



"And you can shave off that moustache for a start."

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 (You didn't expect two six-pagers in succession did you? Huh.) (This magazine has been folding for longer than the lifetime of most magazines!) (I wonder if I can do the entire front page 'editorial' in brackets?) (No reason why not - I'm the one typing it, after all.) (Me being Mick Bullock, of 36 Greenroyd, Greetland, Halifax, W. Yorkshire HX4 8DT, England.)

Well, maybe I won't after all. (Use brackets throughout.)

Well, maybe I'll start off another sentence with Well, maybe. Well, maybe - in fact, definitely - as I'm waffling and also as New Statsman doesn't seem likely to appear this side of the next World Cup I'll spacefill with a few Boardman Numbers for new gamestarts (file under Boring Front Pages of our Time). If you've started a new game up to the beginning of July and still don't have a BN, first, check NS (Ron Rayner, Don Turnbull please note), second, tell me, 'cos I've missed it. Here goes! (N.B. all of these are preceded by 78, of course....)

DO - Dolchstoss D35W; DP - Gallimaufry Hawk; DQ - Leviathan Obelus; DR - Enigma 2;
 DS - Chimaera Venus; DT- Whisky Mac 1; DU - Megalomania Three; DV - Meg. Four;
 DW - Jigsaw Incendiary; DX - FoE 14; DY - Tinamou R; DZ - Chimaera Woden;
 EA - PTN 12/78; EB - WM2; EC - Meg. Five; ED - Filibuster 1; EE - FoE 15;
 EF - Blitz 2; EG - Enigma 3; EH - Jigsaw Jaundice; EI - Lemming Express Troll;
 EJ - Pigmy 3; EK - FoE 16; EL - RRR Braysdown; EM - Pyrrhic Victory Aragon;
 EN - Jigsaw Kismet; EO - Sauce Germany; EP - Gummi VI; EQ - Dolchstoss D36W;
 ER - Dolchstoss DS3; ES - Pigmy 4.

71 Standard gamestarts in the first 6 months (and a few days) of the year, compares with 67 at this stage last year, and compares favourably with spacefillers elsewhere.

1901...KING (1975 FT)

Retreating Russian A(Gal) unordered, therefore disbanded.

Autumn 1909 Orders.

ENGLAND(Anarchy) Has F's(NTH*, Lon), A's(Edi, Lpl, Nor).

FRANCE(Sharp) F(ENC)S.F(Hol)-NTH F(Hol)-NTH A(Kie)-Den A(Bur)-Mun
 A(Sil)S.A(Ber)-Pru A(Ber)-Pru A(Gal)-Vie A(Apu)-Ven
 A(Pie)S.A(Apu)-Ven F(Rom)-Nap F(WMS)-TYS F(Tun)S.F(WMS)-TYS
 A(Tyr)S.A(Ven)-Tri A(Bu)S.A(Ven)-Tri* A(Ven)-Tri

GERMANY(Nuttall) A(Swe)-Den

RUSSIA(Blewitt) NMR. A's(War, Mos) stand.

TURKEY(Barnes) F(ADS)-Ven F(LOS)-Nap F(Gre)-IOS F(Rum)-BLA A(Bul)-Rum
 A(Ser)S.A(Tri)-Bud A(Tri)-Bud A(Sev)-Ukr

*English F(NTH) annihilated; French A(Bud) retreats to Gal.

State of the Nations.

	<u>Loses</u>	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Retains</u>	<u>Builds/</u>	<u>Removes</u>	<u>Controls</u>
ENGLAND	Swe		Lon Lpl Edi Nor	0		4
FRANCE	Bud		Par Bre Mar Spa Por Mun Bel Kie Rom Tri Tun Nap Vie Ven Ber Hol	+1	o.f.	16
GERMANY		Swe	Den	+1		2-1
RUSSIA			StP War Mos	+1		3
TURKEY		Bud	Con Smy Ank Bul Rum Ser Gre Sev	+1		9

THE KOP:

No way (I think....) can Richard be stopped from winning next Autumn - Tri is defendable (hmm, no it isn't!), but Vie is even if Gal falls (and for Gal to fall Warsaw has to be left vulnerable) - and Lon and Den can fall in two seasons with either of the other two English centres to follow. Oh well, play it out if you must, but if you want to save postage, capitulate next turn. Send Winter/Spring anyway - compulsory!

1901...NAN (1977 BL)

1908 Adjustments.

England, removes F(Por); Italy, builds A(Ven); Russia, builds A(War).

Spring 1909 Orders.

ENGLAND(Brophy) F(Nor)-Swe* F(SKA)S.F(Nor)-Swe F(Lpl)-IRI A(Par)-Pic
 F(ENC)S.A(Par)-Pic F(Bre)S.A(Par)-Pic A(Bel)S.A(Par)-Pic*
 F(NTH)S.F(Hol) F(Hol)S.A(Bel)

FRANCE(Allaway) A(Mar)-Gas

ITALY(Hendry) F(IRI)-Wal F(MAO)-NAO F(WMS)-MAO F(Naf)S.F(WMS)-MAO
 F(TYS)-WMS A(pa)-Por A(Vie)stands A(Ven)stands

RUSSIA(Smart) A(StP)S.F(Swe)-Nor A(Fin)S.F(Swe)-Nor F(Swe)-Nor F(BAL)-Den
 A(Den)-Kie A(Liv)stands A(Kie)-Hol A(Ruh)S.A(Kie)-Hol
 A(Pic)-Bel A(Bur)S.A(Pic)-Bel A(Mun)S.A(Den)-Kie
 A's(Tyr, Gal, Bud) stand F(LOS)stands A(War)-Sil

*English F(Nor) retreats to NWG or BAS; A(Bel) annihilated.

Press: ENGLAND TO RUSSIA & ITALY: Sic transit gloria mundi.

1901...OBOE (1977 BM)

Spring 1908 Retreats. For only the third time in the history of 1901 a separate retreat season is necessary - quite reasonable in the circumstances I think.

So:- Austrian A(Ven) to Rom; German F(NTH) unordered - disbanded!
 English F(Swe) to BAL.

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