



Coup d'état in Austria

News has just got to HT of a coup d'état in Austria. Emperor Brack has been deposed by the new Emperor Peters, a relatively liberal (by Austrian standards) cousin to the past Emperor Franz-Josef.

Emperor Peters is popular with the peasantry for his enlightened attitude towards his subjects. For example, in 1892 when he was 15, he only had half a village executed when an occupant implied he slept with his dog, 'Annova'. In 1898, he pleaded that the entire population of Hungary could be executed by 'humane' means, in contrast to the then popular view amongst the ruling classes that they should be allowed to survive.

More recently, he has been personally responsible for the conversion of many Greek cities into agricultural land (with, according to Austrian government sources, the population willingly supplying fertilizer), in order to increase the supplies of high quality wines to the Austrian court.

Emperor Peters immediately took command of the armed forces upon his ascendancy to the Austrian throne. This was followed by a battle with Turkey in the previously independent land of Albania, resulting in no change to the Austrian and Turkish positions in the area, and the decimation of the local population.

We wish the new Emperor luck in his attempts to conquer Europe. Austrian dominance of Europe would certainly have a pleasant effect on the diet of the ruling classes; indeed, the Austrians are already drawing up laws to require the entire population to survive on Winalot.

DEADLINE

The deadline for the next move set is:

August 15th.

(thats a Wednesday). I've chosen midweek to help avoid problems of postal delays.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Ralph Atkinson has moved to:

177 Greenvale Road,
Eltham, London SE9.

Miles Pratt is at the following address until the end of the month:

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Realschule,
Fischbeker Moor 6,
Fischbek, Hamburg,
Germany.

John Dennison is at his holiday address. Rebecca Horrobin's "Road" is actually an "Avenue".

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One

Austria: F Gre-Alb (FAILS), A Tri-Ser (FAILS), A Bud s. A Tri-Ser, A Vie-Gal.

England: A Yor-Lon, F NTH-SKA, F Nor s F NTH-SKA, F Hel-Kie (FAILS).

France: F Mar-GOL, F WMS c A Spa-Tun, A Spa-Tun (FAILS), F Bel-Hol (FAILS), A Bur-Ruh (FAILS), A Pic-Bur (FAILS).

Germany: F SKA-Den (FAILS) NRO, A Den-Kie (FAILS), A Hol s A Den-Kie (CUT), A Mun s A Ruh, A Ruh s A Hol (CUT).

Italy: A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven, F Ion c A Apu-Tun, A Apu-Tun (FAILS).

Russia: A Ukr s. A Vie-Gal, F Sev-BLA (FAILS), F GOB-BAL, A Swe-Den (FAILS), [[F StP commits suicide]]

Turkey: F Smy-AEG, F Con-Bul(S) (FAILS) F BLA s A Rum (CUT), A Bul-Ser (FAILS), A Rum s A Bul-Ser, A Ser-Alb (FAILS).

GMs patronising comments: Things are hotting up!! One of the most significant events in this round must be the Russian support of the move by Austria into Galacia. They're finally co-operating. If they

keep working together they should be able to contain Turkey, although it may be too late. The board is clearly dividing into two regions of conflict, with Russia in both and Italy now switching. The Italian position is weak but has potential. Although it will be difficult to defend Tunis, the presence of the Italian army in Piedmont threatening Marseille is quite capable of giving France a lot of headaches. On the other hand, a French fleet in the Tyrohenian sea next round will no doubt return the compliment. It is now clear that Germany is in deep trouble. Unless the Russians switch sides Denmark will fall to England, and Russia will take Berlin. The Italian intervention in Piedmont weakens the French, but that isn't the weak front anyway. Russia is the key in both fronts. Russia has a strong strategic position against England. I suspect Germany will be writing lots of letters to Russia encouraging him to use it. If France joined in For this reason I do not think the situation in the north is as clearcut as it appears. We shall see next round.

Duncan Brack (who played Austria) is unfortunately unable to continue in the game. The new Austria is Graem Peters, who lives at 54 Capri Road, Croydon, Surrey. Please send all hate mail to him.

CIVILIZATION

I've sussed some rules for playing the game of Civilization by post. This is set in the times before Christ, with players controlling new civilizations struggling to form and survive. If anyone is interested in taking part in an experimental game, could they contact me at the usual address. (Dylan)

FREE GAME YEARS

In order to get a lot of new players into GYL postal Diplomacy, we're making the following amazing offer: for each new player you get into a game of postal Diplomacy you get a F*R*E*E game year (this includes yourself joining in another game). Just send me their name, address favourite country and deposit to us.

GYL 2

GYL/2 Spring 1901:

Austria: A Bud-Ser,
F Tri-Alb, A Vie-
Gal (FAILS).

England: F Edi-NRW,
A Lpl-Edi, F Lon-
NTH.

France: F Bre-MAO,
A Par-Bur (FAILS),
A Mar-Spa.

Germany: F Kie-Den,
A Ber-Kie, A Mun-
Bur (FAILS).

Italy: A Ven-Tyr,
F Nap-LON, A Rom-
Nap.

Russia: F. StP (S)-
GOB, F Sev-BLA
(FAILS), A War-Gal
(FAILS), A Mos-Ukr.

Turkey: F Ank-BLA
(FAILS), A Con-Bul,
A Smy-Con.

GM says: Austria is in trouble right at the start. I suspect Turkey will gain most, assuming that the Italian moves were meant to link up with the failed Russian move into Galacia, rather than being part of a (secret?) Austro-Italian alliance (in which case Turkey is in trouble). Russia has to watch his back in case England goes to north, although I suspect the result of the German French standoff in Burgandy is going to be an English army in

Belgium. England is in a strong position. What happens in the English French German triangle is worth watching. Who will ally with who? Will France move south and so threaten Italy? Will Germany stop Russia taking Sweden?

Overall, the overall board situation has great potential. Is there a Russo-Turkish juggernaut? If so, will the other players unite to defeat it?

MASSIVE INCREASE

Hacking Times is very pleased to announce a massive increase in its circulation figures from an all time low of zero to a new massive level. We are very proud to be able to state that we have the highest circulation in a particular section of the population than any other publication (including the Sun). This section is 'the players of GYL games of Diplomacy'. We are currently investigating why this is the case. We are particularly proud of these results, because they occurred with the first edition of HT ever published.

ENVELOPES

I will soon be playing in some games as well as refereeing others. In order to prevent accidental cheating by me or Clive, could all players sending Diplomacy letters to Haddo House put the game number on the OUTSIDE of the envelope. Thanks.

QUESTIONS

Q. What do the rules say about armies crossing from Spain to N.Africa? How does that compare to Denmark and Sweden?

A. The rules include a specific list of all geographical oddities, including the Kiel canal, the Constantinople sea channel, and the Denmark Sweden landbridge. They say nothing about a Spain to N.Africa land bridge. I rule that in the GYL games, it does not exist. The idea arose with the first English edition of the game, which had a badly drawn mapboard which included linking Spain and North Africa, and making borders of the English regions very unclear.

Unfortunately, Kieth Edge (who plays France) lives in an area which has just had a prolonged local postal strike. The effect is that he has just received the introductory mailing, and has been unable to negotiate. In order to preserve the balance of the game, I am therefore going to allow another month for Spring 1901 in GYL/3. Players who have already submitted their moves may resubmit moves if they so wish; if they don't, their current moves will be accepted. Naturally, this mailing is free to all players in game 3. I apologize for this delay, but I feel it is important that all players be given an opportunity to negotiate. The deadline for Spring 1901 is now August 15th (last post).

REVIEW

Rarely do you ever come across something as brilliant as the Young Liberal International Department mailing. Shakespeare dulls by comparison. Perhaps this is the reason why da Vinci never wrote; he may have looked into the future and seen this mailing, and realised that it would be impossible to

GYL 4

GYL 4: GM Clive Buckman. Waiting to play: L. Fordham, P. Alexandra, H. Cohen, D. Harris, P. Ladanyi.

FILLER

There's not much point in reading this bit because I only put it in to fill some space.

equal.

The mailing starts with a superbly brilliant editorial, followed by an absolutely breathtaking set of minutes. Then comes the best agenda ever printed in the solar system. The letters section is an incredible psychological play, and the in-depth analysis of Turkey will probably cause a revolution or five there. I was held agast at the quality of the typing. I can only recommend that everyone buys at least thirty copies of this mailing.

I wish to point out that my objective assessment of the mailing in this review was in no way affected by the fact that I wrote most of it.

QUESTION

Q. If a unit tries to move somewhere and can't, and a second unit from a different country tries to occupy the region from which the first unit tried to move, what happens?

A. Rule VIII states 'If a unit ... is prevented from moving, and other units are ordered into its space, those other units may not move.' There is an example of this in game one where Germany tried to move an army into Kiel, but failed to do so. Russia opportunistically attempted to move an army from Sweden to Denmark, but because the German move was prevented (by an Anglo French alliance), and because the Russian move was not supported, the Russian army stayed in Sweden.

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