

# TRANTOR

#10/SVG #10

Winter 1903

February 7, 1965

## CLASH BETWEEN BALKAN ALLIANCE AND FRANCE APPEARS EMINENT; ITALY THE SPOILS

Naples, Italy (November 1, 1903): Today the streets of this ancient Italian city, founded by the Greeks and beloved by the English, echoed to the tread of French marines. The long-awaited French offensive into this storied peninsula has finally come, and the strife-torn Italian government proved powerless to meet the confident and superior forces of the Third Republic. Rumors from the North report that the Milanese actually welcomed the Second Army, as a respite from the anarchy that has plagued this unhappy people since the assassination of King Umberto and the beginning of the war.

But no sooner had Naples been placed under control of the Second Fleet than new, electrifying rumors swept through the victorious French forces. France is now at War with England! As yet unconfirmed reports have it that the First and Fourth Armies have decisively defeated an English army in Holland. Admiral de Fomor, Commander of the Second Fleet, is reported to be overjoyed, and allegedly believes that this marks the beginning of the end for English naval supremacy.

The Admiral's anticipations are echoed at lower levels in his command. With many a curse and grimace, Sergeant of Marines Hercule Cazaio anticipated the downfall of "Albion perfide". "Now, Monsieur Yankee," he growled, "the death of my great ancestor shall be avenged."

I know, of course, of the bloody campaign that Edward III had conducted in Cazaio's native Poictesme in the 14th century, and thought that this typically long-remembered Poictumois was repeating a centuries-old childhood tale. But he soon enlightened me in his execrable Provençal dialect. It seems that in the middle 18th century Poictesme was the hunting ground of a notable bandit named Achille Cazaio, a sort of French Robin Hood. This worthy, and alleged left-handed member of the noble house of Puyssange, had robbed the rich and given to the poor, though not without keeping most of the loot for overhead expenses. He was finally killed in a duel with an English "milord" while attempting to abduct this worthy's betrothed.

French sailors and marines are now busy restoring order to this beautiful city, whose volatile inhabitants have suffered much internecine strife during the turmoil of the past three years. It is believed that France will first restore order in Italy, and then confront the Austro-Turkish alliance which is playing so large a role in eastern Europe. But the opening of another front, against England, raises the question of how much force will France be able to spare in the Mediterranean.

- James Branch Water  
Lichfield Times-Despatch

London, England: P. M. Hastings-Locksley, Earl of Huntingdin, stated recently that Turkey shall occupy England no sooner than the reverse (and is curious as to how long it will be till someone else notices the Napolenic tendencies of the French government.).

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#### BUILDING MOVES FOR THE WINTER OF 1963 ARE:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Bud, F Tri  
ENGLAND: A Edin  
FRANCE: A Par, F Mar  
GERMANY: no change  
ITALY: no change  
RUSSIA: removes A Boh  
TURKEY: A Smy

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#### SPRING MOVES FOR 1964 ARE DUE February 20, 1965.

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#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

RUSSIA: James Thomas, 42 Broadway, Youngstown, Ohio

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#### DIRECTORY

Here is a list of Mail Diplomacy Games now in progress or in the process of forming. Subscriptions or entry into the games can be had by writing to the editor in question. Subscription rates are 10 issues for \$1.00.

GRAUSTARK 1964A, GRAUSTARK 1965A, and FREDONIA  
John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York

#### RURITANIA

Originally edited by Dave McDaniel/Ted Johnstone, the game has been taken by John Boardman. It seems that the original editors have absconded. I believe vacancies exist.

#### BROBDINGNAG

Dick Schultz, 19159 Helen, Detroit, Michigan

#### TRANTOR

John Smythe, 621 E. Prospect, Girard, Ohio

#### WILD 'N WOOLY

Steve Cartier c/o Dan Brannan, Apt #5, 106 South Edgemont, Los Angeles 4, California

A real 'wild' publication in which mail games of varying speed are published simultaneously, it is the only bulletin which is illustrated. Vacancies do exist as the Gamesmaster begins a new game as soon as all positions are filled.

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#### COMMENTS

John A. McCallum, Meteorological Section, SES, Ralston, Alberta, Canada  
"If you are writing Schultz tell him thanks for "A Sky on Fire".  
I thought it not bad."

(I agree. Let us hope that Mr. Schultz will send other examples of his work. - ed)

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"Spring 1904"

February 21, 1965

## VENICE FALLS TO AUSTRIANS FRENCH OFFENSIVE ON WESTERN FRONT TAKES KIEL

Munich: The loss of Wilhelmshaven and Kiel naval complexes wrote finis to Wilhelm's grandfather's schemes of world domination. The French offensive stroke, besides destroying the First German Field Army, isolated the Imperial Grand Princes's forces in Denmark and caused the Bavarian Army defending Munich to be surrounded on three sides. Already there are rumors to the effect that the Bavarian Crown Prince and Duke Albrecht of Wurtemberg are negotiating the surrender of their forces. By fall, Bavaria should be in the hands of the French. Denmark has already made overtures to England. It is expected that England will honor the Danish request for liberation.

Moscow: The royal family and assorted friends have already commenced packing for their long exodus to Siberia. Collecting about him those forces still loyal and capable of fighting, Tsar Nicoli has pledged to fight till death the barbarians polluting the sovereign lands of Russia. "With the bodies of my faithful, behind the skirts of the brave, I command you all to fight for your Tsar. Die, so that I may continue to enjoy the pleasures of telling you what to do." And that was how Tsar Nicolas began his lonely trek to the east.

"Get place and wealth, if possible with grace; If no, by any means get wealth and place."

--- Horace

"It's not how you play the game..... but how many supply centers you have."

--- Owen Hannifen

Somewhere in Ukraina: This rich province of the ancient Kievisan Empire fell to the victorious forces of the Ottomans. Though soldiers occupied Ukraina, the gates were opened by treachery. The Mule, agent provocuer for the resurrected leader of the Ottoman Empire, Sulleman the Magnificent, managed to gain entrance into the main fortifications of the Russians by impersonating as an Imperial Food Inspector. Once inside, the infamous arch-criminal placed saltpetre in the borscht, causing the Russian garrisons to lose their manhood. Upon completing his task, The Mule made another of his now famous exits. Where will the terror of the Ottomans strike again?

## MOVES FOR THE SPRING OF 1904

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Alb - Ven, F AdrS (C) A Alb - Ven,  
F Tri (S) A Alb - Ven, A Vie - Boh, A Bud - Vie

ENGLAND: F St.P (H), F Skag - Swe, F Nor (S) F Skag - Swe,  
F Hel - NorS, A Edi (H)

FRANCE: A Ruh - Kiel, A Hol (S) A Ruh - Kiel, A Par - Bur, A Bel - Ruh,  
A Pie - Tus, F Mar - S.C. Spa, F WMed - Tun, F Nap (H)

GERMANY: no moves received ----- deployment of forces is as follows:  
F Den, A Mun, A Ber

ITALY: A Tyr - Ven, A Tus (S) A Tyr - Ven, F Tun - WMed

RUSSIA: no moves received ----- deployment of forces is as follows:  
A Mos, A War

TURKEY: A Gal (S) AUSTRIAN A Vie - Boh, A Rum (S) A Sev - Ukr,  
A Sev - Ukr, A Arm - Sev, A Smy - Arm, F BlaS - Con

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Russian and German units forced to retreat are annihilated and removed from the board by the Gamesmaster.

Deadline for the fall moves is March 6, 1965. Please do not forget to have your moves in on time.

### COMMENTS

I would like to propose a rule change for Mail Game Diplomacy.

If on three separate occasions a player fails to send his moves, if on three separate occasions a player mails his moves late or some combination of the above occurs, the Gamesmaster reserves the right to remove the offending player and replace said player with the first alternate. The offending player will receive no refund.

Is there any comment? My own opinion will wait until the next issue, when I will publish the remarks sent in by interested readers.