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New Games: An 1856 starts on p2 after the 1830Z45 report.

This issue has made it out to the ether on time according to my unpublished schedule. A modern miracle.

RR2539WR
COMMENTS

Brad M 1st

Well, that was a surprise, I thought Mike would maintain his lead, but nasty Dragons intervened. I've played this map twice, and neither time have I reached Dorne. But Ships help to alleviate the difficulty in accessing some of the peripheral areas, and Dragons add some interesting tactical challenges, so I am in favour of keeping both. Thanks all, for the game, and Rob for the GMing.

Mike R 2nd

Congratulations to Brad on securing victory, and thanks to Rob for introducing me to a new map. I really do like the map, but really don't think the dragon rules improved the game. (The fact that I would most likely have won without all those derailments might be deemed a factor in my thinking, but I am not much of a fan of "take-that" mechanisms in any game setting.) The ships, on the other hand, definitely add something to the game and are an appropriate feature on this map. I feared that the starting positions were a little unbalanced, but the fact that I could easily have won from fourth choice suggests otherwise, and I do think the ships are a levelling factor as giving everyone an option to reach far-off parts. Good stuff. I would play this map again - but would leave out the dragons.

John W 3rd

An interesting map and 3 of us quite close together. I'm pleased to have stayed in touch, spending a lot of points in Rounds 1 and 2 on track that doesn't go anywhere interesting isn't usually a good plan. Congratulations to Brad and Mike who played better. I wasn't much bothered about the dragons, and played them defensively through the game, I should have built a boat on the East coast though. One each side should be enough I think.

David H 4th

It was just one of the RR games in which my rails were good in some directions but the runs were in other directions, except on the last turn.

GM

Thank you all for your comments - and for a well-played game. I agree about the boats being a good element of this game. Logically the dragons add to the tactical options as Brad says. But although there will be luck involved in assigning them - just as there is in deciding which of two apparently "equal until the runs are revealed" options to build - the wrong choice will feel worse. If you have a network that looks good but happens to not suit the races then that is out of your control ("not your fault") but a dragon bravely defending the wrong race entry will seem more arbitrary. But they do spice up the running stages.

RR2539WR
WON BY BRAD M FROM MIKE R & JOHN W

WAITING	1829 SOUTH NORTH	David H, John S David H
	1830	Mike B, John W
	1835	Graham L
	1846	~
	1856	Mark H, John S, John W, Mike B
	1861	John S
	1870	Mike B, John S
	18EU	John S, David H
	RAILWAY RIVALS	~
	ST. PETERSBURG	Brad M, John W

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST 2025
HOST : ROB THOMASSON

All but Mark are at the certificate limit ...

Stock Round 7

* share from the pool

John Shelley	Tony Sait	Mike Ruffhead	Andy Muir	Mark Hancock
+NYNH*(70)	+CPR*(100)	+PRR*(68)	+B&M(76)	-CPR/3(300), +PRR*(68)
+NYNH*(70)	+CPR*(76)	-Erie(71),+PRR*(68)	+CPR*(76)	~
+NYNH*(70)	~	~	-B&O(100), +NYC*(120)	~
+NYNH*(70)	~	~	-B&M(100), +NYNH*(70)	~
-B&O(100), +C&O(67)	[Priority]			

Cash Flow	Start	SR7	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Mark Hancock	432	232	664	1,308	14.6	6 - 6	
John Shelley	560	-247	313	1,527	17.0	13 - 13	
Tony Sait	483	-176	307	1,542	17.2	13 - 13	
Mike Ruffhead	1,119	-65	1,054	2,558	28.5	13 - 13	
Andy Muir	930	-142	788	2,053	22.8	13 - 13	

Portfolios	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
Mark Hancock	1	-	-	5P	-	-	1	-
John Shelley	1	1	5P	1	1	-	6P	-
Tony Sait *	1	-	2	-	-	6P	-	6P
Mike Ruffhead	6P	6P	-	1	1	-	1	-
Andy Muir	1	3	1	-	6P	-	2	1
Bank New	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	-
Par	67	82	100	100	67	67	71	76
Bank Pool	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	3
Quote	69G	140C	76E	100E	75F	69G	75F	100E
Credit	\$869	\$155	\$590	\$274	\$10	\$410	\$311	\$330
Trains	3 3	5 3	4	4	5 3	4	5 3	4
Tokens Left	1	2	2	-	1	2	-	-

Tiles	1/0	2/1	3/2	4/2	7/1	8/5	9/5	14/0	15/1	16/1	18/1	19/1
	20/1	23/2	24/3	25/1	26/1	27/0	28/1	29/1	39/1	40/1	41/1	42/2
	43/1	44/1	45/2	46/1	47/0	53/2	54/1	55/0	56/1	57/3	58/1	59/2
	61/0	62/0	63/1	64/0	65/0	66/1	67/1	68/0	69/0	70/1		
Trains	6/2(\$630)		then	D/6(\$1,100)								

The OR11 operating order is - NYC, B&M, B&O, CPR, C&O, NYNH, Erie, PRR.

1830Z45 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 4 : BANK - \$5,925

NEXT TIME - OR11 & OR12

1856M46

START

You are ... in dealing order ... Mike Bennett, John Webley, Mark Hancock, John Shelley.

We will conduct SR1 by email - available alongside the Minstrel 521 email.

You know what to do if you have any queries.

1856M46 STANDARD GAME

NEXT: SR1 (BY EMAIL)

Everybody knew what they wanted and how to get it. Just the one OR next time aiming at OR7 & SR6 the time after next.

Stock Round 5

* share from the pool

John Shelley	Mike Bennett	Tony Sait	David Hooton
+C&O(76)	+NYNH/P(200)	+CPR/P(180)	+NYC/P(180)
+PRR(82)	+NYNH(100)	+CPR(90)	+C&O(76),-C&O(90)
~	+NYNH(100)	+CPR(90)	+NYC(90)
~	+NYNH(100)	+CPR(90)	+NYC(90)
~	+NYNH(100)	+CPR(90)	+NYC(90)
~	-C&O(80),+B&O(100)	~	+NYC(90)
~	~	~	-NYC(90),+B&O(100)

Cash Flow	Start	SR5	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 17
Tony Sait	548	-540	8	1,178	26.5	12 - 12	
David Hooton	549	-536	13	1,075	24.2	10 - 10	
John Shelley	196	-158	38	900	20.3	8 - 8	
Mike Bennett	667	-620	47	1,284	28.9	11 - 11	

Portfolios	Privates	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M	RDR
Tony Sait	-	-	-	6P	-	6P	-	-	-	2
David Hooton	-	1	5P	-	1	-	-	-	-	6P
John Shelley *	SVR	1	-	-	6P	1	-	-	-	-
Mike Bennett	-	5P	-	-	1	-	-	6P	-	1
Bank New	-	3	4	4	2	-	10P	4	10P	-
Par		82	90	90	100	76		100		90
Bank Pool	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	1
Quote		90D	82C	90B	112A	80F		100A		75F
Credit		\$20	\$900	\$900	\$400	\$209		\$1,000		\$202
Trains		3			4 3	3				3 3
Tokens Left		1	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	-

Privates Owned by ShareCos : PRR - C&A | C&O - CStL, D&H | RDR - M&H.

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/2	4/2	7/4	8/6	9/5	14/2	15/0	16/1	18/1	19/1
	20/1	23/3	24/3	25/1	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	53/1	54/1	55/1	56/0
	57/3	58/2	59/1	69/0								
Trains	4/4(\$300)	then	5/3(\$450)	6/3(\$630)	D/6(\$900)							

The OR6 operating order is - B&O, NYNH, PRR, CPR, NYC, C&O, RDR.

There is a relatively low amount of money in the bank as a reasonable reluctance to buy the last phase 2 train prevails. But investment in one or more new companies would change that.

Operating Round 5

	Dir	Lay(s)		[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
GT	MR	24:B10:3	6:D14:2	[9]	D6	440	Y	165	552	4 2 2 2	A F F G H
IC	JS	9:F6:1	8:E5:4		D6	340	Y	165	663	3~5 2 2	C G
PRR	MB	24:F14:3	9:F12:3	[8]		420	H	137	371	3~5 2 2 2	E F F H
C&O	JW	14:G13:1		[6]		140	Y	124	398	4	B D F

Operating Round 6

	Dir	Lay(s)		[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
GT	MR	15:C9:2	8:D12:5	[6]		440	Y	195	703	4 2 2 2	A F F H
IC	JS	8:F10:1				340	Y	195	760	3~5 2 2	C F
PRR	MB	23:H6:2	9:H4:3	[9]		420	Y	165	425	3~5 2 2 2	E F F H
C&O	JW					140	Y	137	517	4	B D

Notes	A	\$15 from the MC Private					E	\$10 from the C&WI Private				
	B	\$15 from the O&I Private					F	\$20 to Bank for a tile lay				
	C	\$15 from the MPC Private					G	\$80 to the Bank for a garrison				
	D	\$20 from the TBC Private					H	At Train Limit				

Tiles	MC/2	MS/3	MZ/2	5/3	6/3	7/5	8/4	9/3	57/4	291/1	292/1	293/1
	14/2	15/4	16/2	17/1	18/1	19/2	20/2	21/1	22/1	23/2	24/1	25/2
	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1	298/0	294/1	295/1	296/1	619/0	

Trains	[4(\$180) or 3~5(\$160)]/1					then	[6(\$800) or 7~8(\$900)]/9					
	[5(\$500) or 4~6(\$450)]/4											

Cash Flow	Start	OR5	OR6	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 12
Mike Ruffhead	100	241	262	603	1,743	28.8	5 - 5	
John Shelley	40	191	212	443	1,583	26.1	5 - 5	
Mike Bennett	95	170	296	561	1,746	28.8	6 - 6	
John Webley	60	90	90	240	983	16.2	4 - 4	

Portfolios	Privates	B&O	C&O	GT	IC	NYC	PRR
Mike Ruffhead	-	-	-	5P	-	-	1
John Shelley	-	-	-	-	5P	-	1
Mike Bennett	-	-	-	1	-	-	6P
John Webley *	-	-	4P	-	1	-	-
Bank New	-	10P	6	4	3	10P	2
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Quote			137	195	195		165
Credit			\$517	\$703	\$760		\$425
Tokens Left		3	2	1	-	3	2

Privates Owned by ShareCos : C&O - O&I, TBC | GT - MC | IC - MPC, Mail | PRR - C&WI.

Rights Held by ShareCos : C&O - TBC | IC - Mail, \$30 MPC Token at I1.

The OR7 operating order is - GT, IC, PRR, C&O - unless changed by SR4.

Steady purchasing.

Next time we will stop after SR2 if there is a change of director in SR2 (and that condition includes the appointment of a new director).

Share Round 1

John Webley	John Shelley	Tony Sait	Graham Lee
+B-P(170)	+Mag(80)	+B-M(80)	+B-S(80), +L-D (190) & SxE/D
		+K-M(160)	
	+A-K(80)		
+ByE/D(184), +Ost (120) & ByE/10	+Pfa (150) & ByE/10	+Bra (130)	+Han (160)
		+N-F (100) & ByE/10	
	+ByE/10(92)	[Loco]	

Cash Flow	Start	SR1	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
John Webley	475	-474	1	567	24.1	4	15
John Shelley	475	-402	73	567	24.1	5	15
Tony Sait	475	-470	5	567	24.1	5	15
Graham Lee	475	-430	45	651	27.7	4	15

Portfolios	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
John Webley	Ost, B-P	-	30/2D	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Shelley	Pfa, Mag, A-K	-	20/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tony Sait *	N-F, Bra, B-M, K-M	-	10/1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graham Lee	L-D, Han, B-S	-	-	20/1D	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	40/4D	40/4	80/8	100/8D	100/8D	100/8D	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			92C						
Credit			552M						
Tokens Left		1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/2	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/8	8/16	9/12	55/1	56/1	57/2
	58/4	69/2	201/2	202/2								
Trains	2/9(80M)	then	2+2/4(120M)	3/4(180M)	3+3/3(270M)	4/3(360M)	4+4/1(440M)					
			5/2(500M)	5+5/1(600M)	6/2(600M)	6+6/4(720M)						

The OR1 operating order is - B-M, B-P, Mag, K-M, B-S, A-K, ByE.

1835K46 : HALF THOMPSON GAME : PHASE 1 : BANK - 10,674M NEXT TIME - OR1, SR2, OR2 & SR3

Sorry again for the confusion over what orders to send when. Now ... it is my considered opinion that the only new company that could be floated in SR3 is the SxE. So ... next time we will stop after SR3 if John W is not the ByE director. We will also stop after SR3 if the SxE is floated and Graham is not the SxE director. Barring those two circumstances we will go through to SR4 next time.

Operating Round 1

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	TS	202:H2:5						0	+2	A
B-P	JW	8:E17:3						90	+2	A
Mag	JS	5:F14:1						0	+2	A
K-M	TS	6:G5:1						0	+2 +2	A A B
B-S	GL	7:D18:4						0	+2	A
A-K	JS	9:B10:1						0	+2	A
ByE	JW	202:O15:1	9:O13:1				86C	392	+2 +2	A A

Notes A 80M to the Bank for a 2 Train B At Train Limit

Share Round 2

Graham bought a new ByE for 92M

Operating Round 2

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	TS	56:H4:2			40	H		20	2	
B-P	JW	8:D16:6						90	2	
Mag	JS	9:E13:1			40	H		20	2	
K-M	TS	3:F4:3			60	H		30	2 2	C
B-S	GL	8:D20:6			40	H		20	2	
A-K	JS	6:A11:6			60	H		30	2	
ByE	JW	6:N12:4	9:M13:2	N12	100	Y	92C	394	2 2	A B

Notes A 50M to Bank for a river C At Train Limit
B 40M to the Bank for a garrison

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/1	4/3	5/2	6/0	7/7	8/13	9/8	55/1	56/0	57/2
	58/4	69/2	201/2	202/0								
Trains	2+2/4(120M) then 3/4(180M) 3+3/3(270M) 4/3(360M) 4+4/1(440M) 5/2(500M) 5+5/1(600M) 6/2(600M) 6+6/4(720M)											

Cash Flow	Start	OR1	SR2	OR2	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
John Webley	1	10	0	40	51	617	22.4	4	15
John Shelley	73	15	0	85	173	667	24.2	5	15
Tony Sait	5	30	0	90	125	687	25.0	5	15
Graham Lee	45	50	-92	80	83	781	28.4	5	15

Portfolios	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
John Webley *	Ost, B-P	-	30/2D	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Shelley	Pfa, Mag, A-K	-	20/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tony Sait	N-F, Bra, B-M, K-M	-	10/1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graham Lee	L-D, Han, B-S	-	10/1	20/1D	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	40/4D	30/3	80/8	100/8D	100/8D	100/8D	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			92C						
Credit			394M						
Tokens Left		1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1

The OR3 operating order is - B-M, B-P, Mag, K-M, B-S, A-K, ByE - unless changed by SR3.

I don't have a game identifier left - maybe Tony R is on holiday. Meanwhile all companies aim for the centre like what you would expect.

DHAN - Brown (Chipata) - L53 --- I55 - --- -- E53 - D53 - C53 - B53; (E53) - Serenje
 Brad Martin Points: 26 = 20 +6/Towns

ZRR - Red (Mongu) ----- K22 - Kaoma --- O24 --- -- R22
 Mike Ruffhead Points: 26 = 20 +6/Towns

GITCO - Blue (Mbala) - H38 -- H40 ---- Luwingu -- B43 - B44 -- Mansa -- Z13
 Tony Sait Points: 29 = 20 +9/Towns

GRAZ - Green (Sesheke - K31 ---- Livingstone ---- S31 - Choma - U29 -- Monze - V27
 John Webley Points: 38 = 20 +18/Towns

Building Allowances & Run Length

The building allowance for each of rounds 1-6 will be built from three (six-sided) die rolls with no roll below 3 and only one roll that is 3 or 4. The building allowance in round 7 will be 12 points (including known payments to rivals) and will then decrease by 2 for each subsequent round.

In the rainy season (rounds 3, 6 & 9) it costs 4 points to bridge a river.

The minimum run length is 6 hexes.

Some masterful inactivity means that there were just two auctions ... both uncontested ...

Round 8 Actions

Mike Auctioned an Ecoplants for 30 and got it for 30 (o:1,5 w:5,7 t:12)
 Tony Bought one Titanium Factory (w:30)
 Mick Bought one Water Factory (o:4 w:7,9)
 David Auctioned a Warehouse for 30 and got it for 30 (w:30)
 Dane Passed
 John Passed

 Tony Discarded o:1
 John Discarded o:3

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators	Colony Cards	Production	Total	VPs	Buys
1	Mike	2o,3w,2t	6p (8,0)	HE, Nod, Eco	1o,4w,3t	(61,10)	16	(85)
2	Tony	2o,4w,1t	6p (8,0)	DL, HE, Nod	5o,1W,1t	(55,10)	11	(70)
3	Mick	2o,4w	7p (8,0)	WH, WH, Nod	3o,5w	(44,20)	10	(75)
4	David	2o,6w	7p (8,0)	WH, Nod	1o,8w,1W	(89,15)	10	(50)
5	Dane	2o,4w,1t	5p (5,0)	WH, HE	4w,2W,2t	(108,15)	8	(55)
6	John	2o,4w	5p (5,0)	DL, DL, DL	2o,2W	(66,10)	8	(45)

On Offer

				Robots	2	(2 more)
	Heavy Equipment	1	(none left)	Laboratory	1	(3 more)
	Scientists	0	(4 more)	Ecoplants	2	(2 more)
	Orbital Lab	1	(3 more)	Outpost	0	(4 more)

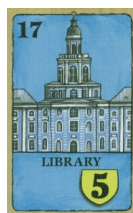
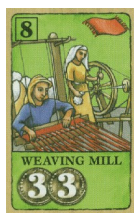
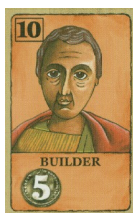
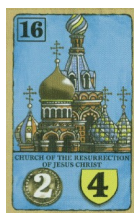
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Just the relative formality of the last Trading Cards phase to go ..

Buildings Actions

Brad Martin	John Webley	Mick Haytack	Mike Ruffhead
		Buy Author [3]	Take Judge Into Hand
Buy Warehouse Manager [10]	Buy Mistress Of Ceremonies [18]	Buy Author [2]	~
Trade Author For Pope From Hand [2]	~	Trade Author For Chambermaid From Hand [3]	

The Cards for Next Time



Top Row | Bottom Row

Cards Bought

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Brad M	Lumberjack [3-3-0] by 3, Gold Miner [4-3-0], Customs House [8-0-2] by 4, Library [17-0-5], Author [4-1-0], Pope* [6-1-1]
John W	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Shepherd [5-3-0], Fur Trapper [6-3-0] by 5, Carpenter Workshop* [4-1/B-3], Fur Shop* [10-3-2], Market [5-0-1] by 4, Observatory [6-0-1/0], Potjomkin's Village [2/6-0-0], Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Administrator [7-2-0], Warehouse Manager [10-3-0] by 2, Controller [14-4-1], Mistress Of Ceremonies [18-6-3]
Mick H	Gold Miner [4-3-0] by 2, Shepherd [5-3-0] by 4, Gold Smelter* [6-3&-1/A-0], Fur Shop* [10-3-2], Wharf* [12-6-1], Firehouse [11-0-3], Hospital [14-0-4], Library [17-0-5], Peterhof* [14-4-2], Warehouse [2-0-0], Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Author [4-1-0], Warehouse Manager [10-3-0], Secretary [12-4-0], Judge [16-5-2], Mistress Of Ceremonies [18-6-3], Chambermaid* [8-0-2]
Mike R	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Gold Miner [4-3-0] by 2, Shepherd [5-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0] by 4, Wharf* [12-6-1], Theater [20,0-6], Bank* [13-5-1], Winter Palace* [19-2-5], Author [4-1-0], Administrator [7-2-0], Warehouse Manager [10-3-0], Secretary [12-4-0], Controller [14-4-1], Patriarch* [16-0-4], Minister Of Foreign Affairs* [20-2-4], Czar* [24-0-6]

Cards In Hand

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Brad M	Secretary [12-4-0]
John W	Author [4-1-0], Controller [14-4-1], Weapon Master* [8-4-0]
Mick H	Admiral* [18-3-3]
Mike R	Judge [16-5-2]

Summary

Player	Hand Cap	Rubles	VPs	Income per Phase - Rubles + VPs			Round 6 Start [Cards Left]
				Workers	Buildings	Aristocrats	
Brad M	3	11	42	12r + 0v	0r + 13v	5r + 1v	Workers [0]
John W	3	27	25	27r + 2v	0r + 5v	20r + 4v	Buildings [0]
Mick H	4	38	48	30r + 4v	4r + 14v	19r + 7v	Aristocrats [0]
Mike R	3	23	49	30r + 1v	5r + 12/11v	16r + 15v	Trading [6]

Andy Muir	1830Z45
Brad Martin	RRZambia, St. Petersburg M8
Dane Maslen	Outpost M21
David Hooton	1830E46,
David Smith	Outpost M21
Graham Lee	1835K46
John Shelley	1856P45, 1830Z45, 1830E46, 1846F46, 1835K46, 1856M46
John Webley	1856P45, 1846F46, 1835K46, 1856M46, RRZambia, Outpost M21, St. Petersburg M8
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Mick Haytack	Outpost M21, St. Petersburg M8
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