

# TRANTOR

#16/ SVG #16

"Spring 1906"

May 9, 1965

## TURKEY BREAKS BALKAN ALLIANCE

### TURKISH CAVALRY OVERRUNS HUNGARIAN PLAINS

### ENGLISH INVASION PARALYZES FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Breschau, Noumaria (January 1, 1906): A hushed quiet rests over the German countryside this morning after the wild revels of last night. The Grand Duke of this tiny sovereignty feasted several dozen Austrian, Hungarian, and Turkish officers in his ancestral castle, while outside thousands of Turkish soldiers reveled in celebration of the new year. Despite the Mohammedan prohibition against alcoholic beverages, the Turkish troops washed down a herd of roast oxen with several barrels of beer from the Grand Duke's cellars. Within the castle, a rather tacky 17th-century imitation of the Grand Trianon, more patrician beverages were served out to the confident officers of the Austro-Turkish alliance.

Under other circumstances, such a riotous celebration might have seemed unwise, with hostile forces in the field. But the enemies of the alliance are far away and helpless today. The last Russian field force surrendered to the Turks last fall, and a severe shortage of supplies caused the French army in southern Germany to be disbanded. A solitary German army holds Berlin, but that city has been in a state of anarchy for three years, and will probably fall to the Turks as soon as they can spare an army to occupy it. There are no French forces on this side of the Rhine.

Tomorrow I will bid my princely host farewell, and travel on to Berlin, whence no reliable news has come since the collapse of the German Empire. The Grand Duke has kindly given me an escort of six of his own bodyguard to see me safely through this doubtful region.

Berlin, Brandenburger Volksstaat (January 15, 1906): No word has come from Berlin to the outside world since, over three years ago, the government of the German Empire collapsed. An English fleet now controls Kiel, awaiting a counter-attack from a French force in the Ruhr Valley. A second French army has just been disbanded in Munich, under the threat of a Turkish force in Silesia. Germany's last field force holds tightly to Berlin, despite the utter collapse of civil government.

With six bodyguards loaned me by the Grand Duke of Noumaria, I entered this city in a commandeered trolley car. (Fortunately, one of the soldiers had been a trolley conductor in Dresden before the war.) We were stopped at Lichtenrade by an unshaven youth in Prussian military jacket and civilian trousers, who claimed to be a sentry for something called "The German People's Imperial Democratic Autarchy". This seemed to be a group of dissident soldiers, supported by a few local civilians. Subsequent checkpoints were manned by "The Army of Universal Armed Peace", "The Anti-Hohenzollern German Empire", "The Socialist Empire Party", "The League for the Reconquest of the Fatherland", "The Pure German Bund", and our present location, "The Brandenburg People's State". These and other fragmentary "governments" are apparently in a state of mutual interminable warfare. We came through without incident, except for a brief skirmish with the "Pure German Bund" in which my bodyguard was forced to kill a fanatic 16-year-old sentry named Schickelgruber.

Berlin is in shambles, and has less than one-fifth of its pre-war population. Few imports have come into the city in recent months, and the various armed bands live off plundering the surrounding population and each other. There is no definite word of the whereabouts of the Emperor, although a persistent rumor has it that Kaiser Wilhelm II and his eldest son escaped at the time of the collapse and are now living in Milwaukee.

The rest of Brandenburg and Prussia is reportedly in no better state. Peasants on the Prussian estates have allegedly risen and driven out or killed the landowning Junker class. The local populace have given up on any hopes of a German revival, and look forward only to the arrival of Austro-Hungarian troops to restore order. Their great fear is that the dreaded Turks, with their sinister kule at their head, will arrive here before the Austro-Hungarians.

--James Branch Water  
Litchfield Times-Despatch

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Moves for the spring of 1906 are:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tyr - Vie, A Boh (S) A Tyr - Vie, A Ven - Tri,  
A Apu - Gre, F IonS (C) A Apu - Gre, F Alb (S) F IonS

ENGLAND: F Kie (H), F Hel (S) F Kie, A Lon - Bel, F NorS (C) A Lon - Bel,  
A Hol (S) A Lon - Bel, A Liv - Wal, A Edi - Yor, F EngC - MidA,  
F Nor - NorWS

FRANCE & GERMANY: no moves received

ITALY: A Rom - Ven, F Nap - Tyr

TURKEY: A War - Pru, A Mos - War, A Sil - Mun, A Gal - Bud, A Uke - Gal,  
F Con - AegS, F Smy (S) F Con - AegS, F Ank - Con

Underlined moves do not succeed. As there were no moves for France, the French fleet in the Aegean Sea is annihilated and removed from the board by the Gamesmaster.

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Deadline for the fall moves for 1906 is May 22, 1965. Please do not forget to send in your moves on time.