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"Take a letter. -- 'Dear Mr. Phillips: Regarding your list of people we should take into custody because they won't play the game your way...'"

Horrors! Here you were expecting something worthwhile in your mailbox today, and all you get is WILE

'N' WORRY. There are no game openings, but you guys are already stuck. Gluttons for punishment may take stand-by positions as provided in House-Rule 13. Subscriptions are 10/\$1. Back issues are 5c each in lots of 2 or more and 3c each in lots of 5 or more (available: 1-33). This is Pandemonium Publication #486, edited and published by Rod Walker, 4719 Felton St., San Diego CA 92116; telephone, (714) 282-1921; member, PDC, IFW, PDRG, IDS, and the "DipOrg".

THE FUR FLIES

1. STAND-BY POSITIONS are also open in SERENDIP. Players in WILE 'N' WORRY can receive the other 'zine for an additional charge of only 5c an issue (1/3 the regular subscription) (so long as you are not replaced under H.R. 13).

2. THE NEW "DIP ORG" is now holding its first election of officers. What others have promised, it and it alone has delivered. Membership in the group is \$1; write Larry Peery, 816 24th St., San Diego CA 92102.

3. DELAYS. You will note the very long deadlines. My doctoral exams are in May and I must cut down everything temporarily. Hopefully, by later this year, we can pick up the tempo and get back to triweekly deadlines.

1970AE -- EUROPE NEAR COLLAPSE?

Summer 1906: We have two problems in this game. First: three of the four players failed to submit orders (I have orders only for Lakofka [ITALY] and stand-by Horton [for AUSTRIA]). Continuing this game under such circumstances hardly seems worth while. Second: Len Lakofka is certain that Tom Wilson was never actually dropped. He has a good memory about such things and, as I have observed before, there is a hiatus in the printed record for the game and LA GUERRE is none too clear on this point. I believe we should therefore see about contacting Tom. I will do so. The last address I have for him is 7556 Apperson St., Tujunga CA 91042. Once I hear from him (or fail to hear from him, as the case may be), we can straighten out this whole mess. Meanwhile: players who have failed to submit orders (Wilson, Inzer, Weber) have exactly 10 days from the postmark date of this issue to submit a set of Fall 1906 orders. Those who do not will be dropped for missing two consecutive headlines. I will accept late orders if you have some sort

of valid reason and if you are not too late. The important thing is to get those orders in. This game will be resumed as soon as I can straighten out the personnel problem, and if we have enough personnel to continue. There is no sense in continuing to spend money on this game if the players have no more interest in it than has lately been evinced.

Note: In S06, the FRENCH order F Spa(sc)-Lyo failed. In Su06, the ITALIAN A Mun P-Sil.

1971BE -- GERMANS FLEE FATHERLAND IN SEARCH OF LEBENSRAUM IN THE EAST
HUGE BATTLE FOR ITALY SHAPES UP AS FOUR NATIONS CONVERGE
RUSSIANS SUSTAIN FOUR-POWER INVASION--ENTIRE ARMY DROWNS IN DVINA

Spring 1904: My thanks to Doug Beyerlein for his stand-by orders, which could not be used.

AUSTRIA (Key): A Scr-Gre, A Tri-Pic, A Tri-Ven S by F Adr, F Ion-Tyn.

ENGLAND (Keathley): F Edi-Nch, A Lon H, F Nth-Ska, F Nwy-StP(nc), F Hol-Kie, A Bel-Hol.

FRANCE (Smythe): F Mid-Wes, F Bre-Mid, F Mar-Lyo, A Ruh S ENGLISH F Hol-Kie, A Bur-Mun.

GERMANY (Goldstein): A Swe-Lvn C by F Bal and S by A Pru, A Sil-War, A Mun-Boh.

ITALY (Eller): F Apu-Nap S by A Rom, F Wes-Tun.

RUSSIA (Naus): A Mos-War, A Lvn-Pru /d/, A StP-Fin, A War-Sil.

TURKEY (Thomson): A Con-Bul, F Smy-Aeg, F Nap-Rom /r//Ion, d/, A Arm -Sev S by F Bla, A Rum-Ukr.

FALL 1904 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 15 June 1972.

NO SOURCE GIVEN: "Good evening, friends, and welcome once again to Strange Interlude. This is your host, Ralph Gutcolon, and tonight we welcome a very unusual guest on the show, the venerated soldier and statesman, Graft von Warren. Tell me Graft, a little tip for our listeners maybe; how does an old man like you stay alive?"

"Is good you ask. I get up myself early in morning, for to shoot water rat for morning meal. Sometimes I get a peasant too. Always I take breakfast with two quarts wine vinegar. Next, I ring for orderly to soak all carpets with raw ether...."

"That's very interesting, Graft. I see here by my fact sheet that you hold several sporting titles. Ah, just what sort of sport is grape twiddling?"

"Is very big in Eudapest. Have you a grape on your person and I demonstrate. My thanks. Object of grape twiddle is to eat grape like so. First, place grape securely in nostril, but not too tight, ja? Now to dislodge grape with tongue and into mouth, so. Hands must always be in pockets. Never have I missed."

"You stick it in your nose....? Whoops, lost it there. Say, that is tricky, Graft. You make it look so easy. Moving right along here, I'm sure all our listeners are interested in hearing about the new symphony penned in your honor."

"Oh, ja, is Magic Bowl Movement composed by Johann Amaleus Machesky, world's greatest. He write me note to say how he inspired by my great stuff and how he like to dedicate new music works to my person. Is great honor to inspire such works."

"And very appropriate too, Graft. I think that's not too much to expect from one who graduated second in his class from the Jack Webb School of Acting. Is it really true that in your country that is the equivalent of, say, West Point?"

"Ja, it has always been considered so."

Russia, feeling secure in the south with Austria but probably being lied to by Turkey, has attempted a half-hearted northern campaign which is likely coordinated with Germany--a necessary partner to such a move. Germany has moved to secure both Hol and Bel with Kiel acting to protect Mun or secure Den. Yet Germany could have been far stronger in a more classic move of F Kie-Den. This would form a solid union with his Russian ally. If Germany is not allied with Russia, and Russia began his northern adventure alone, then both of these countries are ripe for early demise.

France has strongly made his might known by forcing occupation of Burgundy. This, coupled with the Italian offensive into Tyrolia, spells great peril for Germany. He must decide if the attack is coincidental or coordinated. From the Austrian move, it appears perhaps coincidental.

Why have I said there is a failure to negotiate by 6 of the 7 countries? England failed to obtain non-intervention (or threat of it) in Norway. France forced Bur when a more relaxed move was available. Italy did not surprise Austria, as Austria covered Tri. Austria did not negotiate peace with Italy or else he would have gone to Bud or held. Russia didn't see the Turkish first step in a southern blitz. Germany has moved to secure the lowlands but is threatened from West and South and could be bounced in Denmark. Only Turkey's move, if the alliance pattern is correct, has done his homework--but only the Fall will tell.

1972W -- ITALY MARCHES INTO AUSTRIA; RUSSO-TURKISH TENSION ERUPTS

Spring 1901: This game seems to have elicited a large number of PRs; more than I can reasonably print at any one time within the limited scope of this 'zinc. Players should also note House Rule 9. I mean it.

AUSTRIA (Tretick): A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Bud.

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Edi-Nrg, F Lon-Nth, A Lpl-Yor.

FRANCE (Linstrom): F Bre-Mid, A Mar H, A Par-Pic.

GERMANY (Fleming): A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh, F Kie-Den.

ITALY (Winter): F Nap-Ion, A Rom-Ven, A Ven-Tri.

RUSSIA (Hrbek): A Mos-StP, A War-Ukr, F StP(sc)-Bot, F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (Rocamora): F Ank-Bla, A Con-Eul, A Smy-Con.

FALL 1901 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 15 June 1972. Buddy Tretick is now at P.O. Box 34046, Bethesda MD 20034.

LONDON (Buckingham Palace) (March 1901): The Royal Physician has announced that His Majesty, King Fredrich Wilhelm Smythe-Jones III, has suddenly taken ill with a rare disease. "I have prescribed a sea voyage followed by a pleasant holiday among the Fjords of a European country that must remain secret because of these unsettled times," said Sir Phideus Quack. A large contingent of Royal Marines, as well as a naval task force, will accompany the King to insure his personal safety as well as help tramp down the grass at the proposed picnic sites.

MOSCOW (1 April 1901): Just prior to his departure for Sevastopol, where he would spend his traditional Easter Sunday hunting elusive Easter eggs, the Chairman of the Committee of One assembled the six Nonentities for an emergency session of the Committee. Sources close to the Committee revealed that the session dealt with rumors of impending hostilities which have been emanating from various capitals. After several hours of secret discussions, the Committee released a statement deploring hostility and aggression and reminding all that the Western Imperial Russian Monarchy harbors only good will toward all peoples. After this decision the committee decided by the unanimous vote of 1-0 to table all further discussions until after the Fertility Festival in the late Spring. The Chairman then departed for Sevastopol, followed closely by the Nonentities who would assume their traditional roles as a half dozen elusive Easter eggs.

"And, of course, it's well known that you are one of your country's largest landowners and durable politicians, in addition to your many other fabulous talents. Well, Graft, it seems that fortune has smiled once again and our time is just about gone. Thanks for being part of our show, and we'll look forward to having you again. That's it for tonight, folks. Remember to be tuned in next week, when our featured guest will be Ibn M'r-hann, one of the foremost sclick."

1972D -- RUMANIA, TUNIS RETAIN FREEDOM; GOVERNMENT CRISIS LOOMS IN ITALY

Fall 1901: Marty Torres, in lieu of adjustments, must send a statement of intent to play; otherwise I will have to replace him. Judging from other orders, Marty has been negotiating, but no orders came in, I have no General Orders, and so on.

AUSTRIA (Welsh): A Tri-Vie, F Alb-Gre S by A Ser. Owns: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser (5). Build 2.

ENGLAND (Ansher): A Yor-Nwy C by F Nth and S by F Nrg. Owns: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Nwy (4). Build 1.

FRANCE (Biehl): F Mid-Por, A Mar-Spa, A Bur S ITALIAN A Tri-Mun /nso/. Owns: Bre, Mar, Far, Por, Spa (5). Build 2.

GERMANY (Atteberry): A Kie-Den, A Ruh-Bel S by F Hol. Owns: Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Den, Hol (6). Build 3.

ITALY (Torres?): NMR. F Ion, A Ven, A Tri /h/. Owns: Nap, Rom, Ven (3). No change.

RUSSIA (Cartier): A StF-Nwy, A Ukr-Sev, F Bot-Swe, F Sev-Rum. Owns: Mos, StP, Sev, War, Swe (5). Build 1.

TURKEY (Osmanson): F Ank-Bla, A Bul-Rum, A Arm-Sev. Owns: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul (4). Build 1.

WINTER 1901 ADJUSTMENTS are due on Thursday, 27 April 1972.

DRACONIS (29 September 1901)(Incubi Press [via Vienna]): Prof. H. P. Gallois is reportedly extremely pleased with the inclusion of Princess Lucretia di Borgia in his graduate seminar, "Advanced Demons, Sprites, and Familiars" (N.S. 227) here at the University. "Yes," he said, "a rather depraved type is needed as an acolyte in the orgy prior to the Summoning of Cthulhu." The Princess is stated as feeling the position to be very rewarding, as it is directly under Prof. Gallois. [Reports from Butler Press indicate that there has been a lot of Summoning of Cthulhu lately, and that Prof. Gallois has found this very satisfying. So has Cthulhu.]

[Ed. note--Len Lakofka, President of IFW and Editor/GM of LIAISONS DANGEREUSES and NEOPHYTE, as well as Diplomacy columnist for INTERNATIONAL WARGAMER, has sent me a short analysis of the S01 season. I think the players, and the readers, will find it interesting. Len writes:]

The game is showing a glaring failure to negotiate, or failure in negotiation, by England, Russia, Italy, Austria, France, and Germany. Other than these negotiations are going apace. Examination of the military climate shows that a defensive move (showing a failure to negotiate a settlement) was made to Austria (to Tri) to offset an unsure move by Italy. The existence of an Austro-Russian pact is shown by unoccupied Gal and the move to Tri, as opposed to a Hold or a move to Bud.

An Italian-Turkish alliance is equally likely. As pointed out by me in HOOSIER ARCHIVES 61, Turkey can only afford an aggressive move vs. Russia with a friendly Italy and, at least, a passive Austria. Were Turkey to move to Arm with a hostile Austria and/or Italy, his demise would be rapid and not immediate.