

CHORUS

Well I can't stand by and just watch others suffer -
And other people's fear just makes me brave.
So like the dear kind soul I am, I threw her underneath a tram
And saved her from a very watery grave!

Sauba, Autumn 1905 (1978 EU)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: F(ION)-Tun, F(Nap) S A(Ven)-Rom, F(Tri)-Ven, A(Dud)-Vie, A(Ser) MS A(Gre)
(Chris Bishop)

France: F(Edi), F(ENG), F(Dre), A(Par), A(Dur), A(Har), F(WMS), A(Rom) stand
(Anarchy) unordered

Germany: F(Lon) St, A(Bel) S A(Ruh)-Dur, A(Hol) S A(Bel), A(Hun) S A(Ruh)-Dur
(Stewart Wright)

Italy: A(Tyr) St
(Stephen Agar)

Russia: F(NTH) S F(Nor)-BWC, A(Swe)-Nor, A(Ukr) S A(War)-Gal, A(Rum) S TURKISH
(John Robson) A(Alb)-Ser

Turkey: A(Bul) S A(Alb)-Ser, A(Con) & F(BLA) S A(Dul)
(Peter McDonald)

Hosties. Austrian A(Ser) chopped, NRO. French A(Rom), A(Dur) chopped, NRO.

Winter 1905

<u>Austria:</u> Dud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Nap, Bel , Ven, WZ + Tun, Rom	builds A(Tri), A(Dud) for 8
<u>France:</u> Dre, Mar, Har, For, Spa, Bel , Lpl , Lpl, Edi, WZ	1 short for 7
<u>Germany:</u> Ber, Kie, Hun, Den, Hol + Bel, Lon	builds F(Kie), A(Ber) for 7
<u>Italy:</u> Tun	removes A(Tyr) for OUT
<u>Russia:</u> Mos, StP, War, Nor, Swe, Sev + Rum	builds F(StP nc) for 7
<u>Turkey:</u> Ank, Con, Smy, Ser + Bul	builds F(Smy) for 5

Reuters: Our Russian correspondent reports that the Tsar's Combined Staffs will be visiting the New World in the next three weeks and will therefore be unavailable for comment.

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Lyte, Autumn 1910 (1977 DY)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tri), A(Dud), A(Gal), A(Liv) stand
(Anarchy)

France: NER! A(Ven), A(Lpu), A(Tyr), A(Vie), A(Gas), F(WMS), F(MAf), F(Spa sc),
(Stephen Andrews) F(MAO), A(Hol), F(NTH), A(Lpl), A(Cly) stand unordered

Germany: A(Kie)-Den, A(Sil)-Hun, A(War)-Sil, A(Ukr)-War, A(Mos) St
(Graham Box)

Russia: F(Nor) St
(Anarchy)

Turkey: A(Arm)-Sev, F(Con)-AEG, A(Hun) S A(Ser)-Dud, F(Rom) St, F(ION) S F(Tun) St,
(Mike Johnson) F(Dor) St, F(MAO)-MAO

Hosties. Austrian A(Dud) chopped.

Prelech. The draw proposal was defeated.

Winter 1910

<u>Austria:</u> Dud , Tri, WZ , Bel , WZ	GM removes A(Gal), A(Liv) for 1
<u>France:</u> Mar, Par, Bel, WZ , Spa, Hol, Lon, Edi, WZ , Dre, Vie, Ven, Lpl	
<u>Germany:</u> Ber, Den, Swe, Kie, StP, War + Mos, Hun	GM removes F(MAO), F(NTH) for 11
<u>Russia:</u> Nor	builds A(Kie), A(Ber) & 1 short for 8
<u>Turkey:</u> Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ser + Dud, Rum, Sev, For	no change for 1
	builds A(Con), F(Smy), F(Ank) & 1 short for 13

Germany - Turkey: Thank you for your letter, which has been delayed in the post. I look forward to reading it, if you've remembered to send it. You will also recall that there are a few other simple steps to follow, upon which any postal worker will be happy to advise you.

Germany - France: Sorry for the NMR - back next time. I do like your idea for dealing with NMRs, and I look forward to continuing our alliance next season.

Glad you appreciated the service I provided at UniCon, particularly as I made a small loss on the deal. If you didn't like it, you had only to refuse and stay sober for a change. In view of the ample wealth you displayed at JohnsCon, I regard it as having been a very sound ploy on my part.

Press Wars rule, OK!

Marshall Sex: I ought to point out at this stage that the above dateline is the secret element in this game. The GM throws a dice, and the dateline is controlled by the player whose number comes up. This season, the lucky player is Italy, so this isn't really me talking at all. I'm also controllong Germany, hence the strange moves.

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Wozand, Autumn 1903 (1978 GU) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tyr), A(Bud), A(Ser) stand
(Anarchy)

England: F(RWG) St
(Ray Harper)

France: F(COL)-Mar, A(Mar)-Spa, F(ENG) S F(ERI)-MAO, A(Lon) St, A(Lpl) St
(Ian McIntyre)

Germany: A(Edi) St, F(NTH)-Nor, A(Bel)-Dur, F(BAL) S F(Den)-Swe, A(Doh)-Gal
(Vic Smith)

Italy: F(IMS) S F(TYR)-COL, F(ION)-TYR, A(Pie) St, A(Tri) S A(Apu)-Ven
(Ian Doherty)

Russia: A(Vic)-Tri, A(Ukr) & F(Sev) S F(Rum), A(Mos) S F(Sev), A(Nor) NS F(Swe),
(John Miller) F(Rum) learns Rumanian because it may well be there for some time...

Turkey: NMR! F(Con), F(BLA), A(Arm), A(Bul) stand unordered
(John Fisher)

Hasties. Russian F(Swe)-GOB.

Winter 1903

Austria: Bud, ~~X14~~, Ser

England: ~~X11, Lpl~~

France: Bre, Mar, Pan, Por, Lon, Spa + Lpl

Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel + Edi, Swe

Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Gre, Tur, Tri

Russia: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Nor, ~~X14~~, Rum + Vie

Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul

GM removes A(Tyr) for 2
removes F(RWG) for OUT
builds F(Bre) for 7
builds A(Ber), A(Mun) for 8
no change for 6
no change for 7
no change for 4

Berlin - Paris/Moscow. This won't hurt (much).

THE VATICAN - The Pope announced to the crowds in St. Peter's Square that French heresy was to be eliminated, our finest troops, the Jesuits and Dominicans, are dealing with the problem.

Moscow - Constantinople: The German commander is whispering it into my ear right now. Unfortunately I'm a shade deaf, result of an old war wound in the Crimea, don't you know....

Moscow - Berlin: This is not like you, Vic, not nice at all, nasssty in fact.

Moscow - Prelech: You fool! You've blown my cover! Just when I was about to order F(BLA)-Con, A(Bul)-Gre, A(Arm)-Syr, F(Con)-AEG! How the heck do you expect me to gain other people's confidence when they know I'm playing three countries? Ooops, I mean two, of course; they don't know about France yet do they? Well I hope you can keep that secret a bit longer.....

Prelech - Moscow: Apologies. Your pseudonym reappears this go - pity you forgot to send in his orders though.....

Tickle, Autumn 1904 (1978 GB)

GM: Bob Brown

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

England: F(DAR) S A(StP), A(StP) S Italian 'Zephyrs', A(Nor) S F(Den)-Swe,
(Frank Dashwood) F(Del) St, F(NTH)-Hol

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

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

Italy: F(GOL) C & A(Tie) S A(Tus)-Mar, F(MAS)-Spa sc
(Don Brown)

Russia: F(COB) S F(Swe) St, A(Mos)-StP, F(Rum) S A(Sev) St, A(Dud) St,
(Dave Sharrocks) A(Sil)-Ber

Turkey: F(Bul sc) S F(Con)-AEG, A(Ank)-Con, A(Arm)-Sev
(Chris Bishop)

Winter 1904

Austria: ~~Wyl~~, Tri, Gre, Ser

England: Pci, Lon, Lpl, Del, Nor, Den + StP

France: Bre, Mar, Par, Nor, Spa

Germany: Ber, Pio, Mun, Hol

Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun

Russia: Mos, Sev, ~~Wyl~~, War, Rum, Swe, Vie + Dud

Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul

GM removes A(Tyr) for 3
builds F(Lon) for 7
no change for 5
builds A(Ber) for 4
no change for 4
no change for 7
no change for 4

Namibian U.Q.: "May the purple snowstorms never fall on your Equatorial regions, oh Supreme Aubergine"

"Glurp be upon you, Deadly Killer Robot. You may make your report."

"Sleep. Following the information provided by the Namibian Intelligence Aubergine, we located the ~~Wyl~~ house of Dank Frashwood, in the bottom of a gravity well to the north of Edinburgh. Tearing down the placards stating 'Join S.W.A.P.O. and destroy the world', we entered to find a state of chaos - thousands of hamsters were running free in all the rooms. Of Dank Frashwood (KILL KILL - but veeery slowly) there was no sign, unless that skeleton in the corner... A micro-decibel noise alerted us to the presence of an entity trapped beneath us. Vapourising a section of the floor, we discovered a thin bedraggled humanoid claiming to be Pete Lindsay. Unfortunately we irreparably damaged his brain cell during interrogation, but luckily this didn't seem to make any difference. He told us all - apparently Dank Frashwood had been eaten by his own hamsters, originally there were just two, and they were kept strictly apart, but with never-ending persistence, they chewed their way toward each other, and after that, well, I'm sure you can imagine what happened, your superlative."

Dear Thingey

So sorry, but I'm afraid we weren't in Austria, that haunt of anarchists, but up at Cairngorm.

While the Isle of Skye Snowdrop and the Eiger Edelweiss disported themselves on the Ptarmigan slope, His Imperial Majesty King Francis Piscator was wielding his split-cane and hauling finneek out of the Spey.

By the way, you surely didn't suppose that we had only one residence or required to number them?

The Royal Botanical Gardens, Arboretum, Edinburgh (Turn left at the Wellingtonias) is quite sufficient address to find us.

Anon: Why have we been so honoured by the cybernetic invasion? A certain member of our select group was doing a very nice line in abusive press until these aubergines and things came along. If you don't go away, I'll take my ball away then none of us will be able to play - so there!

Cybercrud 3, Autumn 1907 GM: Ron Fisher

Austria: F(Gre)-AEG, A(Bul) S A(Smy)-Con, A(Bud) S A(Rum) S A(Vie)-Gal, A(Ven)-Pie,
(Andy Holborn) F(TYS) S F(ION)-Tun, A(Rom)-Nap

England: F(StP nc)-Nor, F(Nor)-Swe, A(Hol)-Kie, A(Edi) St, F(ENG)-MAO, F(Lon) S
(Doug Wakefield) FRENCH F(Yor)-NTH

France: F(MAO)-WMS, F(Yor)-NTH, F(Bel) S ENGLISH A(Hol), A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Gas)-Bur,
(Allan Ovens) A(Mar) S A(Gas)-Ruh

Germany: F(HEL) S F(NTH)-Hol, A(Ruh)-Bel, A(Mun)-Kie, F(Gre)-Swe (nsu), F(Den) St
(Richard Sharp) unordered

Italy: F(Nap) St, F(Tun) S FRENCH F(MAO)-WMS
(Stuart Dagger)

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

Turkey: A(Con)-Bul, F(AEG)-Smy
(Dave Johnson)

Nasties. English A(Hol) annihilated. Italian F(Tun) chopped. Turkish A(Con)-Ank.

Winter 1907

Austria: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, Gre, Rum, Ven, Bul, Rom, Smy + Con, Tun	builds F(Tri) for 11
England: Lon, Pl, Edi, Nor, StP, Yor + Swe	builds A(Lpl) for 6
France: Par, Mar, Bre, Por, Spa, Bel	no change for 6
Germany: Mun, Ber, Kie, Den, Smy + Hol	no change for 5
Italy: Nap, Yor	no change for 1
Russia: Mos, War, Sev	no change for 3
Turkey: Ank, Smy + Smy	no change for 2

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COA: Allan Ovens to 36A Gainsborough Ave, Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.

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Cybercrud 3 Bourse, Autumn 1907 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	-500	-500	-498	+2328	-	-	-
Fezoco Inc	+760	-500	-500	+500	-500	-499	-
John Marsden	+841	-500	-500	-	+499	-500	-
Scrooge & Marley	-	+906	-500	-500	-	-	-
<u>Dealings</u>	+1101	-594	-1998	+2328	-1	-999	
<u>Old value</u>	2.61	1.81	1.92	1.36	0.47	1.13	1.45
<u>New value</u>	2.72	1.76	1.73	1.59	0.47	1.04	1.45

Holdings

	<u>Crowns</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Lire</u>	<u>Roubles</u>	<u>Piastres</u>	<u>V.Pts</u>
G. Fourmyle	7432	499	1635	2534	0	0	0	1059
Fezoco Inc	5433	2100	1589	1532	1	2001	0	945
J. Marsden	3389	3441	4492	0	1002	2000	0	901
S&M	4540	2057	793	814	0	0	0	697

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TODAY

Odium, Spring 1908 (1977 JX)

GM: Bob Brown

France: A(Lon)-Yor, F(ENG)-NTH, F(Bel) St, A(Par) S A(Pic)-Bur, A(Mar)-Pie,
(Geoff Chase) A(Tus)-Pie, F(GOL) & F(Tun) S F(TYR) St, F(DAL)-Ber

Germany: F(NTH) C A(Hol)-Yor, A(Bur)-Bel, A(Pie)-Tus
(Martin Feather)

Italy: F(Rom) S GERMAN A(Pie)-Tus, F(Nap) S TURKISH F(ION)-TYR, F(Ven) St,
(John Marsden) A(Sev) St

Russia: F(Den)-Kie, A(StP)-Nor, A(Liv)-Pru, A(War)-Sil, A(Mos)-War
(Stephen Agar)

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

Nasties. French A(Tus) annihilated. German A(Bur)-Mun.

Prelach. Two draw proposals have been put forward. 1st= Turkey & France, 3rd= the rest
and 1st= Turkey & France, 3rd Russia, 4th= the other two. Votes next time, please.
Failure to vote counts for the proposals.

Secrets of Artificial Intelligence (Edinburgh) Un-unveiled:

Ha-ha, ho-ho, hee-hee, even S.W.A.P.O. (Edinburgh) can't tell the difference between
Machine Intelligence & Artificial Intelligence!

Germany - France: What, lost your imagination?

AUBERGINE REVELATIONS Shock horror.

Dear Reader,

Have YOU ever wondered what a Namibian Aubergine really was? How many convivial
evenings have been ruined for you? While others have been discussing this phenomenon,
have you sat silently at the edge of the group, ashamed to display your ignorance? Do
you have nightmares that the Supreme Aubergine is coming to GET YOU!, or have you
secretly yearned to join the crusade to save mankind from this horror?

Well now, for the very first time, everyone, yes everyone, is being given a
unique opportunity to learn:- "ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD
OF AUBERGINES", including an explanation of the arcane technical jargon employed by
the Pnamologists. (The P is silent, my friends). The cost is extremely reasonable and
there is absolutely no further obligation. Shudder at the deadly Cylon killer robots.
Gamble with human lives on strange planets. Tremble in total terror at the appalling
spectacle as the Supreme Aubergine gets his come-uppance in the last reel, in total
sense-around.

See 'Battlestar Galactica', soon at a cinema near you. Three grades worse than
Star Wars - But don't ask me for your money back. Beware of the Daggit!

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Zephyr, Autumn 1901 (1979 BR)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tri)-Vie, F(ADR) C & A(Ser) S ITALIAN A(Ven)-Gre
(Kristian Norris)

England: F(Lon)-ENG, F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Nor
(Chris Bishop)

France: A(Bur)-Bel, A(Spa)-Por, F(Bre)-Pic
(Jeffrey Garrett)

Germany: F(Den)-Swe, A(Kie)-Hol, A(Ruh)-Bel
(Dave Thomas)

Italy: F(ION)-Tun, A(Tus) S A(Ven) St
(Dave Browne)

Russia: F(GOB)-Swe, A(StP)-Nor, F(Sev) S A(Ukr)-Rum
(Peter McDonald)

Turkey: F(Ank)-BLA, A(Con)-Bul, A(Bul)-Gre
(Nick Shears)

Winter 1901

Austria: Bud, Tri, Vie + Ser	builds A(Bud) for 4
England: Edi, Lon, Lpl	no change for 3
France: Bre, Mar, Par + Por	builds F(Bre) for 4
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun + Den, Hol	builds F(Kie), A(Mun) for 5
Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven + Tun	builds F(Nap) for 4
Russia: Mos, Sev, StP, War + Rum	builds A(War) for 5
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy + Bul, Gre	builds A(Con), A(Ank) for 5
Neutral: Bel, Nor, Spa, Swe	

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HGC 221, Autumn 1908 (1978 BX) GM: Job Brown

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

England: F(Bre)-ENG, F(NTH)-Lon, F(NWG)-Edi
(Graham Hewitt)

France: F(IRI)-Lpl, F(MAO)-Spa sc, A(Gas)-Mar
(Granville Williamson)

Germany: A(Par) S A(Pic)-Bre, A(Dur) S FRENCH A(Gas)-Mar, A(Hol) St, A(Den) St,
(David Parry) A(Ber)-Mun, A(Sil) St, F(Nor) St, A(Swe) S F(Nor)

Italy: NMR! A(Pic), F(GOL), F(TYR) stand unordered
(Paul Jones)

Turkey: A(Tyr) S A(Tri)-Ven, A(Rum) & A(Bud) S A(Gal) St, A(Ser)-Tri, A(Sev) St,
(Francis Weaver) F(BLA) S A(Sev), F(EMS)-ION, F(ION)-Tun, F(Nap)-Rom, F(Apu)-Nap

Winter 1908

Austria: War, Mos, StP	no change for 3
England: Lon, Lpl , Edi, Lpl	GM removes F(ENG) for 2
France: Mar, Por, Spa + Lpl	no build possible, 1 short for 4
Germany: Mun, Kie, Ber, Swe, Den, Nor, Bel, Hol, Par + Bre	builds F(Kie) for 10
Italy: Nap , Rom , Ven	GM removes A(Pic), F(GOL), F(TYR) for OUT
Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, Bud, Vie, Tri, Sev, Ven + Rom, Nap, Tun	builds A(Con), A(Smy), A(Ank) for 15

FRANCE - JGF: Here is my contribution to your competition section - hope it's what you had in mind (to be sung in the Grand Old Duke of York fashion)

Oh - the grand archduke of Vienna
He had 3 fighting men
He marched them up to the Russian steppes
But he couldn't get home again!

PARIS - ROME: After your last stab on me you deserve what you get:- out!

Turkey - Austria: I could do to you what I've just done to Italy - especially now that England has agreed to help me.

To France

I thought this nursery rhyme was fitting to your game position - I presume it was you who suggested it - I can't think of anyone else so stupid:-

Little boy blue come blow up your horn
There's krauts in the meadow and Brits in the corn.
But where is the boy who looks after Marseilles?
He's watching the Turks killing Eyties.

I know the last line doesn't rhyme but it is exactly what you are doing. Have you got a pact with Turkey to let him win? If so, what do you get out of it?

Ulysses, January 1891, Definitive Mercator

GM: Bob Brown

Argentina: A(GIS) L Wel, A(Haw) B F(GIS), A(Cgo) St, F(Ihi) S A/F(GIS)-CPO, F(HUM)-
(Jon Love) Haw, F(Tuc)-HOR, F(TIM) S A(Ith)-Syd, A(Tue) St, A(Wel) St, A(Due) F
F(HOR), A/F(HOR)-CRS, A(CPO) D Osa

Austria: A(Clu) S A(Bud)-Vie, A(Tri) S A(Boh), A(Tyr) S ENGLISH A(Mun), F(ION) St
(Ian Doherty) A(Rum) S TURKISH F(BLA)-Sev

Brazil: A(HAT) L NeY, A(Ama) B F(CAR), A(Rio) B F(SAO), A(Ten) St, F(Per) St,
(Don Brown) A/F(CAR) S USA F(HAT), F(Rec)-CAO, A(NeY)-Que, A/F(SAO) S A/F(CHA) St,
A(NeY) E F(HAT), A/F(HAT)-GRA, A(CAR) D Cub, F(CAR)-GOM, A(Azo) E F(CAO)

China: A(Shn)-Dma, F(Bor)-SCS, F(For)-ECS, A(Tha) S F(Sai)-Cam, A(Sik) MS A(Han)
(Jeremy Tullett)

England: A(CHA) L NeY, A(NeY) S BRAZILIAN A(Flo)-Kan, A(NeY) E F(CHA), F(Que) &
(Doug Wakefield) F(GRA) S A(NeY), F(GOS)-SCS, A(Bre) B F(ENG), A/F(ENG)-NTH, F(Nor)-NWG,
A(NTH) D F(NWG), A/F(NWG)-BAR, ITALIAN A(Gas) B F(DIS), A/F(DIS)-ENG,
ITALIAN A(ENG) D F(NTH), A/F(NTH)-SKA, A(Mun)-Kie, A(Del)-Hol, A/F(MAO)-
IHI, A(IHI) D F(ENG), A/F(ENG)-NTH

France: NTH! F(Cam) stands unordered
(Mick Robson)

Germany: A(Pic)-Bel
(Peter Munn)

India: A(Tib)-Dma, F(SOM) S F(Mar)-ARA, F(Syd)-EIO, A(Cey) E F(EIO), A/F(EIO)-
(Chris Bishop) BOB

Italy: A(Cre) B F(ROT), A(Gas) B BRITISH F(BIS), F(MAJ)-TYS, F(CAN) St, F(Mar)-
(Stuart Dagger) Spa sc, A(Par) S A(Sav)-Iur, A(Pic) S A(Dol)-Ven, A(Nap)-Rom, F(Apu) S
A/F(ROT)-ION, A/F(BIS)-ENG

Japan: A(Van) St, A(Clf) St, A(Ken)-Tan, F(Osa) MS F(CPO), F(NOM) & F(CHA) S
(Tom Dutcher) F(CPO), A(Van) E F(NOM), A/F(NOM)-NPO, A(Clf) E F(CHA), A/F(CHA)-HUN

Russia: A(Kie)-Den, A(Ber) S ENGLISH A(Mun), F(Liv)-BAL, A(Sil)-Sax, A(War) S
(Andy Norman) A(Gal)-Sil, A(Cau) S A(Sib)-Tkn, A(Ukr) S A(Sev), F(Fin sc)-Swe, A(Snk)
S A(Ksu), A(Ksu) & A(Shg) S A(Tek)-Han, A(Sev) S A(Cau), F(ECS) S A(Kob)-
Osa, A(Den) E ENGLISH F(NTH), A(Ber) E F(BAL), A/F(BAL)-SKA, A(Osa) E
F(ECS)

Turkey: F(ARA) & F(WIO) S A(Clc)-Mdr, A(Nep)-Clc, F(Eth) S BRAZILIAN F(CHA)-SON,
(John Marsden) A(Sud) S ARGENTINIAN A(Cgo)-Ken, F(Yem)-RED, F(Egy)-EMS, A(Cre) S A(Cul),
A(Bul) S AUSTRIAN A(Rum), A(Arm) S A(Tkn)-Ira, F(BLA) St, F(Sak)-SOJ,
A(Arm) E F(BLA), A(Mdr) E F(WIO)

USA: BRAZILIAN A(HAT) L NeY, A(Ken)-Tex, A(Chi)-Kan, F(HAT) S ITALIAN F(CAN)-
(Geoff Hardingham) MAO, BRAZILIAN A(NeY) E F(HAT), A/F(HAT)-GRA

Nasties. Austrian F(ION)-DAS. Chinese A(Han)-Can. French F(Cam) annihilated. Turkish
F(ARA) chopped, WRO (shucks!).

Italy - England. I see Wakefield got beat on Saturday. Let's hope the same happens in
Ulysses.

LONDON - The election results were published today, the Conservative Party winning an
overall majority in the Commons. The Prime Minister, in an interview with the political
correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, promised a forceful new policy against aggressive
Russian Imperialism.

VIENNA - Archduke Franz-Joseph sends his best wishes to the new British Government and
hopes that mutual cooperation will alleviate the Russian problem.

China - Turkey: I would like a long letter from you, explaining your intentions. We can
work together most effectively if we are aware of each others plans.

ANON: Isn't it about time we took the spikes out of Spiney Norman?

China - England: I would appreciate the removal of your Eastern fleet. Whilst we are on the same side (I presume?), I would nonetheless feel happier if it were out of the way.

Dear Rosie. Have you noticed, no-one wants to command your little sailorboys? Why don't you take them home again.

From the Press Writer:- Come on you lot; I can't write all the press myself. I'm running out of ideas. ((You had some in the first place??))

Dear Prelech: What do you want us to keep up?

Dear Enquirer: I suggest that you keep your guard up; then you won't get caught out by not ordering retreats for vulnerable units. Ys engravatingly, Prelech.

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Verity, Autumn 1904 (1978 GJ) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: F(ADR)-ION, F(Gre)-AEG, A(Bul) S ITALIAN F(AEG)-Con, A(Gal)-Sil, A(Bud)-Vie
(Tim Sharrock)

England: F(ENG) S & F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Bel
(Chris Bishop)

France: F(Tun) S F(WMS)-TYR, A(Pie)-Mar, A(Gas)-Mar, A(Pic)-Par
(Gary Murkin)

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

Italy: A(Ven)-Tri, F(Rom)-Nap, F(ION)-Gre, F(AEG)-Con, A(Arm)-Smy
(Geoff Chase)

Russia: A(Ukr) S F(Rum) St, A(War)-Mos, A(Swe) S F(Nor) S F(BAR)-NWG
(Jeremy Tullett)

Turkey: F(Smy) S A(Con) St, A(Ank) S F(Smy)
(Chikako Dutcher)

Nasties. German F(Bel) chopped, NRO. Turkish A(Con) annihilated.

Winter 1904

Austria: Bud, Vie , Ser, Gre + Bul	GM removes F(AEG) for 4
England: Edi, Lon, Lpl + Bel!	builds F(Edi) for 4
France: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa + Tun	builds F(Bre) for 6
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Gre	no change for 5
Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tri , Smy + Con, Gre, Tri	builds A(Ven) for 6
Russia: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Swe, Nor + Rum	builds F(StP nc) for 7
Turkey: Ank, Con , Gre , Smy + Smy	no change for 2

Austria - Germany:- If you want a war you can have one, but it will not do either of us any good.

"JEREMY" - JEREMY. I am unable to comment on ~~my~~ my allegations because I am sub-judice, except to say that though I might have been 19-20 once, now I've lost my majority.

St Petersburg: The Tsar sends his regards to the Pope and would like to say that if he has taken Sevastopol, he will have his anatomy suitably adjusted.

Sale of the Century. Russian mercenary armies now available. Offers to St. Edmund Hall by next deadline please.

Italy - Austria: Sorry, but this is a lousy game anyway so I might as well try to liven it up a bit.

Prelech. Geoff points out that the English A(Yor) should in fact be A(Lon) (since Spring 1903). It makes little difference to the game, but the error wouldn't have been corrected anyway since more than one season had gone by.

It will be interesting, with the considerably changed picture, to see how this game progresses from here. England builds at last and Italy stabs Austria (or does he?). Same time, same channel - tune in folks.

My back page(s)

Changes of Address

Allan Ovens to 36A Gainsborough Ave., Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.
Pete Lindsay to 15/2 Craigmount Hill, Edinburgh. (Many moons ago)

Waiting Lists

Regular Diplomacy (Gamefee 75p). Patrick McCarthy (?), Philip Jones, Chris Bishop, John Lee, Derek Wilson, Ken Simpson. 1/2 needed.

Railway Rivals (Gamefee 30p). No takers at the moment.

En Garde (Gamefee 50p, 20p per year thereafter). Contact Dave Waring.

Variant. I had an idea the other day for a variant. It's my first ever novel idea in this field and although I feel sure that someone must have thought of the idea before, I can't remember seeing it published. The idea is quite simple and leads to the name of the variant - SWITCH. The idea is that at any time, an army may change to a fleet and vice versa. This takes one move (season) and if it is attempted, the unit has no strength if it is attacked. The attack also aborts the switch (even if the switching unit remains in place due to a stand-off). This could be applied to any board, but I am thinking of applying it to the Regular game. My feeling is that this can really lead to a whole new strategy - no more Black Sea stand-offs in Spring 1901, England gets rid of A(Lpl) right at the beginning etc. I would welcome comments from people on this idea and if there are 7 of you prepared to give it a try, there will be no gamefee.

Seeing John Lee still languishing on the waiting list, it's only fair that I plug the 'zine which he is planning to launch soon. It's going to be called A Voice in the Wilderness and will be a joint venture between John and Jeremy Hoare. It will cost 15p per issue and they will run Dippy (50p + 50p deposit) and games like Hare & Tortoise (same gamefee as Dippy). Of course I urge you to support this new 'zine and don't let it die at birth. John Lee, "Ashlea", 10 Chapel Close, Hilton, Huntingdon. Cambs PE18 9NS.

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