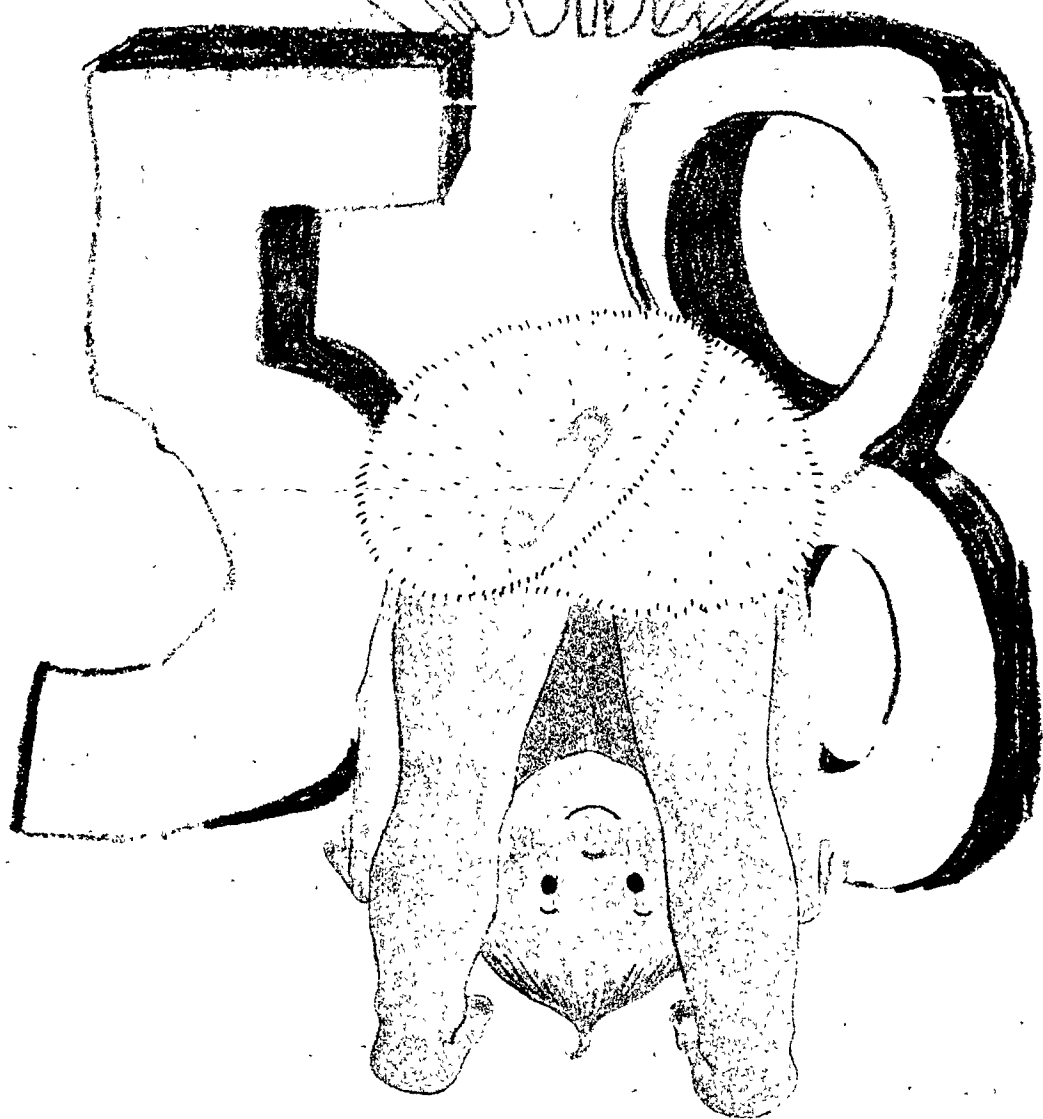


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BR 'Icene' (1982ES)

Spring 1909

## ONLY AUSTRIA PLAYING

AUSTRIA (Alan Frost) F(WMS) S F(Tun)-NAf, F(Tun)-NAf, F(TYS)-GOL, A(Pie) stands, F(ION)-EMS, A(Tri)-Alb, A(Mun)-Sil, A(Pru)-Sil, A(Tyr) S A(Vie)-Boh, A(Vie)-Boh, A(Bud)-Gal, A(Ukr) S A(Rum)-Sev, A(Rum)-Sev, A(War) S A(Mos), A(Mos)stands, A(Bul)-Rum

ENGLAND (Andrew Glynn) NMRI Has: F(Nor), F(ENC), A(StP), F(NTH), A(Lon)

FRANCE (Anarchy) Has: \*F(NAf), F(MAO), A(Mar), A(Spa), A(Ruh), A(Bur)

GERMANY (Bill Haygarth) NMRI Has: A(Ber), F(BAL), F(Kie), \*A(Boh), \*A(Sev)

TURKEY (Anarchy) Has: A(Arm)

Retreats: FRENCH F(NAf) dies; GERMAN A(Boh) and A(Sev) die.

ENDGAME PROPOSAL: 1st A; 2nd E/G. ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as YES))

## PRESS:

Austria - All: I can do it without any French centres, anyway. Give in. ((I think everyone has.))

~~'Lamfhada' (1983EE)~~~~Autumn 1912~~

## AUSTRIA HANGING IN THERE AGAINST THE BIG TWO

AUSTRIA (James Cowie) \*A(Mun)stands, A(Ser)-Gre, A(Gal)-Rum, [[A(Smy) S ITALIAN F(Con)-Ank]]

FRANCE (Alan Sharples) \*F(Bre)-ENC, F(Por)-MAO, F(IRI) S F(Por)-MAO

GERMANY (R.J. Lampard) A(Sil)-Mun, A(Ber) S A(Sil)-Mun

ITALY (Paul Donley) F(Bul-sc) S F(Con), [[F(Con) S AUSTRIAN A(Smy)-Ank]], F(TYS)-ION, F(GOL)-WMS, F(Spa-sc) S F(MAO)-Por, F(MAO)-Por, F(Gas)-Bre, A(Par) S F(Gas)-Bre, A(Pie)-Tyr, A(Bur)-Bel

RUSSIA (Mike Close) F(ENC)-Bel, F(NWG)-NAO, F(Kie)-Hol, A(Pru)-Kie, F(BAL) C A(Pru)-Kie, A(War)-Gal, A(Sev)-Rum, A(Ukr) S A(Sev)-Rum, A(Mos)-War, F(BLA) S TURKISH A(Ank)

TURKEY (Simon Craddock) A(Ank)stands

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Mun)-Ruh; FRENCH F(Bre)-Pic

ENDGAME PROPOSAL: =1st R/I; 3rd F/A; 5th T/G was defeated

COA: Paul Donley, back to Telford Hall.

## Winter 1912 Adjustments:

AUS: Bud, Ser, Tri, (Rum), (Con), Smy + Gre	= 5 Builds: A(Bud)
FRA: Por, Lpl, Lon, Bel, (Spa)	= 4 (NBO 1 SHORT)
GER: Vie, Ber + Mun	= 3 (NBO 1 SHORT)
ITA: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, (Gre), Mar, Par, Bre, (Mun), Bul + Con, Spa	= 10 No Change
RUS: StP, Mos, Nor, Sev, Swe, Edi, Den, Hol, Kie, War + Rum	= 11 Builds: A(Sev)
TUR: Ank	= 1 No Change

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## PRESS:

ANNOUNCEMENT: Liz and Alan Sharples are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Stephanie, on 14th April, 1986, weighing in at a bonny 9lb 6oz. ((Yeah, a good size - congratulations Alan (well, Liz did all the work so there's more congratulations to her). A nice name Stephanie.))

(Lamfhada press cont....)

To German Puppet from English Slaves: I'll vouch for my Russian master, there's nothing to worry about, he treats his vanquished enemies well.

Latest Betting: Russia evens favourite, Italy 7-4, Austria 4-1, France 5-1, Germany 25-1, Turkey 100-1.

Austria - LUTON AIRPORT: Thanks for the letter Tom, I only hate you half as much now. ((Yes, the truth always hurts...))

Italy: Due to final year exams shortly correspondence will be limited until early June.

'Olwen' (1984B0)

Spring 1911

FRANCE STARTS TO FEEL THE BITE OF THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE

FRANCE (Colin Pickard) F(Cly)-NWG, F(ENC)-Lon, F(Bre)-ENC, A(Edi)-Yor, A(Pic)-Bur, A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Bel) S A(Bur)-Ruh, F(Mar)-GOL, F(TYS)-Tun, F(Gre)-ION, A(Pie)-Tus, \*A(Bud)-Ser, F(Nap)-TYS

GERMANY (Kenny Adams) A(Tyr) stands, F(NTH)-ENC, A(Boh)-Mun, \*A(Ruh) S A(Boh)-Mun, A(Mun)-Kie, A(Den) stands

ITALY (Anarchy) Has: \*A(Rum), F(Tri), A(Ven)

RUSSIA (Nicholas Whyte) A(Gal)-Bud, A(Ukr) S A(Sev)-Rum, A(Sev)-Rum, A(Nor) stands

TURKEY (Ian Winstanley) A(Vie) S RUSSIAN A(Gal)-Bud, A(Ser) S RUSSIAN A(Gal)-Bud, A(Ank)-Con, F(Bul-sc) S F(Smy)-AEG, F(Smy)-AEG, F(ION)-Nap

Retreats: FRENCH A(Bud) dies (NO); GERMAN A(Ruh)-Hol; ITALIAN A(Rum) dies

COA: Nicholas Whyte, Schubertstrasse 4, 7105 Leingarten, West Germany.

ENDGAME PROPOSALS: TWO proposals have been put forward:-

(a) 1st F; 2nd T; 3rd R; 4th G

(b) =1st R/F/T ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

LUTON AIRPORT: Endgame Proposals and votes cannot be made conditional. Press conditional on this subject must be worded carefully as GM is often too thick to work out split decisions.

PRESS:

Russia - France: I'm hanging on in here: Why? 'Cos I don't think you can make it on your own.

'Quadri' (1984DX)

Spring 1909

RUSSIA MAKING SLOW PROGRESS - WILL OTHERS GAIN ENOUGH INTEREST TO STOP HIM?

AUSTRIA (James Steele) A(Tri) & A(Ser) stand, A(Alb) S A(Ser), F(Gre)-AEG

FRANCE (Alan Powis) A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Eel) S A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Pic) S A(Bel), F(ENC) S F(Lon)-NTH, F(Lon)-NTH, F(NTH)-SKA, F(Cly)-NWG, A(Lpl)-Edi

GERMANY (Richard Wernick) NMR! Has: A(Mun), \*A(Ruh), F(Kie), F(Hol)

ITALY (Martin Clifford-King) F(TYS) stands, F(Tun)-ION, F(Bul-sc)-Con, A(Ven)-Tyr, F(Con)-BLA, F(Nap)-Apu, A(Rom)-Nap

RUSSIA (Richard Downes) A(Bud)-Ser, A(Rum) S A(Bud)-Ser, F(Edi)-NWG, F(BLA) S A(Arm)-Ank, A(Arm)-Ank, F(Stp-nc)-Nor, A(Swe) S F(StP-nc)-Nor, A(Mos)-War, A(Gal)-Bud, A(Vie) S A(Gal)-Bud

Retreats: GERMAN A(Ruh) dies

COA: Martin Clifford-King, Cell K104, Glen Eyre Hall, Bassett, Southampton, S09 2QN. (Cont'd over.....)

(Quadri cont...)

ENDGAME PROPOSAL: 1st I; =2nd R/F; =4th A/G ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

LUTON AIRPORT: Just to put the record straight, Russia COULDN'T build A(War) last season, but instead built A(Mos).

PRESS:

Paris - GM: Why bow to pressure? Why not stick to your decisions? (Do you get the impression I'm not glad to be back?) ((Yes, but rules are rules...))

'Setanta' (1984BF)Spring 1907

## RUSSIA LOOKS STRONG WITH NO CONCENTRATED EFFORT AGAINST HIM

AUSTRIA (Jon Moss)	*A(Ser)-Bul, F(Gre) S A(Ser)-Bul
ENGLAND (Anarchy)	Has: F(Lpl)
FRANCE (Robert Lozynskyj)	A(Wal)-Yor, F(ENC)-Lon, F(MAO)-ENC, F(Bre)-Pic, A(Bur) S A(Bel)-Ruh, A(Bel)-Ruh
GERMANY (Anarchy)	Has: F(Kie), *A(Ruh), A(Mun), A(Ber)
ITALY (Alan Powis)	F(NAO)-NWG, A(Tri)-Tyr, A(Ven) S A(Tri)-Tyr, A(Rom)-Tus
RUSSIA (Paul Finch)	F(NTH)-Hol, F(Den)-HEL, A(Swe)-Den, F(StP-nc)-Nor, A(War)-Pru, A(Boh)-Sil, A(Vie) S A(Bud), A(Bud) S TURKISH A(Bul)-Ser, A(Rum) S TURKISH A(Bul)-Ser, F(Sev) S A(Rum), A(Mos)-Ukr
TURKEY (Victor Hall)	A(Bul)-Ser, F(Nap) stands, F(Arm)-BLA, F(BLA)-Con, A(Smy)-Arm

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Ser)-Tri; GERMAN A(Ruh) dies

ENDGAME PROPOSAL: =1st T/R/F; 4th A/I; 6th G; 7th E was defeated. A NEW proposal has been put forward:-

=1st R/F/I/T; 5th A; 6th E/G ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

PRESS:

Italy - Austria: Well, you only got what you deserved. By the way, why have you stopped writing?

'Taranis' (1985BG)Spring 1906

## ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE, THERE'S BLOOD EVERYWHERE

ENGLAND (Dave Fish)	F(Nor) S F(Swe), *F(Swe) S F(Den), F(Den) S F(Swe), F(Edi)-NTH, A(Lon)-Yor, F(Lpl) stands unordered
FRANCE (Neil Parkin)	F(Spa-sc) S F(Bre)-MAO, F(IRI) S F(Bre)-MAO, F(Bre)-MAO, A(Hol)-Bel, A(Mar)-Pie, A(Gas)-Bre, A(Por)stands
GERMANY (Luke Clutterbuck)	F(BAL)-Swe, A(Fin) S F(BAL)-Swe, F(NTH)-Den, A(StP)-Nor, *A(War)stands
ITALY (David Abbott)	[[F(ION) S F(AEG)]] ((COUNTRY NOT NAMED)), F(Tun) S F(ION), F(Alb) S F(ION), *F(MAO)stands, A(Ser) S RUSSIAN F(Rum)-Bul-ec, A(Vie) stands unordered, A(Ven)-Tyr, A(Gal) S RUSSIAN A(Mos)-War
RUSSIA (Ulf Jiretorn)	A(Ukr)-War, A(Mos) S A(Ukr)-War, F(Ank)-Con, F(Rum)-Bul-ec
TURKEY (Ken Haywood)	*A(Bul)-Ser, F(Gre)-ION, F(AEG) S F(Gre)-ION, F(Con)stands

Retreats: ENGLISH F(Swe)-GOB; GERMAN A(War)-Lvn; ITALIAN F(MAO)-NAO; TURKISH A(Bul) dies (NRP)

(Taranis cont'd...)

ENDGAME PROPOSAL: 1st F; 2nd Luke Clutterbuck's ego; 3rd I; 4th Those people unmentioned, was defeated.

PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - Ulf: Okay, no press - but I normally check the press for giveaway tactics anyway.

Italia - LUTON-AIRPORT: Me, got a dirty mind?! My mind is as pure as driven mud snow. It's you who's trying to corrupt your subscribers' innocence. ((I shall treat that with the contempt it so obviously deserves.))

England - Germany: Sorry, I can't read my writing either.

Italia (again) - LUTON AIRPORT: The trouble is that I don't know nufing - if I did, I certainly wouldn't trust the likes of Clutterbuck. ((Stands to reason, dunnit...))

England - Russia: Re your last press: I bet it's not as good as what Germany told me.

Italy - Russia: You never did tell me which army was moving into Warsaw (unless you did in your 1st letter, in which case I plead lack of information) - I hope I got this right [and no witticisms from the back, TT] ((I wasn't going to say anything! It's not my fault you have to plead ignorance 99% of the time.))

A Casual Observer - World: Beware a sudden Franco/German alliance.

'Uther' (1985DV)

Spring 1904

ITALY GETS CAUGHT TRUSTING RUSSIA... TURKEY?

AUSTRIA (Kevin Baker)	A(Vie)-Tri
ENGLAND (Piers Shepperson)	F(NTH)stands, F(Swe)-Nor, F(Lpl) S F(NAO), F(NAO) S F(Lpl), A(Lon)stands
FRANCE (Daniel Brooks)	A(Bel)-Ruh, A(Bur) S A(Bel)-Ruh, F(ENC)-Bel, A(Pic) S F(ENC)-Bel, F(IRI)-ENC, F(MAO) S F(IRI)-ENC
GERMANY (James Cowie)	F(Kie)-HEL, F(BAL)-Ber, A(Ber)-Kie, A(Hol)-Ruh, A(Mun) S F(BAL)-Ber
ITALY (Tim Collieu)	A(Tyr)-Ven, A(Alb) stands, *A(Tri)-Bud, F(Nap) S F(Rom)-TYS, F(Rom)-TYS
RUSSIA (Kris Morris)	F(StP-nc)-Nor, A(Ukr)-Gal, A(Bud) S TURKISH A(Ser)-Tri, A(Pru)-Ber, A(Sil) S A(Pru)-Ber, A(War) S A(Sil)
TURKEY (Kath Collman)	F(ION)-Tun, F(EMS)-ION, F(AEG) S F(EMS)-ION, A(Gre)-Alb, A(Ser)-Tri, A(Bul)-Ser

Retreats: ITALIAN A(Tri) dies (NRO)

COA: Kevin Baker, 14 Maple Way, Donington, Nr. Spalding, Lincs, PE11 4XL.

PRESS:

Kaiser - Turkish Delight: Stop it Kathy, you're married - someone will find out.

Sultana - Tsarina: Sorry, I didn't know he had a dicky heart. I'll be more careful next time - but I can't be held responsible for his funny fetishes.

Rasputin - Germany: I've tried oh how I've tried to be good, but I just can't resist attacking you, I wonder if you've done the same to me?.

Russia - Luton Airport: Lady, what lady? Oh I see, you must mean the Sultana, that star of stage, screen and crossroads, well believe me, if you saw what she sent me in the post, you'd know she wasn't a lady!!!!

Tsar - Sultana: That's the trouble with the Germans, they will insist on using dirty tactics. (You'd think they would wash them first wouldn't you?)

Italy (Govt) - Austria: Sorry, I haven't replied, will do soon - promise, if I find a break in revision schedule will write.

Russia - Everyone: One down, five to go, who's next for the early shower? (what do you mean, me!!!) (Cont'd over.....)

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Russia - Luton Airport: Well she certainly scares me.

Germany - Turkey: For a female you are a nasty specimen.

Turkey - Russia: Your suggestion about special hardcore for the garage was extremely tempting!!

Russia - England: At last a letter, but don't worry, your secret's safe with me. How do you think Germany will react when he finds out about it?

Onward ever onward went the juggernaut, freeing the poor oppressed nations of Europe, giving them cause to be happy and joyful once more. Let there be singing and dancing in the streets (but only during the hours of 7 to 7:30 am, after which all people must report to their collective supervisor after work - i.e. after 9pm - for one hour, when the curfew will be imposed until 7 am the following day. Anyone found in the streets after this time will be requested to help the police with their enquiries). All power to the Tsar and Sultana, long may they reign.

Italy (Govt) - Turkey: I cried and cried and cried and cried, however I accept that you are sorry.

Sultana - Franz Josef: Time quickly passes by;

If only we could talk again

Someday I hope I'll see you (smiling)

When you're a free man again.

Compost Heap Garden of a Thousand Delights Vienna: The Austrian Emperor wishes to apologise for the NMR last season due to a sudden house move. ((That's the trouble with caravans!)) This was coincident upon his equally sudden removal from Tri and Bud in the game, but was not intended to show disillusion or insult to other players.

Disguised as an itinerant jobbing gardener. Their last communications was today issued by the sadly deposed Emperor:

Austria - World: Goodbye, cruel world.

Austria - Russia: Watch what you put your foot in, bossy boots.

Austria - Turkey: Hell hath no fury like a Colman spawned.

Austria - Italy: It is not for I to call you ignorant, illiterate, stupid, thick skinned and short-sighted, but if others should consider you so, and choose to walk all over you, don't be too surprised.

Austria - Germany: Good luck, my friend.

Austria - England: There'll always be an England.

Austria - France: Beware of the Lion's den.

Turkey - LUTON AIRPORT: Wildcat? WILDCAT?? Wot an insult to us ladies - I'll scratch yer eyes out! Why not go the whole hog and call it CHEETAH? ((Cheater, eh? How boring.))

Special Message Austria Emperor To Tsar: To, Tsar, for your kindly concern as to my passing I am happy to say that once I am finally interred, the bricks in which I am inturd can rectum from my own passage to the bowels of the earth, much to my personal relief.

Magnus Magnusson - Russian Peoples: Is your Tzar a pervert? Nuns and sheep suggest so.

Turkey (Uther) - Italy (Xanten): Has your wife seen Dib 57?? She only lets you play Dip because she thinks you can't get up to anything while you're playing! I warn you, I shall have no mercy another time! ((The gentle sex, eh?))

Italy - Tweedy: I never knew women could be so ruthless! ((Ah the naivety of youth... Now you know why women prefer the older and mature types; because they're cynical, and wise to the ways of women. Mind you, I'm older and mature but I still haven't figured out what makes Jan tick - but then, she's difficult!))

LUTON AIRPORT - France: It's not a good idea to put retreats on the back of a slip of paper without a 'PTO' - I nearly missed it.

Italy - Russia: Will be in contact soon, now about those wellies... ((Don't be so filthy!))

'Vortigern' (1985GA)Spring 1904

## TURKEY WAKES UP TO THE AUSTRIAN THREAT

AUSTRIA (John Piggott) A(Ven)-Rom, F(ADS)-ION, F(Gre) S F(ADS)-ION, \*F(Bul-sc)-AEG, A(Ser)-Rum, A(Gal)-Sil, A(Ukr)-Sev, A(Bud)-Gal

ENGLAND (Michele Morris) F(NWG)-Edi, A(Lon)-Yor, F(ENC)-Lon, F(Nor)-NWG, A(Fin)-StP

FRANCE (Bob Watson) A(Bre)-Par, A(Pic) S A(Bur), A(Bur) stands, F(MAO)-ENC, A(Mar)-Pie

GERMANY (Alan Frost) F(NTH) C A(Hol)-Yor, A(Hol)-Yor, F(HEL) S F(NTH), F(Den) S RUSSIAN F(Swe), A(Bel)-Ruh, A(Mun)-Ruh

ITALY (Anarchy) Has: A(Tun), \*F(ION), A(Apu)

RUSSIA (Per Von Gavel) F(Sev)-Rum, A(Mos) S A(War)-Ukr, A(War)-Ukr, [[A(Swe) stands]] ((NO SUCH UNIT)), F(Swe) stands unordered

TURKEY (Jon Moss) A(Con)-Bul, F(Smy)-AEG, F(BLA) S A(Con)-Bul

Retreats: AUSTRIAN F(Bul-sc) dies; ITALIAN F(ION) dies

COA: Per von Gavel, 13 Chamberlain Street, London, NW1 8SB

PRESS:

Turkey - All Nations: It doesn't take a fool to see that without an Italian influence Piggott ((Sir, to his friends)) will walk over us making manure while the hay shines. If there's no organised defense, alliances and trust we may as well go home.

How true those Italian war jokes are! ((A perceptive man...!))

London, England April 23rd: A messenger arrives bearing news of hostile German fleets to the East and a French fleet to the West. It was noted that the French sailors were seen to be grinning, but it was not known if this was in friendship or if they were grins of derision.

"What now Piglet?" asked the Queen. "What do I do now? The Russians have ceased all communications, the Germans have declared war and the French are playing it both ways. Advise me for heaven's sake!"

"I don't know what you should do, Ma'am, but I'm off. It's not safe around here anymore!"

"Oh no you don't, Piglet! You got me into this mess. Desertion is treason. Guards arrest him! Take him to The Tower, he's become far too big-headed, so cure him of it. Off with his head!" (Must bake some jam tarts)

The Prince Consort enters. "My dear, we've just received word that our little Princes have arrived safely at their secret destination. Whatever happens to us now, they are safe."

The Queen flicks idly through the pages of an old photo album. "Look darling, there I am riding a unicycle! It was taken when my father sent me to the Moscow State Circus to train as a 'trick cyclist'. I couldn't see the point at the time, but he knew better. He knew there'd come a time when I'd need to be able to keep my balance when provided with very little in the way of support!"

"These are indeed troubled times. Courage my dear. Where is Piglet, your Chief Advisor?"

"My training stands me in good stead. As for Piglet, he has already lain down his life. I too may go where Ego's, but Ids Super Egos first. I may be Jung but I'm not a Freud to die!"

England - World: Now do you know what I'm studying? ((Cooking...?))

Russia - All: Exams loom over me, sorry for the noncommitment to this game, but my future is more important. As for the future in this game, it's very bleak. Hope the exams are better.

Kaiser - Queen: Sorry, but I never could resist a lady with her knickers down.

England - Germany: Too right! I don't believe you. Too many girls have already been caught out by fellas claiming to fire blanks while the ammo's still live!

Russia - Turkey: Well?!

League of Good Taste - LUTON AIRPORT: What about a competition for the sweeping statement that offends most people? I'll kick off with 'Only tarts

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have their ears pierced'. ((Ermm, a good one - for a start Jan has her ears pierced, and I don't know what Andy Mansfield will say about being called a tart...))

The Queen - The League for Good Taste: If you want to censor something may I suggest you try the Kaiser's depraved ravings. The man sinks lower with every missive!

Russia - Italy: You're a copout.

'Witham' (1986??)

Spring 1902

AUSTRIA TAKES ANOTHER POUNDING... BUT FROM A 4-WAY ALLIANCE!  
(What has the shameful German to say for himself...?)

AUSTRIA (Nick Hoyle)	*A(Bud)-Tri, A(Ser) S A(Bud)-Tri, F(Tri)-ADS
ENGLAND (Per Von Gavel)	F(Nor) S RUSSIAN F(GOB)-Swe, A(Yor)-Lpl, F(Lon)-ENC, F(Edi)-NTH
FRANCE (Pete Mason)	F(Wal)-IRI, F(Bre)-MAO, A(Pdr)-Bur, A(Bel) stands, A(Spa) stands
GERMANY (Alan Powis)	A(Mun)-Sil, A(Tyr) S ITALIAN A(Ven)-Tri, F(Kie)-BAL, F(Den) S F(Kie)-BAL, A(Hol) stands
ITALY (Kris Morris)	F(Tun)-ION, A(Nap)-Apu, A(Rom)-Ven, A(Ven)-Tri, A(Vie) S A(Ven)-Tri
RUSSIA (Danny Collman)	F(GOB)-Swe, A(War)-Sil, A(Gal) S A(Rum)-Bud, A(Rum)-Bud, F(Sev)-Rum
TURKEY (Rowland Goodman)	A(Gre)-Ser, F(Bul-sc)-Gre, F(Con)-AEG, F(Smy)-EMS, A(Ank)-Con

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Bud) dies (NRP)

COA: Per von Gavel, 13 Chamberlain Street, London, NW1 8SB

PRESS:

England - All: Exams are looming over me, so sorry for the noncommitment and the noncorrespondence in this game. Forgive me and try till July to write but you may not get a reply, but if I can I will.

The Silly Old Man took another look at the comments on his last story, and thought: if that's how you feel, sod off. ((That's a relief then, I thought you might take it to heart.))

Sing Song in Byzantium: "We don't want to fight,  
But by jingo if we do,  
We won't go ourselves,  
We'll send the gentle Hindoo."

England - France: I thought I could trust someone, but obviously not you.

Russia - France: What happened? You didn't reply.

Paul Oakes (Witham Bourse) - Luton Airport: I can think of two reasons for Italy building two armies in the face of Turkey's two builds.

Realising that neither Russia or Turkey is his ally and having attacked Austria he made himself so weak that, if Russia and Austria don't ally with him then Turkey will race through the Med. and the Balkans to almost certain victory. Thus he gets Russia and Austria to do the brunt of the work, he keeps his two builds and Austria is still weak and vulnerable to a future attack by him, and Turkey is disposed of.

The other possibility is, that he is a complete and utter imbecile! Err, Kath any chance of giving Danny some advice?

Bald Eagle - Kermit: There was a young lass from Brum  
Who kept putting stuff on her tum ((tongue?))

Berlin - 49 Steps: What were those first six again? ((Oh no you don't, ask him in a letter!))

England - Germany (or Berlin): YES YOU DID! Or did you? Ah so you want to help me against France (Ssh) oh woops sorry not so loud!

And it came to pass: That he looked down and wherever he looked chaos and

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confusion ruled. "The Spaghetti Junction was a mistake," he thought.  
England - The Green Pasta: We're only in S'02 so five seasons doesn't make any sense, in fact nor does anything else. But I'll except the post, what's the catch?

Berlin - England: I got 49, 55 and 61. Which ones did you get?

Italy World: Does anyone out there know what the silly old man's press was about? never mind being terrible to type it was terrible to read.

Kermit Bald Eagle: Charlotte was a married lady

A stripper once was she

(I told you you would regret this didn't I)

((She also painted, decorated

Well, husband's are lazy!!!!))

Butoni Mail: Welcome news on the business front. Ice cream sales have been so good that a new factory has been opened in Vienna and (hopefully) that lovely coastal resort of Trieste. There is no truth in the rumour that these new factories were unwanted, the Austrian Government has welcomed them with open arms.

Butoni Times: Due to an all strike in the shipyards, there has been a drastic reduction in the number of ships being built. However, thanks to a top level meeting we are now pasta the worst, and everything is reverting to normal. This means that the new breed of super warships can be built, designed by that well known design team of Lyons and Maid. They will be fitted with the all-new fez-seeking guided raspberry ripple cones, developed by our weapons expert, Mr Walls, to combat the growing threat from Turkey, or what our defence minister refers to as "that laughing hyena with the funny hat".

Italy - France: Thanks for the offer, I'll despatch the air-force as soon as you request it.

Italy - Forty-nine steps: Do you think that if you take enough steps, you may (hopefully) step off the plank, and drown?

'Xanten' (1986???)

Autumn 1901

A LOT HAPPENING...

AUSTRIA (Colin Kinsella) A(Ser) S RUSSIAN F(BLA)-Rum-ec, A(Bud)-Tri, F(Alb)-Gre  
 ENGLAND (Stephen Cloves) F(NWG)-BAR, F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Nor, A(Yor)-Nor  
 FRANCE (Heiko Schafer) A(Gas)-Por, F(MAO) C A(Gas)-Por, A(Mar)-Spa  
 GERMANY (Chris Sandow) A(Ruh)-Bel, F(Hol) S A(Ruh)-Bel, A(Kie)-Den  
 ITALY (Andy Mansfield) F(ION)-Tun, A(Tri)-Vie, A(Ven)-Tyr  
 RUSSIA (Tony Reynolds) F(GOB)-Swe, A(StP)-Fin, F(BLA)-Rum-ec, A(Ukr)-Sev  
 TURKEY (Rowland Goodman) A(Bul)-Rum, F(Con)-BLA, A(Arm)-Sev

LUTON AIRPORT: Yes, certainly a lot happening. France makes the favoured Piggott opening (quite a nice one too) keeping his fleets north; Austria fumbles and loses Vienna; Italy forgets to make use of his extra gain and fails to order build; Russia comes under extreme anti-Russian pressure from Turkey and England; and Germany is on SIX centres! This certainly doesn't look like it's going to be a dull game.

Autumn 1901 Adjustments:

AUS: Tri, Bud, (Vie) + Ser, Gre = 4 Builds: A(Bud)  
 ENG: Lon, Lpl, Edi + Nor = 4 Builds: F(Lon)  
 FRA: Bre, Mar, Par + Por, Spa = 5 Builds: A(Por), F(Bre)  
 GER: Mun, Kie, Ber + Bel, Hol, Den = 6 Builds: A(Mun), F(Kie), A(Ber)  
 ITA: Rom, Ven, Nap + Tun, Vie = 5 Builds: F(Rom) ~~(T-SHORT)~~ A(Ven)  
 RUS: Mos, War, StP, Sev + Swe, Rum = 6 Builds: F(StP-nc), A(Sev)  
 TUR: Smy, Ank, Con + Bul = 4 Builds: A(Con)

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