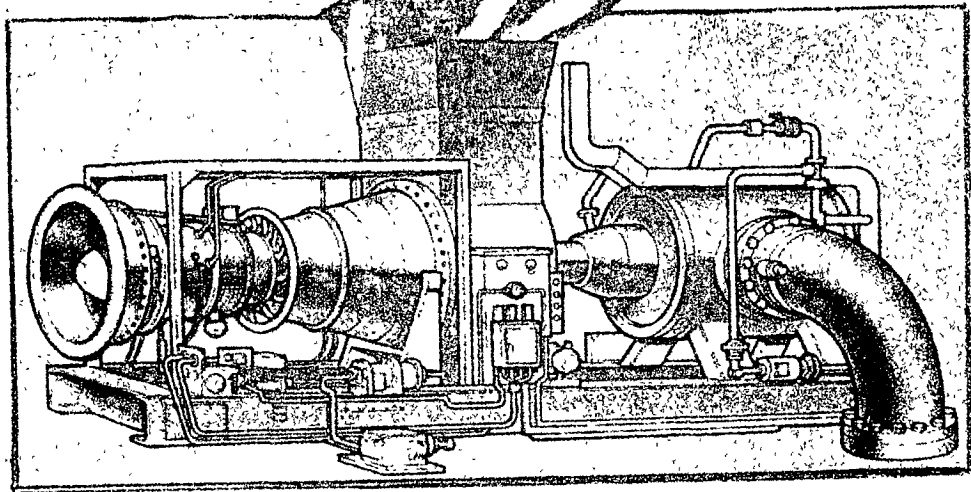


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BR 'Icene' (1982ES)

Autumn 1909

## AUSTRIA PASSES THE FINISH LINE ALL BY HIMSELF

AUSTRIA (Alan Frost) F(Naf)-MAO, A(Pie)-Mar, F(GOL) S F(WMS)-Spa-sc, F(WMS)-Spa-sc, F(EMS)-Smy, A(Pru)-Ber, A(Mun) S A(Pru)-Ber, A(Tyr) S A(Mun), A(Boh) S A(Mun), A(Alb), A(Gal), A(Ukr), A(Sev), A(War), A(Mos), A(Rum) stand unordered

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

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

GERMANY (Bill Haygarth) NMR!! Has: \*A(Ber), F(BAL), F(Kie)

TURKEY (Anarchy) Has: A(Arm)

Retreats: FRENCH A(Spa) dies; GERMAN A(Ber) dies

ENDGAME PROPOSAL: 1st A; 2nd E/G. was accepted by default. But Austria wins the game anyway. Need I ask for endgame statements?

## Winter 1909 Adjustments:

AUS: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum, Ven, War, Con, Nap, Rom, Ank,  
Tun, Mun, Mos + Spa, Smy, Ber, Sev = 20

ENG: Lon, Edi, Lpl, Nor, Den, StP = 6

FRA: Bre, Par, Mar, Por, Bel, (Spa) = 5

GER: Kie, (Ber), Hol, Swe, (Sev) = 3

TUR: (Smy) = 0

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## PRESS:

Austria - All: Well, I'd rather win by skill, but winning's the real thing, isn't it? ((True))

'Lamfhada' (1983EE)

Spring 1913

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

FRANCE (Alan Sharples) F(Por)-MAO, F(IRI) S F(Por)-MAO, F(Pic)-Bre

GERMANY (R.J. Lampard) A(Mun)-Ruh, A(Ber) stands unordered

ITALY (Paul Donley) \*F(MAO)-Por, F(Spa-sc) S F(MAO)-Por, F(WMS)-MAO, F(ION)-Tun, F(Bul-sc) S F(Con), F(Con) S F(Bul-sc), A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Bur) S A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Par) S F(Bre), F(Bre) S F(WMS)-MAO

RUSSIA (Mike Close) F(BLA) S TURKISH A(Ank)-Con, A(Sev)-Arm, A(Rum)-Ser, A(War)-Gal, A(Ukr) S A(War)-Gal, A(Mos)-War, F(BAL)-Ber, F(Hol) stands, A(Kie) S GERMAN A(Mun)-Ruh, F(NAO) S FRENCH F(Por)-MAO, F(ENC) S FRENCH F(Por)-MAO

TURKEY (Simon Craddock) A(Ank)-Con

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Ruh) dies (NRO): ITALIAN F(MAO)-Naf

## PRESS:

Italy - Austria: OK, I don't hate you only I haven't had time to write because of exams.

Ladbrokeskis: Evens any draw, 2-1 Russia, Italy, 5-1 Austria, 25-1 Bar.

Austria - All: Sorry about lack of communication, just back from hols.

Italy - Turkey, Germany, France: If any of you are still playing, how about

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trying to stop Russia rather than just letting him win.

Russia - LUTON AIRPORT: I found an old copy of Pyrrhic Victory the other day - as you can see, it is an admission by your own pen of the dastardly deeds you get up to, unlike good old honest me! Print that excerpt of press if you dare! "Press: Russian Capt. - Marie: I feel I must apologise for my little deception in pretending to be another player, I'm not normally like that, I think I must have unknowingly succumbed to the unholy influence of PV (see! I knew it was Mike's fault!)."

LUTON AIRPORT: As I handed all my units over to YOU, Mike, how could I have possibly written this? Trying to drag my good name through the mud will get you nowhere, you blackguard, everyone knows you by now!

'Olwen' (1984B0)

Autumn 1911

THE PERFECT UNWANTED CONVOY PLOY WORKS!  
(Surely a precedence for future games?)

FRANCE (Colin Pickard) F(ION)-Nap, F(TYS) S F(ION)-Nap, F(Tun)-ION, F(GOL) stands, A(Tus)-Rom, A(Bel)-Hol, A(Ruh)-Mun, A(Bur) S A(Ruh)-Mun, F(Bre)-ENC, F(Lon)-NTH, F(NWG) S F(Lon)-NTH, A(Yor)-Edi

GERMANY (Kenny Adams) \*F(NTH) C FRENCH A(Yor)-Edi, A(Den) stands, A(Hol) stands, A(Kie) S A(Hol), A(Mun) stands, A(Tyr) S A(Mun)

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

RUSSIA (Nicholas Whyte) A(Bud) S TURKISH A(Vie)-Tri, A(Rum) S A(Bud), A(Ukr)-Gal, [[A(Nor)-Edi]] ((IMPOSSIBLE))

TURKEY (Ian Winstanley) A(Vie)-Tri, A(Ser) S F(Bul-sc)-Gre, F(Bul-sc)-Gre, F(AEG)-ION, \*F(Nap)-Rom, A(Con)-Bul

Retreats: :ITALIAN F(Tri) dies; GERMAN F(NTH)-Edi; TURKISH F(Nap)-Apu

ENDGAME PROPOSALS:

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

(b) =1st R/F/T was defeated

LUTON AIRPORT: About conditional votes: votes CAN be made conditional only on what others vote, NOT on the previous moves. I don't like conditional press.

ek??

Winter 1911 Adjustments:

FRA: Par, Mar, Spa, Por, Lpl, Lon, (Edi), Tun, (Gre),  
Bre, (Bud), Bel, Nap = 10 Disbands F(GOL), A(Yor)

GER: Mun, Kie, Ber, Swe, Hol, Den + Edi = 7 Builds: F(Ber)

ITA: Ven, (Tri), Rom, (Rum) = 2 No Change (1 SHORT)

RUS: Mos, War, Sev, StP, Nor + Bud, Rum = 7 Builds: F(StP-nc), A(War) (1 SHORT)

TUR: Con, Smy, Ank, Bul, Vie, Ser + Tri, Gre = 8 Builds: F(Smy), F(Con)

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PRESS:

Le Figaro: Brief but intense fighting by Greek resistance to Turkish invasion was reported by our Naples office this week. Sections of the Navy assisted by ground forces continue to support our Italian allies against increasing Turkish aggression.

Fleet North Sea - Army Yorkshire: You mean you didn't want to travel by sea? ((Oooh, talk about rubbing salt into the wound. Well done that man!))

Russia - France: Making a quick S.C. count: you cannot seriously expect to get much further in the Med. You hold your home centres, England, Iberian, Belgium, Tunis, maybe an Italian centre, maybe a German one or Holland. Do you honestly expect to get any further? It's all over. By the way, do you have a phone number?

England sleeps safe at last: The threat of invasion was finally lifted as elements of the Navy cleared the seas of the last of Germany's once proud

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fleets. This action has won almost universal applause. ((Yes, especially from the Germans.))

France - Russia: I'm hanging in here too. Why? I'm not sure nobody's talking to me anymore.

'Quadri' (1984DX)

Autumn 1909

FRANCE & ITALY START TO FIGHT BACK - RUSSIA STOPPED

AUSTRIA (James Steele) \*A(Tri) stands, A(Alb) S A(Ser), A(Ser) S A(Tri),  
[[F(AEG) C ITALIAN A(Nap)-Smy]]

FRANCE (Alan Powis) A(Ruh)-Kie, A(Pic)-Bur, F(NTH)-Hol, A(Bel) S  
F(NTH)-Hol, F(ENC)-NTH, F(SKA)-Nor, F(Cly)-Edi,  
A(Lpl) S F(Cly)-Edi

GERMANY (Richard Wernick) A(Mun) stands, F(Kie) S A(Mun), \*F(Hol) S F(Kie)

ITALY (Martin Clifford-King) F(TYS) stands, F(ION) C A(Nap)-Gre, [[F(Bul-sc) S  
A(Nap)-Gre]], A(Nap)-Gre, A(Tyr)-Tri, F(Con)-Smy,  
F(Apu)-Ven

RUSSIA (Richard Downes) F(Edi)-NWG, F(Nor) S F(Edi)-NWG, A(Swe) S F(Nor),  
A(War) stands, A(Vie) S ITALIAN A(Tyr)-Tri,  
A(Ank)-Smy, F(BLA)-Con, A(Gal)-Bud, A(Bud)-Ser,  
A(Rum) S A(Bud)-Ser

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Tri) dies (NRO); GERMAN F(Hol) dies (NRO)

COA: (From 28.6.86) Martin Clifford-King, 15 Holyrood Avenue, Highfield, Southampton, SO2 1SH.

ENDGAME PROPOSAL: (a) 1st I; =2nd R/F; =4th A/G was only defeated by abstentions so now it has to be voted for again with abstentions counting in favour. ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as YES))

BUT, a new proposal has been put forward: (b) =1st F/R/I ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

Winter 1909 Adjustments:

AUS: (Tri), Ser, (War), Gre	= 2 GM disbands F(AEG)
FRA: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Por, Lpl, Bel, Lon + Hol, Edi	= 10 Builds: A(Mar), A(Par)
GER: Mun, Ber, Kie, (Hol), Den	= 4 NBO (2 SHORT)
ITA: Rom, Nap, Ven, Smy, Con, Bul, Tun + Tri	= 8 Builds: A(Rom)
RUS: StP, Sev, Swe, Rum, Nor, Ank, (Edi), Mos, Bud, Vie + War	= 10 No Change

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PRESS:

Berlin - World: The Kaiser wishes to apologise for a lack of communication these last few weeks, caused by state visits to Yugoslavia and Canada.

'Setanta' (1984BF)

Autumn 1907

THE GERMAN BUFFER UNITS ARE GONE - ENEMIES NOW STAND FACE TO FACE

AUSTRIA (Jon Moss) A(Tri) stands, F(Gre)-Bul-sc

ENGLAND (Anarchy) Has: F(Lpl)

FRANCE (Robert Lozynskyj) A(Bur) S ITALIAN A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Ruh) S ITALIAN  
A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Yor) S ITALIAN F(NWG)-Edi, F(Lon) S  
F(ENC)-NTH, F(ENC)-NTH, F(Pic)-Bel

GERMANY (Anarchy) Has: \*F(Kie), \*A(Mun), \*A(Ber)

ITALY (Alan Powis) F(NWG)-Edi, A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Ven)-Rom, A(Tus)-Rom

RUSSIA (Paul Finch) F(Nor)-NWG, A(Den)-Kie, F(HEL) S A(Den)-Kie, F(Hol)  
S A(Den)-Kie, A(Pru)-Ber, A(Sil) S A(Pru)-Ber,  
A(Vie) S A(Bud), A(Rum) S A(Bud), A(Bud) S A(Rum),  
F(Sev) S A(Rum), A(Ukr) S A(Sev)

TURKEY (Victor Hall) A(Arm)-Sev, F(BLA) S A(Arm)-Sev, F(Con)-Bul-ec,  
F(Nap)-ION, A(Ser)-Rum (Cont'd over...)

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Retreats: GERMAN F(Kie), A(Mun), and A(Ber) annihilated

ENDGAME PROPOSAL: =1st R/F/I/T; 5th A: 6th E/G was defeated

Winter 1907 Adjustments:

AUS: (Ser), Gre + Tri	= 2 No Change
ENG: Lpl	= 1 No Change
FRA: Bre, Par, Mar, Por, Spa, Bel + Lon	= 7 Builds: F(Bre)
GER: (Mun), (Kie), (Ber), (Hol)	= 0 OUT
ITA: Rom, Ven, Tun, (Tri) + Edi, Mun	= 5 Builds: F(Rom)
RUS: Sev, Mos, War, StP, Rum, Swe, Nor, (Edi), (Lon), Vie, Bud, Den + Kie, Hol, Ber	= 13 Builds: F(StP-nc), A(War)
TUR: Smy, Ank, Con, Bul, Nap + Ser	= 6 Builds: A(Ank)
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PRESS:

Austria - The World: Come on then just try it. I'll win this game yet. ((The 'Concorde' headed paper was a bit flashy wasn't it, Jon?))

'Taranis' (1985BG)

Pre-Autumn 1906

LUTON AIRPORT: A double deadline has been requested AGAIN for this game because of 'exams, and international diploming being zero'. I will hold the game over again to give benefit of the doubt, but I don't like it. Four weeks between zines is the NORM - even for diploming abroad, so I won't be holding the game over after this because of lack of diploming. I have orders on file from everyone.

'Uther' (1985DV)

Autumn 1904

NASTY TURKS AND RUSKIES FINALLY FINISH OFF PEACE-LOVING AUSTRIAN

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

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Vie) dies; ENGLISH F(NTH)-Den; FRENCH A(Ruh) dies;  
GERMAN A(Mun)-Tyr

Winter 1904 Adjustments:

AUS: (Vie)	= 0 OUT
ENG: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nor, Swe + Den	= 6 Builds: F(Lon)
FRA: Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Spa, Bel + Mun	= 7 Builds: F(Mar) (1 SHORT)
GER: (Mun), Ber, Kie, (Den), Hol	= 3 GM disbands F(BAL), A(Tyr)
ITA: Rom, Nap, Ven, (Tun), (Tri)	= 3 GM disbands F(TYS)
RUS: StP, War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Bud + Vie	= 7 Builds: F(StP-sc)
TUR: Smy, Ank, Con, Bul, Ser, Gre + Tun, Tri	= 8 Builds: F(Smy), A(Con)
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PRESS:

Turkish Delight - Kaiser: I can't stop now, I'm enjoying myself. Anyway, who's going to find out? Unless of course you tell them!

Tsar - Sultana: What do you mean, funny fetishes, I thought everyone behaved like that. By the way, I've tried the dirty raincoat in Plymouth before, but

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they know who I am now, so I'll have to think of something else, any suggestions.

Sultana - Tsar: That's not all he doesn't wash!

LUTON AIRPORT - Tsar: I warn you, it might be unwise to enquire further into this subject - I mean, do we really want to KNOW?!

Russia - Everyone: Thanks a lot for all the letters received this season, they would have made very interesting reading, but none of you remembered to put any ink in your pens, better luck next time?

Tsarina - Sultana: Just because you don't find his currant interests a'peeling there's no raisin to make me kip in the garage!

Russia - LUTON AIRPORT: You'll be pleased to know we've framed your letter. ((Good, because it may be the only one in existence.))

Germany - All: Sorry about lack of communication, back to normal now after the hols.

Russia - Italy: I'm still waiting.

Turkey - Germany: Thanks. I love you too. ((Yeah, but who loves the poor ol' GM that's what I want to know?))

Tsar - Magnus Magnusson: Do you really want a reply? If so then send me a stamped addressed plain brown envelope, or write to Kath.

Black Widow - Italy: Didn't you know, the female is always the deadlier of the species. ((Yeah, get them behind a steering wheel, a gun, etc, and all hell breaks loose.))

Rasputin - Austrian Emperor: The Tsar is very upset at your passing, so he has left it to me to reply to your press. I know a good brickie who can supply bricks at cost if you run short, just give me a tinkle - if you'll pardon the expression.

Alice in Wonderland - World: Will someone please explain the one about the wellies. I don't get it. ((Er, it's not a joke, it's more a way of life (amongst Welshmen, it's said). Believe me, your education needn't stretch this far.))

Kris - Kevin: I'm so looking forward to our next game together, do you think Dib will be able to take the strain? ((Ask ME... I doubt it!))

Turkish Daily Wail. Court Page: The Sultana's health continues to be a cause for grave concern. Concerted personal attacks by the majority of the crowned heads of Europe have so afflicted her spirits that she has been forced to remain in her private quarters. There is now an acute shortage of Kleenex in the shops of the capital, and the refuse collectors have found it necessary to call at the palace daily. However, the Sultana has intimated that she is prepared to accept personal apologies if accompanied by flowers, chocolates, perfume, etc, provided that the offender grovels sufficiently.

Russia - Everyone: I hear that the Sultana has been sent to Coventry, and she doesn't know why, any chance of one of you writing to her to tell what she's done wrong?

Tsar - Sultana: I wish you and the Tsarina would refrain from making comments re the size of a certain part of my anatomy, it's most embarrassing.

Russia - France: Sorry for bugging you around in the past, but I had other things to worry about. Hope this proves that I am on your side.

Austrian Government: In part of some foreign field that is forever Austria (at least until 1905), a labrador puppy trails a piece of pink paper across the Emperor's garden. The demented Russian sentry squatting in the shrubbery and murmuring to himself "I'm a pink bog-brush", as he undergoes yet another bout of the Trots, sees an opportunity to wipe away the last of his exertions and calling the puppy says "Come here, Hamlet, give me that scrap of paper."

As the soldier prepares to utilise the apper he notices it contains some writing. Straining in the bad light he discerns the following text:-

"This is the last will and testicle of Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria Hungary. Being of sound mind and body (except my right hand) I make the following bequests to my fellow protagonists:-

- 1) To Turkey, a selection of Tunis dates (est 1904). Mixed with sultanas they are most palatable, since the old fruit now seems likely to acquire the biggest share of the cake.

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- 2) To Germany, an aspiring young painter with delusions of grandeur and a nail temper with the will to restore the pride and military strength of the Teutonic nations.
- 3) To Russia, a nuclear reactor (in need of some care and maintenance) since it is evident that the Tsar cannot achieve world domination without resort to unfair tactics.
- 4) To England, a coastal navigation map of the Gulf of Bothnia, illustrating the most direct approach to St Petersburg avoiding the Norwegian fjords.
- 5) To France, a map of the Black Forest, wherein he is shortly likely to encourage strange men from the East known as Vulgar Turds (or perhaps they are Bulgars and Kurds?) who over-ran Austria and left it in a mess.
- 6) To Italy, an aspidistra, by means of which he may induce a well-known female singer resident in Capri to incite Italian troops to sally forth against the oncoming Turkish navy.

'Vortigern' (1985GA)

Autumn 1904

AUSTRIA NOT AS WEAK AS TURKEY AND RUSSIA WOULD LIKE  
(They've got his attention now.....)

AUSTRIA (John Piggott)	A(Rom) stands, F(ION)-Nap, F(Gre)-Bul-sc, A(Ser) S F(Gre)-Bul-sc, A(Sil)-War, A(Gal) S A(Sil)-War
ENGLAND (Michele Morris)	F(ENC) S FRENCH A(Bur)-Bel, A(Lon) stands, F(Edi) S F(NWG)-NTH, F(NWG)-NTH, A(StP)-Nor
FRANCE (Bob Watson)	A(Bur)-Bel, A(Pic) S A(Bur)-Bel, A(Par)-Bur, A(Pie)- Tyr, F(MAO) S ENGLISH F(ENC)
GERMANY (Alan Frost)	F(NTH)-Nor, F(HEL)-NTH, F(Den) S F(HEL)-NTH, A(Mun)- Ber, A(Hol)-Kie, *A(Bel)stands
ITALY (Anarchy)	Has: A(Tun), A(Apu)
RUSSIA (Per Von Gavel)	F(Swe) S ENGLISH A(StP)-Nor, F(Sev)-Rum, A(Ukr) S F(Sev)-Rum, [[A(War)-Gal]] ((NO SUCH UNIT)), A(Mos) stands unordered
TURKEY (Jon Moss)	F(Smy)-AEG, A(Bul) S RUSSIAN F(Sev)-Rum, F(BLA) S A(Bul)

Retreats: GERMAN A(Bel)-Ruh

Winter 1904 Adjustments:

AUS: Bud, Tri, Vie, Gre, Ser, (Rum), (Bul),	Ven + Rom, Nap, War = 9 Builds: F(Tri), A(Bud), A(Vie)
ENG: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nor, StP	= 5 No Change
FRA: Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Spa + Bel	= 6 Builds: F(Mar)
GER: Mun, Ber, Kie, Den, Hol, (Bel)	= 5 Disbands F(HEL)
ITA: (Rom), (Nap), Tun	= 1 GM disbands A(Tun)
RUS: (War), Mos, Sev, Swe + Rum	= 4 No Change
TUR: Smy, Ank, Con + Bul	= 4 Builds: F(Con)

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PRESS:

Queen - LUTON AIRPORT: Two misjudgements in seven seasons! I make that a 28.6% failure rate! Try doing the adjudication whilst awake this season, I'm told it helps.

LUTON AIRPORT - Queen: Steady girl, or I'll be down there and put you over my knee - with Kris' permission of course! There, how's that for a sexist approach to a fellow hobby member? Me a MCP? NEVER! I just resort to violence.

Russia - All: This move could be my end or see me into a happier time.

League of good taste: Q: How many psychologists does it take to change a light bulb? A: Only one, but it's really got to WANT to change.

Russia - Turkey: What do you think I've been trying to tell you in the last few letters? I know my English is bad, but surely not that bad. Also I now

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realise that in my letter I forgot to include A(Ser), sorry! How about a reply though?

Queen' - League of Good Taste: It takes one to know one.

Russia - LUTON AIRPORT: Quite, why bother with rejudications. It was only one dead army and two stand offs! ((I knew you'd understand))

England - Germany: Methinks thou dost protest too much

'Witham' (1986??)

Autumn 1902

RUSSIA AND ITALY MAKE GREAT GAINS AT AUSTRIAN EXPENSE

AUSTRIA (Nick Hoyle) [[F(ADS) S ITALIAN F(ION)], \*[[A(Ser) S ITALIAN A(Tri)-Bud]]

ENGLAND (Per Von Gavel) F(Nor) S RUSSIAN F(Swe), F(NTH)-Hol, F(ENC)-NTH, A(Lpl) stands

FRANCE (Pete Mason) A(Bur)-Pic, A(Bel) S A(Bur)-Pic, A(Spa)-Wal, F(MAO) C A(Spa)-Wal, F(IRI) C A(Spa)-Wal

GERMANY (Alan Powis) F(BAL) S F(Den), F(Den) stands, A(Hol) S FRENCH A(Bel), A(Mun) stands, A(Tyr) S ITALIAN A(Ven)-Tri

ITALY (Kris Morris) \*F(ION)-ADS, A(Tri)-Ser, A(Ven)-Tri, A(Vie) S A(Ven)-Tri, A(Apu)-Ven

RUSSIA (Danny Collman) [[F(Swe) S ENGLISH F(NTH)-Den]], A(War)-Pru, A(Gal)-Rum, A(Bud) S ITALIAN A(Tri)-Ser, F(Rum)-BLA

TURKEY (Rowland Goodman) A(Con)-Bul, F(Bul-sc)-Gre, F(AEG) S F(EMS)-ION, F(EMS)-ION, A(Gre)-Alb

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Ser) dies (NRP); ITALIAN F(ION)-Tun

Winter 1902 Adjustments:

AUS: (Tri), (Bud), (Ser)	= 0 Disbands F(ADS) OUT
ENG: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nor	= 4 No Change
FRA: Bre, Par, Mar, Bel, Spa	= 5 No Change
GER: Mun, Kie, Ber, Den, Hol	= 5 No Change
ITA: Ven, Nap, Rom, Tun, Vie + Ser, Tri	= 7 Builds: F(Nap), F(Rom)
RUS: StP, Sev, Mos, War, Rum + Swe, Bud	= 7 Builds: A(War), A(Sev)
TUR: Smy, Ank, Con, Gre, Bul	= 5 No Change
Neutrals: (Swe), Por	= 1
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PRESS:

Berlin - 49 Steps: Where were you last time? Gone to annoy some other game I suppose. It was different without you. Pleasanter, I believe is the word.

England - Berlin: Pardon?

Mama Buitoni - Paul Oakes: Yep you're right. He is a complete and utter imbecile! Trouble is he tends to get away with it. As his dad used to say: he always comes up smelling of roses.

London - Paris: Please make up your mind, are you on my side or his? I expect this turn the truth will shine forth!

Kermit - Bald Eagle: There was a young lass from Brum,  
Who kept putting stuff on her tum,  
She said with a giggle...

The Lion's Den - Paul Oakes: You've got your knickers twisted (painful) - it wasn't me who ordered the blasted armies!

England - Turkey: I'll reply when I've got the time, currently you're not on the top of my list. But after the exams (4th Jul)!

Mama Buitoni - Russia: You stabbed my beloved and I no bringa the clotted cream fudge toffees!

Italy - Paul Oakes: Ssh! I don't want to give the game away. It's all a big ploy to lull the rest of them into a false sense of security. They now think that they're playing an imbecile, but just you wait, my men have got their act



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together and are just waiting for my command to spring the trap. On the other hand, you could well be correct, wait and see.

London - The Byzantians: Hope yo don't mind me saying so, that's awful. Anyway what key would you sing it in? The Bar Key?

The 49 Steps: In which book did the charater Mariko appear?

Silly Young Man - Silly Old Man: Don't worry, your stories were fine but maybe just a few pages too long.

Bald Eagle - Kermit: Charlotte was a married lady,  
A stripper once was she.

She tore a strip off him so hard...

England - France: I quite agree, these deadlines seem to get shorter and shorter. Anyone know why, Tom? ((No, 4 weeks is normal...))

Austria: Dear Kris, I just wanted to say how grateful I am that you decided to carry the burden of facing Turkey and Russia on your own. I'm sure I couldn't have done a better job than yourself. Yes, I suppose you are right when you say that since all bases are on land you don't need to bother about fleets. Funny I never thought of that myself, but it's obvious really isn't it. Thanking you once again for such altruism, Yours ever, Nick. ((Letters...?))

Italy - Austria: Fancy calling us shitfaces ((Nick, you DIDN'T...?! I must admit I'm surprised)), I've been called a few things in my time, but never shitface. If you carry on at this rate you'll be nearly as good as Mr Baker at hurling insults at people, you haven't played against him by any chance have you?

The 49 Steps - Italy: I have no intention of drowning and nor, would it appear from your distaste of the sea, do you? As a consequence I confidently expect Turkey will bury you instead.

Italy - LUTON AIRPORT: Isn't life difficult when you don't know who to trust? ((WOT DO YOU ASK ME FOR?! SO YOU CAN LULL ME INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY AND THEN STAB ME?! Difficult? No, not really...))

St Petersburg (Govt) - Constantinople: At 8am on the 3rd August 1902, his Imperial Majesty Nicholii II announced the opening of hostilities against the Turkish infidel. War!

Italy - Russia: Phone bills, who worries about phone bills? (I DO!!!!) ((I should think so too being married to Michele...))

'Xanten' (1986??)

Spring 1902

AUSTRIA (Colin Kinsella)	A(Tri)-Vie, A(Bud) S A(Tri)-Vie, A(Ser) S TURKISH A(Bul)-Rum, F(Gre)-ION
ENGLAND (Stephen Cloves)	F(Lon)-Wal, A(Nor)-StP, F(BAR) S A(Nor)-StP, F(NTH)- Nor
FRANCE (Heiko Schafer)	F(MAO)-IRI, F(Bre)-ENC, A(Par)-Pic, A(Spa)-Mar, A(Por)-Spa
GERMANY (Chris Sandow)	F(Kie)-BAL, A(Ber)-Pru, A(Den)-Swe, A(Bel)-Ruh, F(Hol)-Bel, A(Mun) stands
ITALY (Andy Mansfield)	A(Ven) S A(Tyr)-Tri, *A(Vie) S A(Tyr)-Tri, A(Tyr)- Tri, F(Rom)-Nap, F(Tun)-ION
RUSSIA (Tony Reynolds)	A(Fin) S F(StP-nc)-Nor, F(Swe) S F(StP-nc)-Nor, F(StP-nc)-Nor, A(Ukr) S A(Sev), A(Sev) S F(Rum), [[*F(Rum) S AUSTRIAN F(Gre)-Bul-sc]]
TURKEY (Rowland Goodman)	F(BLA) S A(Bul)-Rum, A(Bul)-Rum, A(Arm)-Sev, A(Con)- Bul

Retreats: ITALIAN A(Vie)-Gal; RUSSIAN F(Rum) dies NRP

COA: (15.6.86 - 15.8.86) Heiko Schafer, App. 160, Miraverde, Los Cristianos, Tenerife, Spain.

LUTON AIRPORT: Just to bring things up to date - Italy had TWO builds last season, and built A(Ven).

(Press cont'd over...)

PRESS:

Le Palais - The Public: We are shocked to report that a fleet has deserted in order to take a look at British industry.

Austria - France: Of course he'll deny it, he's not stupid!

Gare Du Sud - Henry Root: You gave it away...

Austria - Germany & France: I'll consider it.

Le Chef - His sunbathing forces: Oh la la, sur les pieds and up north with you!

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'Ymir' (1986??)

Pre-Spring 1901

AUSTRIA: Barry Raynes, 42 Beechwood Avenue, Greenford, Middx, UB6 9UB.

ENGLAND: Paul Street, 52 Courtfield Gardens, London, SW5 ONF.

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

GERMANY: John Cavanagh, 7 Carmel Close, Mount Herman Road, Woking, Surrey, GU22 7XQ

ITALY : Mike Close, 'Lamont', Claude Road West, Barry, South Glamorgan, CF6 AJG.

RUSSIA : Rowland Goodman, Mill House, Flitwick, Bedford.

TURKEY : Kris Morris, 19 Hawks Park, Lower Burraton, Saltash, Cornwall, PL12 4SP

A good line up here - this has the makings of an interesting game. Just a few more rules: please check to see if you have enough credit after the £1.75 deduction. All orders must have the name of the game; preferably dated and with the game season; and, most certainly clearly signed. A map and a copy of my houserules should be included with this issue (if not it's all Jan's fault). My call sign is LUTON AIRPORT, I would request you not to misuse it as all official missives (reajudications etc) will come under this heading. And last and most definitely least, don't forget to send Provisional Autumn 1901 orders in with your Spring 01 orders (it's ONLY for the 1901 season) as it insures - the game gets off to a smooth start. Good luck now (some of you are going to need it!), and may the best rat win.

SOPWITH (T025DD)

'VULTURE'

TURN 30

GM: Matt Quartermain, 76 Wilwood Road, Priestwood, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 1SN

	<u>MOVE 1</u>	<u>MOVE 2</u>	<u>MOVE 3</u>	<u>HEX</u>	<u>F/HEX</u>	<u>AMMO</u>	<u>DGE</u>	<u>RAT</u>
LT. DEZ TROY:	NMR!	Moves A,A,A	- no firing	K11	L12	2	4	21
<u>Martyn Ives</u>								
<u>FLYER TUCK:</u>	LS - F0,	LS - F0,	LS - F0	F12	G12	16	8	89
<u>Richard Morris</u>								

DAMAGE (DGE): Don't be silly

CLOUD POSITIONS (beginning of turn 31): All move North West

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|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| (1) L8,M7,M8,N7,N8 | (2) Gone forever | (3) N14,O15,O14     |
| (4) H10,I11,J11    | (5) Gone forever | (6) P11,P12,Q13,Q14 |

PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT: This game not finished YET?!

JOTTO Turn 8

A couple of SIXES - it won't be long now! The prize is £4.50.

ROSIE ROBERTS : 8th 316112 !!	MATTHEW WRIGHT: 8th 221231
ULF JIRETORN : 8th 232024	DENISE SMITH : 7th NMR!; 8th NMR!
KATH COLLMAN : 8th 221161 !!	MIKE CLOSE : 8th 001112
MICHELE MORRIS: 8th 203002	BILL HAYGARTH : 7th NMR!; 8th NMR!
BRIAN MOORE : 8th 451123	

I thought, as we have a couple of interested players, that these rules needed reprinting (good thing about having a computer - stuff like this doesn't need typing in again). Remember, all queries go to Pete Sullivan (address on the back of Dib).

DIB DIB DIBENGARDE: POSTAL HOUSE RULES

1. The 1977 rulebook will be used, except as amended herein. Orders should reach the King (G.M.) by the deadline given: telephone orders at your own risk. The King's final decision is final, but he's willing to argue about it a bit.
2. New Players: can join at any time, subject to any limit on numbers. Any player whose character dies may have a new one, but it will start at a lower status level than before.
3. No Moves Received: Will result in a character doing nothing, unless he is at the frontier. If he NMR's three times in a row he will be dropped from the game.
4. Parties: Any character may hold a party at his club in a week. He may indicate to the King who is invited or the King will assume that everyone is welcome. The character holding the party receives one status point for each character and mistress who attends, and an additional status point for each character (not mistress) who has a higher status level. The cost of a party is three times the total carousing costs of all the guests. Each guest will have a carouse at the party - whilst at the party he may indulge in other club-related activities, including another carouse at his own expense.
5. Duels: There are several reasons for a duel given in the rules and players are encouraged to think up others - the King will arbitrate if necessary. Press insults are a valid reason for a duel but characters may refuse duels for this reason without penalty.  
 Duels take place before the first week of the month. Characters in a duel should send orders specifying:
  - (a) Which weapon he will use.
  - (b) 5 sequences of duelling actions (later sequences may be conditional on earlier ones).
  - (c) Conditions to deal with weapon breakage.
  - (d) Conditions for surrender.
 Surrenders are normally accepted but some cads may prefer to kill surrendering characters instead. If they do, they lose 3 status levels. If the King suspects a duel is suspiciously short, and set up just to gain expertise, he may deny the winner his expertise point.
6. Loans: must be repaid when due, the character going into minus if necessary. A character with a minus must go to the frontier until he is back in the black.
7. Influence: Any non-player character may be influenced to do anything. The character should declare his intention to the King who will publish it in the report together with the die roll required for success (normally a 7). Any character may then use their influence in their next set of orders.  
 Players may purchase favours (bribes) in any week, but may not use it until the next month. A favour costs (250 x class) crowns.
8. Prisoners: If a player on campaign fails to make his death roll by only one or two, he is not killed but captured by the Spanish, who will ransom him for (100 x status level) crowns. This ransom has to be paid by other players, although the player may of course show his gratitude on his return to Paris. If the ransom isn't paid within 3 months, the Spanish will get bored and kill the prisoner.
9. Rules Revisions: The King may add to or alter these rules either on his own or a player's initiative, although in the latter case he will always give notice and consult "public opinion".
10. Press: is welcome from all and sundry (especially sundry) but the King reserves the right to edit or omit press for reasons of space, taste, legibility or fiat. There are no reserved datelines except for "KING" or "KING PETER", which, not unsurprisingly is the King's dateline.

## 'The Root of All Evil' - 'Witham' Diplomacy Bourse Autumn 1992

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Currency	Cr	£	FF	DM	Li	Rn	Pi	\$
Fireball		+31	-25	-500	-500	+5596	-500	+100.00
Alison's Brother	-500	-500	+8400	-500	-500	-500	-500	-18.00
Paul Oakes	NTR!							
Hrodvitnir			+2640	-500		+2000	-500	+6.20
Junkie	-500	-500	+6462	-500			-500	+0.46
God Emperor			+100	-500		+3300		-3.00
Morph		-500	+2750	-500		+2500	-500	-62.50
Loki		+365	+4477	-500		+1385	-200	-1878.24
Kerensky Corporated		-500	-500	-500	+1000	+500		+940.00
The Rabbi					+1000	+2000	-500	-3280.00
Total	-1000	-1104	+24354	-4000	+1000	+16781	-2700	-4195.08
Change	-0.10	-0.11	+2.43	-0.40	+0.10	+1.67	-0.27	
New Value	1.40	0.62	3.50	4.43	1.94	2.39	1.28	

### Current Holdings

Currency	Cr	£	FF	DM	Li	Rn	Pi	\$	Value
Alison's Brother	2000	600	8400	5500	2000	1800	1000	26.00	66700.00
Junkie	6781		6962	7219				0.79	66201.52
Hrodvitnir			2640	9329		2500	3500	6.31	61488.92
Loki		1065	4677	5707		2185		1.89	47821.20
Fireball		31		4530	4282	5596	4404	100.00	47732.26
Morph		1500	5250	3500		3000	250	230.00	42705.00
Paul Oakes	500			4946	9350			4.14	42044.62
God Emperor			3000	3500		6200		3.50	41001.50
Kerensky Corporated	100	400	800	1400	1100	1500		3249.00	18428.00
The Rabbi	150	350	700	650	1650	2650	50	99.00	15486.50

**BIG MAC:** General Jarolseski and Lemming both drop out having failed to submit orders for the last two seasons. I have printed the value of your holdings as it is an Autumn season. In future Spring seasons I shall attempt to print both the values and the YP's for whilst the YP's do not matter at the moment they are a handy guide as to what result would be. (especially if Witham is suddenly ended by a draw proposal).

### SOPWITH (TOB4DD)

### 'Great Til'

### TURN 7 (Still)

GM: Richard Downes, 2 Brisbane Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1XZ. (0795) 77027

Slight problems here. I sat down to adjudicate this game and discovered that last time I had failed to update the finishing and facing hexes - Oh the perils of Word-Processors! Anyway this then is the adjudication as it should have been. I have received orders from all bar Woody Woodpecker. Some of you worked out what the positions should have been but not all. Thus I cannot really adjudicate. In an attempt to get this game moving what I will do is this. I shall wait until one week after Dib 59 is out then I shall adjudicate and send out separately turn 8. So if you wish to alter your orders considering the correct positions then I advise you to inform me (Telephone or mail) ASAP. The Dib 60 deadline will then remain for turn 9. My apologies, but we all make mistakes! Surprisingly none of you pointed out my error (too polite?) though some had obviously spotted it others hadn't.

	Hexes	Hex	F/Hex	Ammo	Dge	HP
<u>MACHINE GUN JOE</u> (Stuart Tweedy)	A-f0, RT-fR, A-fR - Lands	A10	???	16	2	11
<u>SAUER VON MESSERSHIP</u> (Per von Gavel)	LS-fL, LT-f0, LT-f0	D9	D8	7	2	8
<u>MAJOR CRINCEWORTHY</u> (Terry Dibden)	I-f0, A-f0, LT-fA	H9	O10	7	7	14
<u>PHANTOM PHART</u> (James Steele)	RT-fR, RT-fA+L, D-f0	O13	N13	7	3	11
<u>WOODY WOODPECKER</u> (Daniel Brooks)	RT-f0, A-fA, LT-f0	N14	M14	9	5	5

**CLOUD POSITIONS** (At the beginning of Turn 8) All move toward S10.

(1) D5, E5, E4, F5, F4

(2) J11, K11, L11

(3) J5, K6, K5

(4) J14, K15, L15

(5) N11, N10, O11, P11

(6) D8, E8, F9, G9

**TO ALL PLAYERS** in Root of All Evil and Great Til. Many of you don't seem to realise that I have to adjudicate and mail these games to Tom by the Main Dib Deadline. This is not difficult for me providing that you get your orders in on time. This issue I only had 7 out of 17 sets of orders by the deadline. That's disgraceful and also causes me an extra lot of work, so please have a heart and get those orders in on time. Next time I think I'll just NMR the offenders and see what happens!! - The best idea is to send your orders as soon as you receive Dib then you won't forget or miss the deadline. Since there is no diploming necessary there should be no reason for delaying sending in your orders. On the other hand I have been receiving some orders before I get my Dib! Well done!