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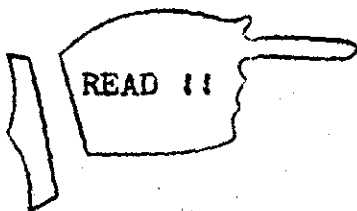
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Game openings: None until some of the others end (hopefully soon)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT....



Since my next deadlines would be the same weekend as Origins I am changing the deadline days. All regular games (except 78FL) will be due on June 25th, a WEDNESDAY. The Blind games will be due on June 24th, a TUESDAY. Please make sure that you mail in time for these deadlines. I figure that I can get the zine done before I go to Origins by using these deadlines. I would have made it 5 weeks instead of 4, but that would have put the due date on July 4th weekend. This is only a few days earlier and should cause no real inconvenience to anyone.

"Bernie Oaklyn"/Tretick at it again.... Sigh...I have tried to stay out of this nonsense as much as possible, but "Bernie" has done it to me again. In his latest Front du Fraud he wrote a lengthy article on a game under investigation by me as Boardman Number Custodian. For those of you who are unfortunate enough to receive his garbage I must make the basic facts clear in this asinine article of "Bernies". First, the issue that is being investigated is whether the GM violated the house rules in the game. THAT is the issue, not the fact that Bern submitted standby orders. The standby could have been John Doe and the issue would still be the same !!! Second, games under investigation are usually not discussed publicly! Bernie has done a disservice by publishing all that rubbish. Finally, the entire issue was so distorted and full of lies that it's ridiculous! An example was the crap about me asking him to send "Courtesy copies" of his 'zine to me with Lee Sr & Lee Jr on the address label. This is so silly that I can't believe he would even mention such a thing (it had nothing to do with the issue at hand). I never asked any GM/Publisher to address his 'zine to me and my son. Also, the few "courtesy copies" of Bernies trash that I did receive went directly to the round file! All I can say is that anything "Bernie" says should be taken with a grain of salt. I guess he gets his kicks out of making a ass of himself. I strongly urge all of you to avoid any Publication that Bernie has anything to do with. You'll be doing yourself a favor !!!

ARTICLES NEEDED.... I am still in need of articles for this 'zine. I have almost nothing for future issues. If any of you have an idea for an article, start writing it! Payment is in the form of free issues.

Last Sunday I took the family to see the Empire Strikes Back. I was very pleased with the film except for the ending. It left some loose ends to be answered and another three years will be a long time to wait for those answers! The special effects were even better than the original Star Wars. There was also a lot more interplay between the characters. In many ways this was a better film than the first one, and that was hard to beat! I highly recommend that you see this. I'll probably see it at least a second time, if not more than that. I just wish we didn't have to wait three years in between the films!

80AN Fall '01 I'll bet some of you were surprised! GM:Sr

Austria(Brawner) A Vie-Gal, F Tri-H, A Ser(s)Ita A Apu-Gre (nso)
 England(Ditter) F Nth-Bel, A Yor-Lon, F Nwg-Nwy
 France(Masters) F Eng-Bel, A Spa-Por, A Gas-Spa
 Germany(Sergeant) F Den-H, A Ruh(s)A Kie-Hol, A Kie-Hol
 Italy(Ledder) A Apu-Tun, F Ion(c)A Apu-Tun, A Ven-Tri
 Russia(McLendon) A War-Ukr, A Ukr-Rum, F Bot-Swe, F Sev-Bla
 Turkey(Blank) A Bul-Gre, A Con-Ser(impossible), F Ank-Con

Supply Centers

Austria: Home, SER	4 build 1
England: Home, NWY	4 build 1
France: Home, POR, SPA	5 build 2
Germany: Home, DEN, HOL	5 build 2
Italy: Home, TUN	4 build 1
Russia: Home, RUM, SWE	6 build 2
Turkey: Home, GRE	4 build 1

Neutral: Bel, Bul

Press: Rome: The King of Italy has authorized the dispatch of relief to each of his four immediate neighbors. Perhaps some volcano or other disaster has stopped the flow of communication.

Venice: Announcing the Italian Ally Contest! The first letter received with a serious proposal will be rewarded with an Italian ally.

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79HD Fall 1904 Lots of centers change hands. GM:Sr

Austria(Hyatt) A Ber ret to Pru. A Pru-War !
 England(Schleinkofer) F Nwg-Edi, A Pic-Bre, F Lon-Nth, F Nwy(s)F Lon-Nth, F Iri-Lvp, F Mid-Por
 France(Pierce) F NAO-Lvp, F Nth-Den, A Bur-Bel, A Bre-Par(dis-Gas,otb)
 Germany(Howe) A Mun-Bur, A Par(s)Eng A Pic-Bre, A Ber-H, A StP-Mos,
 F Bal(s)A Liv, A Liv(s)Aus A Pru-War
 Italy(Hardisty) A Vie-Gal, A Tri(s)Tur A Bud, A Nap-H, A Pie-Mar,
 F Lyo(s)A Pie-Mar, F Tyrs(s)Tur F Tun-Wes
 Russia(Conner) A Rum ret to Ser. A Ser(s)A Gal-Rum, A Gal-Rum,
A Mos(s)F Bla-Sev, F Bla-Sev
 Turkey(Fritter) A Bud(s)A Rum, A Rum(s)A Arm-Sev, A Arm-Sev, F Con-Bla
 F Aeg-Bulsc, F Gre(s)F Aeg-Bul, F Tun-Wes

Supply Centers

Austria: War , WAR	1 even
England: Home, Nwy, Bel , Swe, BRE, POR	7 build 2 (can bld 1)
France: Eng , Mar , Por , Spa, BEL, DEN	3 remove 1
Germany: Mun, Kie, Den , Hol, Par, StP, BER	6 even
Italy: Home, Tun, Tri, Vie, MAR	7 build 1
Russia: War , Mos, Sev, Rum , SER	3 remove 1
Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser , Bud, RUM	7 even

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79AD Winter '07 Separation of seasons GM:Sr

Austria(Cooper) Builds A Vie & A Bud
 England(Schuetz) No change
 France(Callahan) Remove A Lon
 Germany(Loewenstern) Build A Kie See page 1 for deadline
 Italy(Hart) Build F Nap
 Russia(Kador) no change
 Turkey(Schaller) A Sev ret OTB, F Con ret to Aeg (NSU), No retreat received for F Smy so GM retreats it OTB. (Vern, you now don't have to remove F Bla.)

raw proposal:(A/I) 2 yes, 4 no, 1 not voting

press: Ankara: Who was that masked concession proposal? I, of course voted NO.

80A Spr '02 You guys are as nasty as ever !

GM:Sr

Austria(Parker) A Gal-Bud, A Vie(s)A Gal-Bud, F Gre-Alb, A Ser(s)Tur
A Bul-Rum.

England(VanMeter)** (see COA) F Nth(s)F Lon-Eng, F Lon-Eng, A Yor-Wal,
F Nwy-Ska. (last year the english build was reported wrong. I
notified all concerned parties)

France(Schiwautz) A Bel-Ruh, A Par-Bur, A Spa-Gas, F Eng-Bel, F Bre-Pic

Germany(Collins) A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Sil, A Hol-Bel, F Den-Nth, F Kie-Bal

Italy(Arnott) A Bud-H(dis-Tri, otb), A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Ion,
F Tun(s)F Nap-Ion

Russia(Callahan) F Swe-H, A War-Gal, A Mos-Sev, A Ukr(s)A War-Gal,
A Sev-Arm

Turkey(Hardisty) F Rum-Bla, A Bul-Rum, F Con-Bul(ec), A Ank-Arm,
F Smy-Aeg

C.O.A. England. Cadet C.L.VanMeter, 495-80-6749, Deo, 13 Bn 14th Tng
Bde (2nd Plt), Fort Knox, KY 40121 (till june 23rd)

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Press: England: British troops, trained by U.S. are expected to nego-
tiate with Kiasers troops.

Ankara: Turkey is raising a protective screen to divert all the poll-
uted hot air drifting down from the north.

Paris-Berlin: Just wanted to back you up like you promised me.

79V Winter '07 Fra blds A Mar. Rus Blds F StP nc

Spring 1908 4 way draw fails, now what? GM:Sr

Austria(Tucker) F Aeg(c)Ita A Smy-Apu(nso), A Tri-H, A Gal-War,
A Sil & A Tyr & A Boh (s) Rus A Ber-Mun (nso)

England(Cooper) A Swe(s)Rus F Bal-Den (dis-Fin, otb)

France(Bunke) F Nwg-Nwy, F Nth-Den, A Den-Swe, F Ska(s)A Den-Swe,
A Hol(s)A Kie, A Kie & A Ruh, & A Bur (s)A Mun, A Mar-Pie,
F Lyo(s)A Mar-Pie, F Spasc-Wes, F Naf(s)F Spa-Wes, A Mun-H

Italy(Fritter) A Smy-H, F Rom-Tus, F Tun-Wes, F Tyrs(s)F Tun-Wes,
A Pie-H, A Ven(s)A Pie

Russia(Blau) F Bar & F StPnc(s)A Nwy, A Nwy(s)Eng A Swe, F Bal-Den,
A Ber-Kie, A War-H, F Ank-H

The 4 way draw vote was 4 yes 1 no. I was surprised, were you?

Press:Russia : I will be on vacation from June 1-July 25(aproxamate)
you can write me at 13 Lambert Rd, White plains, NY 10605, but I
don't promise to answer promptly.

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79C Winter '08 Eng ret A Kie-Ruh, Rem F Bre. Rus Ret F Smy-Eas,
Blbs A War, A Mos, A StP

Spring 1909 Draw & concession fail, does it really matter?

England(Fleming) F NAO-Nwg, F Nth-Ska, A Hol-Kie(nsu), F Bal-Ber,
A Ruh-Mun (dis-Hol, otb), F Swe-H, (dis-Bot,otb), F Lon-Nth,
A Den(s)A Hol-Kie (nso/nsu), A Bel-H unordered

Germany(Frost) A Par-Bre

Italy(Kelly) A Rom-Ven, A Mar-Bur, F Wes-Mid, F Spasc(s)F Wes-Mid

Russia(Hart) A Nwy-Swe, A Fin(s)A Nwy-Swe, F Bar-Nwy, A StP-Liv,
A Mos-Ukr, A War-Gal, A Kie-Ruh, A Mun(s)A Kie-Ruh, A Ber-Kie,
A Ven-Apu, A Tri-Tyr, A Ser-Tri, A Gre-H, F Sev-Rum, F Eas-Smy,
A Con(s)F Eas-Smy(dis-Bul, Ank, otb)

Turkey(Michalski) A Pie(s)Ita A Rom-Ven, F Por-Mid, F Bla-Con,
F Aeg & A Smy (s)F Bla-Con

The draw vote (ERIT) was 4 yes, 1 no. The concession to Russia was
4 yes, 1 no. The concession to Russia is repropesed. Not voting is Yes.
Press: Smy-Paris: Hey! It's only a game! How did I know what a rotten
buzzard he'd be?

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78HR Winter '09 Aus Bld A Vie. Eng Rem A Edi. Rus Bld F StPnc,
 A Mos, A War. Fra A Den ret to Kie
 Spring 1910 Has a blade been unsheathed? GM:Sr
 Austria(McLendon) A Pie-Mar, F Tun-Wes, F Ion-Tyrs, F Eas-Ion, A Tyr-
 -Mun, A Vie-Boh, A Con-Ank, A Smy(s)A Con-Ank, A Svr-Arm,
 A Bul-H, A Gre-Ser, A Bud-Vie
 England(Hart) F Iri-NAO, F Lvp-Cly, F Nth-Nwy, F Den-Bal
 France(Hyatt) F Mid-Eng, F Nwg-Edi, A Por-H, A Gas-Mar, F Spasc-Mid,
 A Pic-Bel, A Bel-Hol, A Hol-Kie, A Kie-Den, A Ber(s)A Hol-Kie
 Russia(Kovalcik) A War-Pru, F StPnc-Nwy, A Swe(s)F StP-Nwy, A Mos-StP,
 A Rum-Gal, F Bla-Con, A Sev-Arm
 Turkey(Heslin) NMR GM removes F Arm & F Aeg. A Ank-H (dis-ann)
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 Press: Paris-London: After comparing notes with Vienna, we discovered
 your plot to turn us against each other. Nice try though.

79KQ Winter '02 Austria: Rem A Sil* no retreat received for
 F Gre so it goes OTB. England: NMR GM removes F Nwg. Ger: Bld F Kie.
 Russia: Bld A War. Turkey: Build F Smy. * Since Aus forgot to ret
 his F Gre, no removal is required, so he still has A Sil.
 Spring '03 Foulups & missed orders mar this turn GM:Sr
 Austria(Luckinbill) A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Rum, A Ser(s)F Gre-Bul (nso/nsu)
F Gre-Bulsc(nsu), A Sil-H Uno(dis-Pru, Boh, OTB)
 England(Costikyan?) F Cly-H, F Nth-H (dis-Ska, Eng, Edi, Lon, OTB)
 No standby will be called for England. If he misses again
 the position will go in Civil Disorder.
 France(Hart) A Bel-H, A Gas-Mar, A Bur(s)A Gas-Mar, F Spa(s)A Gas-Mar
 F Eng-Mid, F NAO-Lvp. (that should read F Spa sc)
 Germany(Perlmutter) F Den-Nth, F Hol(s)F Den-Nth, F Kie-Hel, A Lon-Yor,
 A Ber-Sil, A Mun(s)A Ber-Sil
 Italy(Cartier) F Tun-Naf, A Pie-Spa, F Lyo(c)A Pie-Spa, A Ven-Pie,
 Russia(Townsend) F Bar-Nwg, F Nwy(s)F Bar-Nwg, A Fin(s)F Nwy, F Rum-
 Sev, A Ukr-Rum, A War(s)A Gal, A Gal-H
 Turkey(Aucott) F Smy-Aeg, F Bla(s)Rus A Ukr-Rum, F Gre(s)F Smy-Aeg,
 A Bul(s)F Gre, A Con-H
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Press: Turkey-Onward and upward (Northwestward actually)
 Russia-Vienna: Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, may your armies rot, may
 your fleets rust.
 Venice: Outraged citizens of venice defeated an invading army here
 last night. Most of the soldiers escaped to the hills but many were
 drowned in the canals. An investigation is to be started soon to
 determine which country tried to invade Italy. Rumour has it that
 they may be French or German. They'll not soon try to take Venice
 again!

1978IA Game ends in an E-G-T- draw.

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Aus	5	6	7	8	6	5	5	4	3	4
ENG	4	4	4	5	5	5	4	6	5	6
Fra	6	6	4	3	4	4	5	3	3	3
Ger	5	6	5	5	6	7	7	9	9	9
Ita	4	4	5	4	2	1	0			
Rus	4	4	6	4	4	5	4	2	2	1
Tur	5	4	3	5	7	7	9	10	12	11

If anyone wishes to submit
 an end game statement please
 submit it by next issue.

Aus--Jim Diehl(R, W02), Konrad Baumeister
 Eng--Dick Shave(D, F04), Dwayne Shreve(R W05), Cliff Hardisty (draw
 Fra--John Machir(R F04), Phil Cooper w 10)
 Germany--Jim Heslin(draw winter 1910)
 Ita-- Brain Bentley(D, F01), Marck Morrison(R F 04), David Joy
 Rus--Fred Wiedemeyer(R, F03), Ed Tucker
 Turkey--Fred Hyatt(draw winter 1910)

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1978FL, winter 1904/spirng 1905

Aus--Bui F Tri, A Vie, Ger--Bui A Mun, Rus--Rem F Bla, F Bot
 Austria(Mooney)A Vie-Tri, A Bud-Rum, A Gal(sup)A Rum-Ukr, A Rum-Ukr,
 A Bul-Con, A Con Ank, F Aeg-Ion F Tri-Adr
 England(Tucker)F Lon(sup)F Nth, F Nth(sup)F Lon, F Nat-Nwg, F Bar-
 Spt(nc), A Stp-Mos
 France(Kelley)F Mid-Wes, F Eng-Mid, F Spa(sc)(s)F Mid-Wes, A Gas(sup)
 A Mar, A Mar-H, A Bel-U
 Germany(Kendter, Jr)A Mun-Tyo, A Hol-Kie, A Sil-Gal, A Lvn(sup)Eng
 A Stp-Mos, A Swe-Pru, F Bal(con)A Swe-Pru
 Italy(Conner)F Lvo-Wes, F Emd-Smy, A Tun-Naf, A Pie-Mar
 Russia(Watson)A War(sup)A Ukr, A Ukr(sup)A War, A Mos(sup)A War(ANN)
 Turkey(Mainardi)A Arm-Sev, F Smy-Aeg

As this is Bill Frank's second NMR in a row Conner takes over. Dead-
 line for the fall 1906 moves is June 21, 1980.

 80AE Winter 1901 Time to build GM:Sr

Austria(Fraunces ?) NMR GM builds A Vie & A Bud (they were obvious)
 England(Conner) Builds F Edi, F Lon
 France(Ditter) Builds F Bre, F Mar
 Germany(Copeland) Builds A Kie, A Ber
 Italy(Tucker) Builds F Nap
 Russia(Frost) Builds A Mos
 Turkey(Turner) Builds F Con
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 Press: Turkey to Moscow: Soon you shall be mine!!! Evil laugh...
 Turkey fleet commander, Nivek Rennut, to German commander :Thanks

 79CP Spring 1905 A/R alliance falling apart? GM:Sr

Austria(Counselman) A Tyr-Pie, A Rom-Ven, A Nap-H, F Tun-Wes, A Bud-
-Ser, F Tri-Alb, A Bul-Con, A Rum-Ukr(dis-Bud, Sev, OTB),
 A Vie-Gal
 England(Beyerlein) F Kie(s)Ger F Pru-Ber(nso)(Dis-Hel, OTB), F Nth-
-Den, F Bal(s)F Nth-Den, F Eng-Nth, A Hol-Ruh
 France(Kelley) F Spasc-Wes, F Mid-Naf, A Mar-Pie, A Bur-Bel, A Par-Bur
 Germany(Cooper) F Pru-Liv
 Italy(Pierce) F Tyrs-Ion
 Russia(English)resigns, replacement below. A Ank-Smv, A Ukr(s)F Bla-
-Rum, A War-Mos, A Nwy-Naf(?), A Mun-Kie, A Ruh(s)A Mun-Kie,
F Con(s)A Ank-Smv, F Bla-Rum, F Swe-H, F Ber(s)A Mun-Kie
 Turkey(Blau) F Smv(s)Aus A Bul-Con
 Will Keith Mercer, 1440 Carrie Way #7, Grove City, PA 16127 take over
 for Russia. Since Keith and Doug(eng) are new, heres a roster.
 Austria:Ken Couselman, 52 Avalon, Bedford, OH 44146
 England:Doug Beyerlein, 640 College, Menlo Park, CA 94025
 France:John Kelley, Box 35, Klickitat, WA 98628
 Germany:Phil Cooper, 19 Dahlgren Pl, Brooklyn, NY 11228
 Italy:David Pierce, 8331 Uxbridge Ct, Springfield, VA 22151
 Turkey: Russell Blau, 92 Hillside Rd., Watertown, MA 02172
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 HELP..... My standby list is greatly in need of some new Blood. I
 would appreciate some of you volunteering for this. I'm tired of ask-
 ing the same people all the time (they have been great, but it tends
 to put a lot of the same people in a lot of games). Let me know by
 next issue if you are willing to do this. Remember, a standby may
 help YOUR game from falling apart sometime !

Thanks, Lee

RUSSIA: The forgotten nation.

By David Perlmutter

One thing that struck me when I first joined the hobby a few months ago was that a vacuum existed in articles about the play of Russia. In fact, to date, I have not seen one. Why is this? Perhaps it is that Russia has so many different openings and choices that people feel frightened to make any generalization about its play for fear that somebody will shoot them down. Well, since I am but a novice I have an excuse for anything stupid I might say. Right? I say am I right? I can just see Mark Berch writing next issue "Mr Perlmutter made the following 437 mistakes..." Oh well.

The main point about Russia is that it is so big. It has seven provinces (every other country has at most six). It has 4 home supply centers. And it takes up a good $\frac{1}{3}$ of the board. This large size can cause problems. Psychologically Russia's size breeds distrust. Let France or Germany get three builds in 1901 and few brows sweat. Yet let Russia pick up 3 and the whole board is in panic that they are about to be overrun. Thus a good Russian player can not satisfy himself with simply gaining SC's. He must also convince the rest of the players that his growth is moderate and no real threat. Sometimes it is better to pass up a build or gain because getting it would really freak out everyone else.

Russia's size also effects the war making ability of it's units. Many times Russian units in a sweep across Europe outdistance their supports. Think how long it takes to get an army in StP or Mos to a war raging in the middle of Germany. Thus Russia many times in it's eagerness to expand becomes a hollow shell that can be cracked in a good counter-attack. Yet it must be said that you should never pass up a gain that would cripple your opponent. But do it in the fall so he has less units to strike back at you with. Russia, thus must keep in mind that gaining a supply center is good but it must be held afterward.

Russia borders on land Germany, Austria, and Turkey but often ends up in conflict with it's sea neighbor England. Now of course the old cliché goes that Russia is prone to be attacked by everybody but the GM. Yet unless the Russian player is hated for personal reasons there is little reason for a total attack on him. After all a 4 way vs Russia would end up giving spoils of only one center per ally. Russia has a lot of room to retreat to. This makes attacking her a long term proposition leaving the attacker open to attacks himself. An example would be a German attack on Russia would entail a number of armies and at least one fleet. What would any smart France do when the kraut has all his units in Russia.

Russia is also the only nation which is at its best when fighting a two-front war. The reason for this is that stagnation invites attack. Too often Russian players convince themselves that they must only fight in one area say the south. However, 5 consecutive F Swe H's tend to invite E/G attack. If Russia seems to be too busy in the south her northern friends get tempted, and vice versa. The point to remember is that don't think that a two front war means attacking more than 2 countries. Try to get one ally on each front.

Now what about openings? Let's get some more free issues...oops I mean look at a few choices. Russia is vulnerable to a total blitz by Germany via A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Sil and by Turkey via A Smy-Arm, F Ank-Bla. Austria can be dangerous by A Vie-Gal. England is not a factor unitwise in 1901. Thus Russia is faced with many options. The one she chooses however should not entail great risk to the loss of a home center. One opening which is bad in this respect is: F StP-Bot, A Mos-StP, A War-Ukr, F Sev-Rum. This leaves War wide open to Aus & Germany. Likewise if the turk blitzes as well Russia is in deep trouble. However, if Russia is able to repel attacks on it's homeland in 1901 then it's in good position to work diplomatically ((continued))

to break up the alliance against it. Thus a good defensive opening move would be: F StP-Bot, A Mos-Ukr, A War Gal, F Sev-Bla. Even if everybody attacked you via: Germany A Ber-Pru, A Mun-Sil, Turkey A Smy-Arm, F Ank-Bla, Austria A Bud-Gal, you would still not lose any home centers in the fall since there would be a bounce in Gal and Bla leaving you free to stand off the Krauts in War, and the Turks in Sev. Good defenses yes but no builds. Still this opening works even better in the much more likely times when nobody or only one or two people attack you.

The conclusions I put forth are simple. Russia is a huge luxury tank. It takes a while to start up and there must be no barriers like stalemate lines in the way. Yet once the tank gets started little can stop it. It must however never outrun its fuel (new units). Play hardball and you should do well.

 Thanks David. As you are new to the hobby I must tell you that a LOT of articles have been written on the play of Russia. However, I have not run one so I hope the readers enjoy it!

1978Icv Youngstown Spring 1909 GM:Karl Schuetz
 China(CD) A Han-H, F For-H
 England(Stimmel) F Nwg-NAO, F Por(s)F Bre-MAO, F Nwy-H, F Nth-Eng,
 F Tim-Tim obb, F Bar-Nwg, F Bre-MAO, F Den-Swe9dis-Hel, Ska)
 Germany(Schleinkofer) F Hol-H, A Ruh(s)F Hol, A Bur(s)A Ruh
 India(Ed Tucker) A Lao-Sha, F Jav-H, A Bum-H(dis-Tha, otb), A Nep(s)
 A Cal, F Cey-Wio, A Vit-Sik, F Gos(s)F Bor, F Eio(s)F Cey-Wio,
 A Cal(s)A Nep, F Mad(s)A Cal, F Bor(s)F Gos.
 Italy(Decker) F SAO(s) F Mor-MAO, F Spa(sc)-Mar, A Mar-Gas, F Nap-Ion,
 A Tyo(s)A Ven-Tri, A Bag-Arm, F MAO-Eng, F Mor-Mao, F Wms-Spasc,
 A Alg-Tun, A Ven-Tri, F Aeg-Con, F Per-Bag, F Mog-Goa, F Som(s)
 F Wio, A Raj-Sid, F Wio-H, F Ara(s)F Wio
 Japan(Cooper ?)NMR F Hon, F Ecs, F Scs, F Npo, F Osa, F Can, F Phi -H
 Russia(Schiwautz) F Swe(s)F Kie-Den, F Bal(s)F Kie-Den, A Ber(s)A Sax-
 -Kie, A Mun(s)A Sax-Kie, A Oms-Sib, A Ira-Tur, A Del-Gal,
 A Kan-Pek, F Vla(s)F Sib-Soo, A Sik-Bum, A Fin-Nwy, F Kie-Den,
 A Sax-Kie, A Boh(s)A Mun, A Sev-Mos, A Kas-Afg, A Tib(s)A Sik-
 -Bum, A Imo(s)A Kan-Pek, F Sib-Soo

DEADLINE for Fall 1909 is Saturday, June 21st, 1980

Press: Moscow to the world: Who ever voted no, because of you the whole class will remain after school.

 Blind #2 Press:

London: England complains of GM's leak to press. As nobody else had been informed of the English moves to Clyde & Wales in spring 1901, the commentator must have received information from the GM.

Austria: WHY ME ?

And again...the brown bag over his head neutral commentator.

Ha, ha, ha, That Lee: always the prankster. But I know that none of you folks are fooled, for after all, didn't I get that S01 analysis right on the button? Well, OK, I flubbed the Italian standoff over Apu. Just a typographic error. But on to the game.

The fall has brought some interesting CHANGES to the start we saw. The east is again simple, although the "battle" over Venice may really portend something next year. Either A-R flubbed or Austria is being cautious, but Turkey pulled off a simple +1 despite being without a freind. This could change if the A-I "battel" proves to be a real war. Where the wise-acre Pope does convoy A Tum (IF he does at all) will tell the story. Did you hear about the Polish pope who...oh, never mind.

The west is the interesting part anyway. Everybody got what you'd expect, including the standoff over Belgium. ((Continued on back))

(commentary continuation)

Yet if you think about it, this is a good indication of a likely E-F war, as France did not go for the Munich I told you was open last time. The only exception was the "surprise" Russian bounce of the Eng. try on Norway, which will leave our London monarch with the same basic 3 to play with next year. (Which of you guys ratted and told him that Iceland was NOT a center?) Perhaps my commentary is having some effect though, as F Wal-Eng shows a little light appearing in the otherwise non-existent English war plans. A season late, but better than nothing, I guess. What will he do in the face of Stev's two fleet builds takes little guesswork. F & R are really looking good for the long run in this thing right now. Come on, Germany & Italy: show a little aggressiveness like the French and Austrians are doing, so somebody can give this Russian some competition down the pike! Remember, I'll be watching you!

Why is this issue two sheets less?? I didn't realize that it was until a few minutes ago! I guess a lot of factors contributed; Some winter only seasons, not many supply center charts, lack of press, etc. I don't have anything else to put in here so, I hate to send out less, but so be it.

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