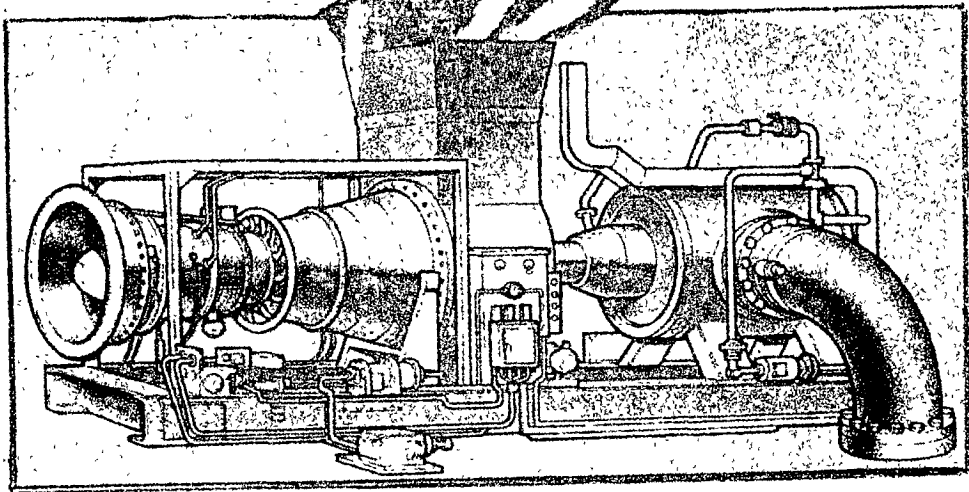


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BR 'Icene' (1982ES)

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.

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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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