## 2001 A Gaming Odyssey

Summer 1902
German A bur r RUH
Fall 1902

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A BOH S (ITA) BUR - mun, F alb - ION, F GRE S A SER - bul, A rum S A SER - bul(d;r Bud,Gal,OTB), A SER - bul.
A pic - BEL, F ENG S A pic - BEL, F NWY S (GER) F BAL -- swe(cut), F IRI S F ENG.
A gas - BRE, A PAR S A gas - BRE, F mao - NAO, F bre - MAO.
F bel - HOL, A MUN S (ITA) A TYA - boh(nso,cut), A RUH S A MUN, A KIE S A MUN, F BAL - swe.
A BUR - mun, A TYA S A BUR - mun, A pie - MAR, F tyn - WES, F NAF S (FRE) F bre -- MAO.
A sev -- RUM, A mos -- UKR, A STP - nwy, F SWE - nwy, A war - SIL, F CON S (TUR) A BUL.
F BLA S (RUS) A sev - RUM, A BUL S (RUS) A sev - RUM, F AEG S A BUL.

## Game Notes:

- ZAT for Autumn \& Winter 1902 is Thursday, October 4, 2001, 9:00 pm Pacific;
- As mentioned in DE\#1, winter is automatically separated each year (that is news to Gary, I think);
- Battle of the Six armies in center board creates more heat than movement, but impressive;
- Don't forget that Austrian A rum is in retreat;
- Rumania now a protectorate of the Tsar, Holland falls to Kaiser, Belgium greets John Bull;
- Boob says we're on-line as part of The Abyssinian Prince;
- Steve Langley comes through with mucho press! Thank you.
- Ken Peel comes through with nothing ... whimpus maximus.

GM starting a second RegDip game - Red Tape will include government workers only; 4 spots left.

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## Fall 1902

## Supply Centers Held as of Winter 1902

| Austria | Bud Tri Vie Ser Gre | 5 | Even or +1 (if OTB) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| England | Edi Lon Lpl BEL Nwy | 5 | +1 |
| France | Bre Par Por Spa | 4 | Even |
| Germany | Ber Kie Mun Den bet HOL | 5 | Even |
| Italy | Nap Rom Ven Mar Tun | 5 | Even |
| Russia | Mos Sev Stp War but CON RUM Swe | 7 | +1 |
| Turkey | Ank eøn Smy BUL | 3 | Even |
| NEUTRAL | hol rum | 0 |  |

Press:
GM to GAME: It is my intent to honor my stated intention of separating the winter season each year. If I get orders for Spring 1903 from all seven players, however, I will adjudicate that turn without delay. No pressure here to do that, but I also don't want to delay the game if the players are ready to move forward.

GM to GAME PART II: I have not been able to determine how much press was lost in the recent computer debacle. I have a fair amount and, rather try to put it within the proper context of each of the past few turns - some of which have only been run via e-mail, I will consolidate it all under the press for the $\mathrm{S}^{\prime} 03$ which follows in a few pages. Next up is Winter '02 ...

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No change. Has As BOH, BUD, SER; Fs GRE, ION.
Build F LPL. Has A BEL; Fs ENG, IRI, LPL, NWY.
No change. Has As BRE, A PAR; Fs NAO, MAO.
No change. Has As MUN, RUH, KIE; Fs HOL, BAL.
No change. Has As TYA, MAR, BUR; Fs NAF, WES.
Build A WAR. Has As RUM, UKR, STP, WAR, SIL; Fs CON, SWE.
No change. Has A BUL; Fs AEG, BLA.

Game Notes:

- ZAT for Spring 1903 is Thursday, November 9, 2001, 9:00 pm Pacific;


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    A BOH - gal, A BUD S A BOH - gal, A ser - GRE, F gre - AEG,
    F ION S F gre - AEG.
    A BEL - pic, F eng - NTH, F NWY S F eng - NTH, F iri - ENG,
    FLPL - nao.
    A pic - PIC, A BRE S A par - PIC, F NAO - Ipl, , F mao - SPA(sc).
    F BAL - swe, F HOL - bel, A MUN S (RUS) A SIL - boh(cut),
    A KIE S A MUN, A RUH S A MUN.
    A BUR S (FRE) A par - PIC, A MAR S A BUR, A TYA - mun,
    F naf - MAO, F WES S F naf - MAO.
    A RUM S (TUR) A bul - SER, A WAR - gal, A UKR S A WAR - gal,
    A stp - MOS, F SWE H, A SIL - boh, F con - SMY.
    F bla - BUL(ec), F aeg S F bla - BUL(ec), (d;r CON,EAS,OTB),
    A bul-SER.
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## Game Notes:

- ZAT for Summer and Fall 1903 is Thursday, December 6, 2001, 9:00 pm Pacific;
- More bullets to follow in hard copy DE\#6

England - Italy: In a sweeping victory for the opposition party, the PM was given a vote of 'no confidence" and removed from office. The PM, recently the subject of scandalous abuse from the Fleet Street tabloids for his consorting with spiritualists, Russo-Transylvanian vampires, Germans, Italians, and French Antelopes, was replaced by the leader of the Xenophobe party, who campaigned succesfully on the slogan "Hide in a bunker until it all goes away". The new PM refused to come out and address his supporters, for fear they might stab him.
(Vie) Given the increasing Siege mentality prevalent here in the capital, Archduke Fazdorf is lashing out with some hopefully-unexpected offensives, in the hopes of catching the aggressors by surprise. "We can only delay, but not prevent, the inevitable submersion of our lands to revenge-minded Turks and their aloof puppet-masters in the North," said Archduke Fazdorf. Fazdorf went on to hope that Germany and (especially) England wake up to the very real presence of a large Tsarist entity near their borders, and settle their internecine fighting among themselves and I/A at the soonest possible moment.
(Aus to Ger): As promised, I'm leaving, and heading toward the East. Am hoping you've done friendly moves as well, ol' Chum.
(Aus to Ita): Et tu, Brute? Austria hopes that her Italian neighbor sees the logic in preventing a Yellow Tide from rushing upon Italian shores. We beseech you for help.
(Budapest): This just in from the Austrian office of the National Inquirer:
"BOB OLSEN" PROVED A HOAX! DISCOVERY OF MUMMIFIED WRITING HAND OF FORMER DIP-COMMUNICANT-GONE-SILENT CONFIRMS THAT JIM-BOB BURGESS BEHIND PLAN FOR

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## ITALY'S WINTER 1902 PRESS

[ROME]- Metaphorically foaming at the mouth with a persistently severe case of theological rabies, the Pope verbally flagellated all of Europe's leaders from his balcony in St. Peters Square, likening them to the infamous "sette peccati mortali" ("Seven Deadly Sins"). According to His Holiness, each of the leaders perfectly personifies one sin apiece. Some excerpts from His Dogmatic's speech:
"The English King continues to be consumed with "Concupiscenza"
("lust") with all his talk about viagra and Sunset Boulevard and low desires to be a "rake" and his unquenchable lust for French supply centers arousing anger in France(see below). Shame on you, "Michelino il Concupiscente" ("Mike the Lustful"), for telling virtuous maidens that your real name is Michelangelo and would they like to see some of your etchings!"
"And the "Legnino" ("Woody") in France has openly paraded hi s sin of "Rabbia" ("wrath") towards England but since it is against Mazzer, it's three Hail Marys for penance and you,"Stefano il Arrabbiato" ("Steve the Wrathful"), can be back out on the streets."
"The Austrian Emperor has seen his "Invidia" ("envy") grow in leaps and bounds as he lost both supply centers and allies to his archenemy, the Sultan. "Marco il Indivioso" ("Mark the Envious") will leave no stone unturned in order to recover what he so desires for his own self! Right now he even envies Woody his comparably better position in France!"
"The Tsar of Russia is full of "Indolenza" ("sloth") for he doesn't communicate with his fellow sovereigns and he has failed to entertain Us with his press for he has submitted no press in years! Wake up and smell the stroganoff, "Robertuccio il Pigro" ("Bob the Slothful") before your sin catches up with you...."
"There is no clearer image of "Avidita" ("greed") in the world today than the German Kaiser. Notorious for his inordinate, ravenous grasping of Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Marseille and the North Sea, no nation in Europe is safe from such all-consuming greed as "Giacomino il Ingordo" ("Jim the Greedy") has so brazenly exhibited!"
"The Sultan of Turkey and his "Orgoglio" ("pride") are too contemptible for words.... but I'll try...Before any European leader could even congratulate him on his marvelous comeback and brilliant tactics, he contemptuously ordered them to "lick my boots". Well, "Giacomino-Robertuccio il Altezzoso" ("Jim-Bob the Haughty") in that case, you may lick Our feet, and wash them before you do so, and do it on your knees as that is how we Catholics prefer it, bless your heart... Europe beware! Added to the danger of "Gog" and "Magog", we now have a Turkish orGOGlio!"
"And last, but certainly not the least of these, is our own King of Italy, profoundly guilty on all counts of "Ghiottoneria" ("gluttony"), a $\sin$ so bad that the Italian alphabet had to add the letter "h", which it

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usually lacks, to come up with a word to describe the heinous activities of "Gariano il Ghiotto" ("Gary the Gluttonous"). This self-styled "Caesar" puts away so much tortelleni at his Roman orgies of press writing that it should be a sin in its own category! Oh, Geez, look at the time. I must cut this short and get to the King's palace. It's time to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's...."

## 1902 EDITION OF NAVI DELLE POTENZE GRANDI DI GIOVANNA, CURRENT THROUGH

WINTER 1902.----- Fall 1902 saw the first naval battle of this war in
Scandinavia as Russia's "Siberian Snowfiend" fended off attacks by England's
"Berzerk Preying Mantis" and Germany's "Treacherous Tarantula" on Sweden.
The French vessel, "Cher Mere" ("Mommie Dearest") broke into the North Atlantic and is now directly threatening Liverpool and the Norwegian Sea and all points beyond. England is expected to launch Europe's only new fleet this year, the "Anglo AntiChrist", affectionately, lovingly and informally known in English slang as the "Mazzerman".

England is unquestionably the world's largest naval power and has now achieved the elusive "two-power fleet" goal whereby the English fleet is as strong as any two other fleets in Europe combined.

The Habsburg ship "Vampire-Werewolf" sailed into the Ionian Sea causing nervous titters in Naples and Tunis despite Austria's reassurances to Italy. Like the English homefront, the Italian homeland is facing a threat from a weaker neighbor which she had, like England with France, also underrated as a threat. And both Italy and England face an even more powerful naval foes on their respective Eastern horizons.

After a most generous "donation" from the Sultan, Giovanna has changed the name of the Turkish battleship, "Scheherazade's Tale" to the "Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker". Sail on, Sap!
[ROME]- So-called "nervous titters" have turned into a full-blown panic in Naples, Tunis and other Italian seaports as the powerful Austrian battleship, the "Vampire-Werewolf" menacing glided into the Ionian. To ward off this monstrous threat, the Government is dispensing silver bullets, blessed by priests, to Italians everywhere. Fortunately, the population naturally already possesses ample amounts of garlic and crucifixes in abundance to further guard against these Austrian monsters.
[ROME]- Italy's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Elviseo Presleyiano, is doing some fancy hip-swiveling to find a new policy, since Italy's current practice of fighting to the last Frenchman and the last Austrian seems to be fast unraveling. "Like our great Roman predecessors, we have hired barbarians to do our fighting for us so we could pursue more pleasurable pursuits. We must now rely on ourselves but the problem with that is that our military is divided on which course to take. The Italian Army is pro-English and anti-German while the Italian Navy is pro-German and anti-English. Wise men say, only fools rush in but I can't help...."
Signor Presleyiano broke off his remarks for a few minutes, then continued....

When queried about England's accusations of Fascists holding high
positions in the Italian Government, Signor Presleyiano denied it and countered that the English must have meant the "Fazists", a highly influential pro-Austrian coterie which often has the ear of the Italian King and is also known to greatly admire the Austrian Emperor.

Asked "Who rules in Russia?", Signor Presleyiano replied, "No one has heard from the Tsar for many months now. Evidence is mounting that Russia has been taken over by a Turkish clique and that Russia slavishly does every bidding of the Sultan."
[ROME]- The Italian Government announced that the Neapolitian Chronicles are being temporarily relocated from Naples to Rome for "security reasons".

NEAPOLITAN CHRONICLES -[ROME]-: ....Tired of being Cinderella.....Luke 2:19......Hundehund may find those rabbits in the North Sea...... What would Brian Boitano do?.......Proverbs 16:18......Balance of Power or Blitzkrieg?

Rome to Vienna: Damn, and they didn't even say "prithee"....That's the difference between them and you.

ITALY to FRANCE: There's Tipperary right there. It isn't such a long way after all....

ITALY to RUSSIA: Funny, you never looked Abyssinian to me....
ITALY to TURKEY: You say you won't write me lies, only the truth. So is that why you haven't been writing me lately? Not very comforting, Sultan.....

ITALY to GM: Looks like it's shaping up to be "Mommie Dearest" versus the "Anglo-AntiChrist" and the "Viagratic Bedlington Terror". What does that sound like to you?

## Getting to Know You, Scary as That Might Be ...

Would you each let me know: three (or five) of your favorite movies; three favorite musical artists; and three favorite authors? I also want to know your favorite color and your favorite/lucky number. (Finally, please send me the sixteen-digit account code to your three favorite credit cards.)

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