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"Winter 1907"

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AUSTRIA CONTINUES TO ARM -- TURKS REGROUP FORCES

The Build Orders for Winter 1907 are as follows:

AUSTRIA: Army Vienna, Army Trieste

ENGLAND: no change

FRANCE: no change

ITALY: no change

TURKEY: Army Ankara

DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1908" MOVES IS SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 1965!

ABOARD THE BRITISH FOURTH FLEET, A whipping gale blew today out of the North, and this British fleet had to stand well out to sea to avoid being driven on an unfriendly lee shore.

On a clear day you can see the new Turkish fortifications at Rügen, Danzig, Memel, and other points along the Baltic coasts now occupied by the minions of the mysterious Mule. But there are few clear days in a Baltic autumn, and there will be fewer in the winter months ahead.

Conjecture about Turkish intent still is the main topic of conversation among the men of the Fourth Fleet, always excepting women and hard liquor. It is no secret that the new Fifth Army has been ordered to Norway to help hold the North of Europe against an anticipated Turkish attack. This army will winter in friendly territory in Scandinavia, and probably fortify the British Occupation Zone of Russia next Spring. The Fourth Fleet, however, is staying for the time being in the western Baltic. Three British armies sit in the Low Countries and Kiel, with the hostile forces of France and Turkey on either side; they will need all the support that Lord Kokesle's fleet can give them.

Through the courtesy of Baron Othmar, Military Attache to the Austro-Hungarian Embassy in London, I have received a brief letter from the Grand Duke of Noumaria, whose guest I was during my sojourn in the Dual Monarchy. He played no small part in the brilliant Austrian victory over the Turks in Bulgaria, and in spite of his youth was promoted on the battlefield of Alexandropolis to lieutenant-colonel. His letter is a scarcely controlled outburst of wrath against the Ottomans, who two years ago sacked his ancestral palace at Strel-saw.

-- James Branch Water

Lichfield Times-Despatch

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