

# World News and War Report



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The World News and War Report is a Diplomacy journal, published monthly by the Prussian Guard. The Editor, GM, and entire staff is John Mensinger, 1320 Magnolia Ave., Modesto, Ca., 95350. I am a member of the N3F Games Bureau Diplomacy Division and of the Diplomacy Association. I urge your active support of these two worthwhile Diplomacy organizations.

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Trade Policy-WN&WR welcomes trading and will do it on an all-for-all basis.

Game Openings-Currently we have openings 1 Regular 7 man game and one Youngstown Variant game.

Numbering System-We use Boardman numbers to identify our games. We also use our own system. Regular games are simply numbered, e.g., Game 1. Youngstown Variant games have the prefix Y before a number, e.g., Y 1. And the Tourney Games have the prefix T, e.g., T 1.

House Rules-Currently I am still working on the House Rules. Hopefully they will be done by next month.

I would like to apologize for the lateness of this issue, school starts for me next week, and I have been enjoying the last bit of my vacation. However, I have finally gotten myself resigned to doing this damn thing, so here goes!

I have yet to hear from John Beshara regarding my HR's. Since I want John's opinion very much, we are going to wait another month.

Game 2 should be starting next month. Y 1 should also start next month. As soon as these games are filled up we'll start some more.

~~I would like to urge you people to send me anything you'd like published. Cartoon, political opinion, satire, a funny story, whatever, I will print it. I have lots of space.~~

On the next page are the rules to the IV game. Players will be sent the map with the issue that announces the game.

## By Way of Explanation

The first page of this months issue was written about 20 days ago. I never got any farther till now.

I started working on the September issue about the 10th of the month. But unfortunately due to some unforeseen circumstances (not having a master, then not having a typewriter, etc.) I was delayed for a bit. Till School started. Well, I was rather busy, and I kept putting it off till about the 20th. Then I said to myself, "Well, it's so late now, why bother about it." So I decided to skip a month. Which is why this is being mailed in October.

In the future, I will either be very prompt, or very unprompt, but never in between. I realize it must irritate you people for me to blow it like this, but sometimes it just can't be helped. I'll do my best, but in my life I have a certain order of doing things, and sometimes Diplomacy isn't very high on the list, and consequently doesn't get done. I feel for you people to lose a month is no great tragedy. However, for me to get this out sometimes takes too much time, which might cause a personal tragedy of sorts for me.

Game II now has five players, and I hope it will be filled by next month. Y I now has 7 players, and I too hope it will soon be filled.

John Deahara has not yet sent me his views on my HR's, however, I heard he has had a death in the family recently, and he is busy handling financial matters or something like that. If John doesn't have the comments to me by next month, I'll go ahead with the HR's anyway.

For you people who dig variant diplomacy, and Space Wargaming, I would recommend looking into the 'zine Supernova, published by Lew Pulsipher, 8244 Swift Rd., Battle Creek, Mich., 49017. It costs a buck for seven issues, and for 15 cents Lew will send you a sample. Supernova consists of articles dealing with Space Wargaming, various announcements on Space Wargaming, and variant diplomacy games. Like I said, if that's what you like, you ought to check it out.

Well, I can't think of a whole lot more to say, so,

### The Youngstown Variant

Revised Version, June 1968

1. The Youngstown Variant is a game for 10 players, representing the 7 major powers on the Diplomacy board, plus the Viceroyalty of India, the Empire of China, and the Empire of Japan. The Rules of Diplomacy are used, except as indicated below.
2. There are 72 supply centers. Victory is achieved by the player who possesses 37 units for a period of 1 year, complete with retreats, builds, and removals.
3. In addition to the normal positions of pieces, players also start with the following home supply centers and units:

Austria: A Cluj	India: A Delhi, A Calcutta, F Madras
China: A Peking, A Hankow, F Canton	Italy: F Mogadiscio
England: F Johore, F Liverpool (not A)	Japan: F Tokyo, F Osaka, F Kyoto
France: F Saigon	Russia: A Omsk, F Vladivostok
Germany: A Posen	Turkey: A Baghdad
4. Note that there are some changes made in the original board.
5. It is possible to move units from the eastern edge of the board to the western edge and vice versa. In each province from which it is possible to make such a move, there is a box indicating the allowed destinations. This is called the OB ("Off-Board") Box. A unit desiring to move through the Box may move to the OB Box in its province or body of water in one turn. On the next turn, the unit may

(1) move to any of the spaces listed in the Box, (2) move back to its original space, (3) hold in the OB Box, or (4) give support into any destination space listed in the Box or into the space in which the Box is located. Fleets in OB Boxes may form portions of convoy chains. Movement and support from and into OB Boxes is limited by the inherent capabilities of armies and fleets. Units may retreat to OB Boxes. A unit may support into OB Boxes which are located in its space or which list its space as a destination.

6. The province of Suez leads from E Med to Red, and lies within the province of Egypt. An Army may pass from Jordan to Egypt to Pentapolis, Sudan, or Fessan without entering the canal; a fleet may pass from Red Sea to Suez to E Med without entering Egypt. In both cases, movement the reverse of that listed is also possible. An Army may occupy Suez. A fleet may also move Egi (nc)-Sue-Egy (sc) and vice versa.

7. Abbreviations in use will be the same as in other games, except where otherwise indicated on the map.

If any of you have any questions regarding these rules, please write me.

### The Tourney

There are a number of address changes:

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T 1 Peace of last 30 years shattered! Austrians attacked by brutal Russi- Spring 1901  
ans and Italians! Turkey prepares for siege of Sevastapol! Strange  
Ships seen off the White Cliffs of Dover! Kaiser takes Denmark!

Austria-Hungary (Wilson) F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Tri, A Bud-Ser.

England (Rubin) F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Liv-Edi.

France (Eller) F Bre-Eng, A Par-Bar, A Mar S A Par-Bar.

Germany (Goss) F Kie-Dan, A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Kie.

Italy (Fong) F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Apu.

Russia (Bird) F St P (5C)-Bot, F Sev-Rum, A Mos-Sev, A War-Gal.

Turkey, (Burke) F Ank-Ela, A Smy-Arm, A Con-Bul.

T 1

Bull

Spring 1901

Salerno, August 1901, From the summer "Green House" Count Yorge, Foreign Minister of the Italioli Republic (sic) has stated to the press that a color guard demonstration unit is on its way to Tyrolia, accepting an invitation from the Jöhundach 27th ROTC unit.

London, Prime Minister Neville Saye-Dye today commissioned Sir Lancelot Lechington, KB, DSC, VC, KGB (on the side), with the task of uniting all major powers in a peaceful economic and military coalition under the leadership of the most powerful nation (or England, whichever is closer to home.) "Lech," as he is fondly known, plans to visit Cannes, Monte Carlo, Hamburg, Vienna, Paris and Weehauken N.J. in the near future. Reliable sources cite rumors to the effect that "Lech" hopes to centralize one of the oldest professions, and a European Mainstay, and so obtain an economic stranglehold. A successful mission for Lechington would mean frustration for certain foreign plotters (all kinds of frustrations!)

T 2 Russians and Austrians at War! Other World Powers Jockey  
for position in preparation for liberal administration of  
the old-fashioned, but still effective "Shaft"!

Spring 1901

Austria-Hungary (Goss) F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Ser.

England (Wilson) F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Liv-Edi.

France (Bird) F Bre-Eng, A Mar-Spa, A Par-Pic.  
Germany (Eller) F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh.  
Italy (Burke) F Nap-Try, A Rom-Tus, A Ven-Pie.  
Russia (Rubin) F St. P (SC)-Bot, F Sev-Rum, A Mos-St. P, A War-Gal.  
Turkey (Fong) F Ank-Ela, A Smy-Arm, A Con-Bul.

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Bull

Spring 1901

From England: What is Russia doing?

Moscow, Tsar Tsepesh the Horrible today declared a holy war against all mortals. While not directly referring to his Transylvanian ancestry, the exiled Count of Dracula did threaten to "take a bite" out of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Fortunately, Tsepesh was committed to a home for the incurably sane when his claim to be a lycanthrope was borne out at a moonlight picnic at a Ukrainian resort. A provisional government under Count Mishka the Mad Magyar has indicated support for the Austro-Hungarian Empire in its war against just about everyone else.

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Italians and Austrians hack it out! Russians  
Invade Galicia! Russians and Turks battle f-  
or Black Sea! WESTERN EUROPE AT PEACE!!!!!!

Spring 1901

Austria-Hungary (Bird) A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Tyr, F Tri-Ven.  
England (Goss) A Liv-Edi, F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth.  
France (Fong) A Par-Pic, A Mar-Bur, F Bre-Mid.  
Germany (Wilson) A Ber-Kie, A Mun H, F Kie-Den.  
Italy (Rubin) A Rom-Apu, A Ven-Tri, F Nap-Ion.  
Russia (Burke) A Mos-Ukr, A War-Gal, F St. P (SC)-Bot, F Sev-Ela.  
Turkey (Eller) A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con, F Ank-Ela.

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Bull

Spring 1901

Germany to Italy: Let there be peace between our two states.

Rome, Sott II, King of Italy, again shocked the world by breaking the world's record among royalty for boozing (set by himself in 1897). Sott consumed 92 gallons of Ripple and 2 quarts of shoe polish in 36 hours at the ceremonies marking the investiture of Meyer CDXGIV as new Pope. Black stains on the Vatican courtyard and a glass bottle drive by the local Boy Scouts confirm this feat.

Modesto, California, USA, Vice President in charge of sales, Loyd Joiner today announced that the E.J. Gallo "I don't care what it costs" award for the year of 1901, will be awarded Sott II, King of Italy. The Lucky King will get a 10 foot engraved Ripple bottle, in addition to 100 cases of premium Red Mountain wine.

Vichy, August, Rebellious French volunteer units, angry over recent prohibition laws in the provinces of Paris and Marseilles, have staged a mad rush to the lush provinces of Picardy and Burgundy. Stated one of the rebels. . . "Everyone knows what Burgundy does for prohibition." "So what does Picardy do for Prohibition or you?" asked an innocent news reporter from America. Replied the rebel, "It seems your last assignment to the Ottoman empire has gone to your head. After all," He said sympathetically, "we do know what Turkey is, for the most part, a very "dry" country but it is no excuse. Surely you, even one as innocent as you, knows that on hot lush summer days, a good drunk-fest with women has no equal. . . and what could be more plentiful in women than anywhere in France? And what could be more refreshing, as in the tropics, as some good LUM. Surely you've had Pic-cary and Coke!" After some thought, the reporter smiled and dryly replied, "Verry puzzy." (With no thought whatsoever, your editor replies, "retsh.")

France to Germany: As to your suggestion that I stay out of Burgundy, France buckles to no one especially with regards to provinces in her own borders.

Paris, The North Sea is an English Lake as the Mid-Atlantic is to France. But between England and France, he who enters the English (in name only) channel first shall be the aggressor, and will be the cause of war between our two states.

Well, that is it for the moves and propaganda. I would like to thank all of the players who sent in PR's, they were very much appreciated. I hope to see more for next issue. Speaking of next issue, we will be going into a new format, but of that, more later.

As far as the system for deciding the winner of the tourney, Tom Eller came up with the following suggestion. He would give 1 point to each player for each supply center held during a fall turn. Frankly, I don't like this system, as it changes the victory criteria, or rather, it contradicts the victory criteria. A player normally wants to win as soon as possible. However, with this system a player would find it to his advantage to drag out the game. I do appreciate Tom making this suggestion. I didn't ask for your help on this (at least I don't think I did) but at any rate, I certainly would gladly hear any ideas any of you might have on this. When we have a good number of alternatives, we'll have a vote.

Deadline for moves is October 26, 1971, a Tuesday. Please be prompt, and maybe I will be.

Game 1                    Turkey moves on Mother Russia! French fleet in English Channell! Other great powers picking on helpless Neutrals!                    Spring 1901

Austria-Hungary (Carr) A Vie H., A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb.  
England (Oliver) A Liv-Wal, F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nwg.  
France (Sprowles) A Mar-Spa, A Par-Bar, F Bre-Eng.  
Germany (Brooks) A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh, F Kie-Hol.  
Italy (Weber) A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Ion.  
Russia (Antosiak) A Mos-St. P., A War-Ukr, F St. P (SC)-Bot, F Sev-Hla.  
Turkey (Zablocki) A Con-Bul, A Smy-Arn, F Ank-Hla.

Game 1                    Bull                    Spring 1901

Berlin, Germany-The Kaiser wishes to be friends with all. We desire only living space; however those who send nasty notes will do well to remember the lessons on 1870. Those who bite the hand of friendship may find themselves picking up their teeth.

Rome, Italy, Feb. 20, 1901 (Reprinted from the Bologna Press)-Despite the minor skirmishes expected in Europe this year, the Olympia games shall be held this summer as planned in Rome. Officials of the games do expect that the impending war will heighten the fervor of the crowd somewhat as they watch the international athletes compete against each other.

Already the people who enjoy the games the most, the Bookmakers, are placing odds on the Germans to win the "Throwing of the Lions to the Christians" competition; the Russians to win the "Peasant Revolt" competition; the Turks to win, place, and show in the "Hash Smoking" competition; the French to win the "Charge the Machine Guns" competition; England is not expected to win the Crimean War; and the Austrians are expected to finish last or second to last behind us Italians.

Pope Pete is scheduled to officially start the games by saying "Jesus saves. . . Go, Kill!"

Russia, St. Petersburg, May 1, 1901-Russia's Ministry of war announced today that a detachment of the Imperial fleet had left for maneuvers in the Gulf of Bothnia. At the same time, the departure of a peacekeeping goodwill visit by the Imperial Black Sea Flotilla to various seaports in Rumania. Baron Josef Antosiak has recently been named Minister of War, replacing nobody in particular.

From France: The French pigs are interested in any openings in tournaments for leap-frogging or loving. Any and all challenges in truffle-hunting gladly accepted.

Vienna, Austria-Hungary, Indeed this is the warring states period.

Moves for game 1 are due on October 26, a Tuesday.

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I would like to apologize to Joe, he gave me his address change before July, but I lost it. Ben Zablocki will be on vacation till October 15, 1971, and he has appointed Rich Purdy, 7242 DeSoto #7, Canoga Park, Ca., 91303, to negotiate for him.

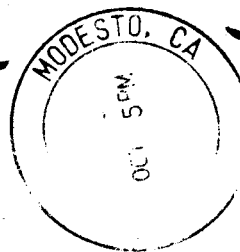
I would like to thank all you people for your PR's, they liven up this otherwise dreary 'zine. Keep it up.

#### Final Note to All Players

I am very pleased with the participation of you all. Everybody got in their moves. Many of you wrote press releases. And when I was a month late, some of you wrote, and asked why. Wow! The only lazy ass who was late was yours truly, who will try not to make it two in a row. Keep it up and this 'zine and the games will be much better for it. Starting next month I'll have a slightly different format which should be more interesting. Well, till next month then, good bye.

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