

The 18xx games are in order of starting from p2 onwards. RR2489HS2 is on p5 & 6, St. Petersburg M6 is on p7, St. Petersburg M7 is on p8, In The Year Of The Dragon M4 is on p9 & 11. The Games That You Play is below. Mike B comments on the finished 1856O43 on p4.

New Games: An 1830 and an Outpost start this time. Another 1830 (player needed) and an 1856 will start real soon now. Also - there will be a new RR if interested players make themselves known.

There is room here for a line of text ... just imagine that it was valuable in your time of need.

1830N44**START**

You are ... in dealing order ... Mark H, John W, John S, Andy M.

You each have \$600 and very few questions. But do please ask them if necessary.

1830N44

NEXT TIME - SR1 (PRIVATES)

OUTPOST M19**START**

The players for this game are John W, Mike R, David H, Mick H, Dane M, Tony S plus anybody else who sends orders for next time. All players start with the same average cards - four 3 Ore and two 7 Water.

As usual for Minstrel games, I proffer the "Automated Start" facility (as kindly provided by Ian P) whereby players automatically buy a Water factory on the first turn and the second turn purchase is made dependent upon the cards you receive in the first round. The details are enclosed with the Minstrel 481 mailing.

Please decide whether you like this automated start, which does save some time & thinking. If you don't want the automated start then please send me orders for how you want to handle rounds 1 & 2.

OUTPOST M18 : EXPERT : STANDARD CARDS

NEXT - ROUNDS 1 & 2 [AUTOMATED OR BY ORDERS]

THE GAMES THAT YOU PLAY

Andy Muir	1830Y43, 1830N44
Brad Martin	St. Petersburg M6, St. Petersburg M7, In The Year Of The Dragon M4
Christian Bien	
Dane Maslen	Outpost M18
David Hooton	1829R43, RR2489HS2, Outpost M18
Graham Lee	1835B44
Ian Pendlebury	Outpost M18
John Shelley	1829R43, 1830Y43, 1835B44, 1830N44
John Webley	1835B44, 1830N44, RR2489HS2, Outpost M18, St. Petersburg M6, St. Petersburg M7, In The Year Of The Dragon M4
Mark Hancock	1830N44
Mick Haytack	Outpost M18, St. Petersburg M6, St. Petersburg M7
Mike Bennett	1830Y43
Mike Ruffhead	1829R43, RR2489HS2, Outpost M18, St. Petersburg M6, St. Petersburg M7, In The Year Of The Dragon M4
Stephen Webb	
Tim Parkes	1835B44
Tony Sait	1829R43, 1830Y43, 1835B44, RR2489HS2, Outpost M18

WAITING	1829	David H [North], Mark H, John S [S]
	1830	Mike R, John S, Mike B
	1835	John W, David H, Tim P
	1856	John W, Tony S, John S, Mike B
	1861	John S
	1870	Mike B, John S
	18EU	John S, David H
	RAILWAY RIVALS	Christian B, John W
	OUTPOST	John W, Mike R, David H, Mick H, Dane M, Tony S

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John's dividends increase ... but will it be enough to catch David?

Operating Round 18

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Token	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
LNWR	DH			H9 - H4	320	Y	300	70	5	
GWR	JS	9:D7:2		D7 - E7	250	Y	180	110	4	
Mid	TS	45:I7:2	[19]	H9 - F8 !	280	Y	112	80	5	
LSWR	MR	21:F9:1	[7]	I10 - J9	430	Y	100	80	4	
GNR	MR	24:G9:1	[8]	F8 - H9	660	Y	112	100	7 5	C
LBSC	JS	24:F7:1	[9]	C6 - B6	370	Y	20	160	7 (7)	
GER	MR	60:I7:1	[45]	H10 - I10	240	Y	76	100	4 4	A C
GCR	JS	23:D6:4	[8]	G5 - E6	300	Y	67	280	5 +7	B C

Operating Round 19

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Token	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
LNWR	DH			H4 - J5	320	Y	320	70	5	
GWR	JS	23:F6:1	[9]	E7 - K4	250	Y	200	260	(4) +7	B
Mid	TS			F8 - I10 !	280	Y	126	80	5	
LSWR	MR	47:G9:1	[24]	J9 - D12	230	Y	112	80	4	
GNR	MR	12:G8:2	[3]	H9 - H10	660	Y	126	100	7 5	C
LBSC	JS			B6 - F8			10	10	+4	D
GER	MR	14:I8:2	[4]	I10 - I6 =5	460	Y	82	0	4 4	E C
GCR	JS	8:E6:4		E6 - E7	670	Y	71	280	7 5	C

Notes	A	B	C	D	E
	£10 to the LSWR for a 4 Train	£10 to the LBSC for a 7 Train	At Train Limit	£160 to the GWR for a 4 Train	£100 to the Bank for a garrison

Tiles	1/2	2/1	3/2	4/6	5/4	6/4	7/3	8/4	9/8	10/2	12/2	13/3
	14/2	15/0	16/1	17/1	18/0	19/2	20/1	21/0	22/1	23/1	24/1	25/2
	26/2	27/2	28/0	29/0	30/1	31/1	32/1	33/1	34/1	35/1	36/0	37/0
	38/0	39/1	40/1	41/2	42/1	43/0	44/1	45/1	46/1	47/0	48/0	49/0
	50/0	51/0	60/1	67/0								

Trains 7/1(£720)

Cash Flow	Start	OR18	OR19	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 18
Mike Ruffhead	2,996	992	1,039	5,027	7,477	32.2	18 - 19	
John Shelley	1,489	700	877	3,066	5,456	23.5	17 - 21	
Tony Sait	775	432	454	1,661	4,111	17.7	13 - 13	
David Hooton	1,743	726	500	2,969	6,149	26.5	15 - 19	

Portfolios	Privates	LNWR	GWR	Mid	LSWR	GNR	LBSC	GER	GCR
Mike Ruffhead	-	1	-	-	5D	8D	1	5D	2
John Shelley	-	-	7D	1	-	-	5D	3	8D
Tony Sait *	-	3	2	7D	-	1	-	1	-
David Hooton	-	6D	1	2	5	1	4	1	-
Bank New	Hull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tokens Left		2	3	3	2	2	2	1	2

1829R43 : SOUTH GAME, MSK1, PC RULE : PHASE 4 : BANK - £7,277

NEXT TIME - OR20. OR21 & SDR12

The value of OR16 dividends earned matches the current player order by value ...

Operating Round 16

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
C&O	MB	24:H6:6	[9]		370	Y	240B	215	D	
B&O	TS				270	Y	200C	62	6	
NYNH	MB				190	Y	185C	115	5	
NYC	AM	40:D20:1	[25]		220	Y	155C	58	6	
PRR	JS	26:F12:3	[7]		340	Y	120D	307	D	
B&M	MB	9:D22:3		F22	210	Y	120D	153	5	A B
CPR	AM	57:B16:2			110	Y	110D	115	5	
Erie	JS	57:B10:1		D10	340	Y	80F	157	D	C

Notes A \$120 to Bank for a mountain C \$100 to the Bank for a garrison
 B \$40 to the Bank for a garrison

Tiles

1/1	2/0	3/1	4/2	7/1	8/3	9/0	14/1	15/0	16/1	18/1	19/1
20/1	23/0	24/2	25/1	26/0	27/1	28/1	29/1	39/1	40/0	41/2	42/2
43/2	44/1	45/2	46/1	47/1	53/2	54/1	55/1	56/0	57/2	58/1	59/2
61/0	62/0	63/0	64/1	65/0	66/1	67/0	68/0	69/0	70/1		

Trains D/3(\$1,100)

Stock Round 11

* share from the pool

Tony Sait	John Shelley	Mike Bennett	Andy Muir
-Erie(80),+PRR*(120)	+B&M*(120)	~	-NYNH(185),+Erie*(80)
~	+B&M*(120) three times	~	~
~	+NYNH*(185) two times	~	~
~	+CPR(100)	[Priority]	

Cash Flow	Start	OR16	SR11	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Mike Bennett	2,137	496	0	2,633	6,583	33.3	16 - 16	
Andy Muir	1,523	431	105	2,059	5,204	26.3	16 - 16	
Tony Sait	1,715	467	-40	2,142	5,847	29.5	16 - 16	
John Shelley	619	340	-950	9	2,159	10.9	15 - 15	

Portfolios	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
Mike Bennett *	1	-	-	-	6P	-	6P	6P
Andy Muir	3	6P	3P	4	1	1	-	-
Tony Sait	2	4	-	6P	3	-	2	-
John Shelley	4P	-	1	-	-	6P	2	4
Bank New	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
Par	82	82	100	100	76	100	100	100
Bank Pool	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	-
Quote	140C	180B	110D	240B	275A	80F	220B	140C
Credit	\$307	\$58	\$115	\$62	\$215	\$157	\$115	\$153
Tokens Left	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-

The OR17 operating order is - C&O, B&O, NYNH, NYC, PRR, B&M, CPR, Erie.

The first 4 train is bought but does not result in the PrE being formed. Another opportunity will be present before the start of SR7 and as usual the default is that companies will endeavour to stay out of the PrE.

Operating Round 8

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	TP	214:J6:1			80	H		380	(2)	A
B-P	JW				190	H		200	3 (2)	G
Mag	GL	9:F18:2			70	H		0	(2) +3	B G
K-M	TS	9:J10:3			80	H		235	(2 2)	
B-S	JS							0	3 [+2]	C G
A-K	TP	57:F10:3			70	H		0	(2) [+2]	D
ByE	JW	8:O9:4			220	Y	126E	301	2+2 (2 2 2)	
SxE	GL	25:E17:3	[8]		210	Y	114E	200	3 2+2 +4	E G
BaE	TP	8:I5:6		J8	220	Y	86C	169	3+3 2+2 +4	F E G
WtE	JS	69:L8:5			60	Y	86C	1,133	3+3 2+2	
HeE	TS	8:J12:6			150	Y	84D	100	3+3	

Notes	A	50M to Bank for a river	E	360M to the Bank for a 4 Train
	B	250M to the SxE for a 3 Train	F	40M to the Bank for a garrison
	C	565M to the WtE for a 3 Train	G	At Train Limit
	D	36M to the B-M for a 2 Train		

Tiles	1/1	2/0	3/1	4/1	5/3	6/3	7/8	8/7	9/3	12/1	13/2	14/0
	15/0	16/2	18/0	19/2	20/2	23/1	24/3	25/1	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2
	55/1	56/0	57/0	58/2	69/1	87/1	88/2	201/2	202/1	203/1	204/2	205/1
	206/1	207/0	208/1	209/0	210/0	211/1	212/1	213/1	214/0	215/1		
Trains	4/1(360M)	then	4+4/1(440M)	5/2(500M)	5+5/1(600M)	6/2(600M)	6+6/4(720M)					

Cash Flow	Start	OR8	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
John Shelley	139	85	224	1,434	21.4	11	13
Graham Lee	294	212	506	1,544	23.0	8	12
John Webley	165	227	392	1,198	17.9	6	12
Tony Sait	127	145	272	1,082	16.1	7	12
Tim Parkes	312	251	563	1,451	21.6	8	12

Portfolios	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
John Shelley	Ost, Pfa, B-S	-	-	-	-	100/8D	-	-	-
Graham Lee *	Han, Mag	-	-	70/6D	-	-	-	-	-
John Webley	B-P	-	30/2D	-	30/3	-	-	-	-
Tony Sait	N-F, Bra, K-M	-	-	-	-	-	50/4D	-	-
Tim Parkes	B-M, A-K	-	10/1	-	70/5D	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	40/4D	-	-	-	-	50/4	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool	-	-	60/6	30/3	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			126E	114E	86C	86C	84D		
Credit			301M	200M	169M	1,133M	100M		
Tokens Left		1	3	-	-	1	1	1	1

The OR9 operating order is - B-M, B-P, Mag, K-M, B-S, A-K, ByE, SxE, BaE, WtE, HeE - unless changed by SR7.

1835B44 : HALF THOMPSON GAME : PHASE 2 : BANK - 7,325M

NEXT TIME - SR7

1856O43**COMMENTS**

Mike B 2nd Congratulations to Ian and thanks to Rob. I made a mental mistake early in the game when I placed a WR token in my mind but not in my orders. I should have bought a share of BBG when I had a chance, I just didn't foresee it upgrading to a diesel. I also got a little sloppy in the last OR when the CV didn't buy the 5-train from the bank, not that it would have had an impact on the results. These probably didn't make much difference though, but another set of ORs might have.

1856O43

WON BY IAN P

The run lengths given are HS2 + Normal.

MikeRail pays GRAB 2 to shorten his route in 11.5 and is rewarded with a win which might prove relevant as GRAB still manages to earn the most from the round - helped by L&M6 prioritising runs other than 11.1. MikeRail also overcomes a deficit against L&M6 to finish equal second in the bunfest of 11.6. GITCO loses out there and does not even pick up any crumbs. All eyes on the last set of runs.

Runs

Company	Earn	Length	Choice(s)	L&M6	GRAB	MikeRail	GITCO
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11.1> 14-41 Liverpool - Lincoln

GRAB	20	17 + 43					
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11.2> 15-54 Liverpool - Gloucester

L&M6	3	-				+3	
MikeRail	17	20 + 12		-3			
GITCO	10	14 + 35					

11.3> 24-43 Hull - Nottingham

L&M6	10	0 + 21					-6
GITCO	20	16 + 9			+6		

11.4> 25-33 Grimsby - Chester | Shrewsbury

L&M6	18	8 + 33			-2		
GRAB	2	-		+2			

11.5> 36-56 Wolverhampton - Any Seaport [Anchor Symbol]

GRAB	12	17 + 5	London			+2	
MikeRail	18	8 + 10	Liverpool		-2		

11.6> 52-64 Birmingham - London

L&M6	7	4 + 18					+2
GRAB	22	17 + 2					+2
MikeRail	5	0 + 23					
GITCO	-4	0 + 24		-2	-2		

11.7> 61-51 Cambridge - South England [London | Bristol | Orange Half-Hex]

L&M6	7	0 + 19	London		-3		
GRAB	23	0 + 11	London	+3			

Earnings + Payments + Receipts - L&M6 45, GRAB 79, MikeRail 40, GITCO 26

No Builds

Scores				Runs	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7
L&M6	David Hooton	230	= 189			+3	+10	+18		+7	+7
GRAB	John Webley	247	= 167	+20				+2	+12	+22	+23
MikeRail	Mike Ruffhead	265	= 225			+17			+18	+5	
GITCO	Tony Sait	208	= 182			+10	+20				-4

Runs for Round 12 - Enter up to 4

- 12.1> 12-26 Wigan | Burnley - Doncaster
- 12.2> 13-34 Huddersfield - Crewe
- 12.3> 22-51 Leeds - Birmingham
- 12.4> 31-63 Manchester - London
- 12.5> 44-54 Spalding | Peterborough - North [Preston | York | Orange Half-Hex]
- 12.6> 46-62 Coventry - Oxford
- 12.7> 53-53 Hereford | Worcester - North [Preston | York | Orange Half-Hex]

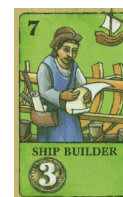
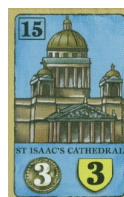
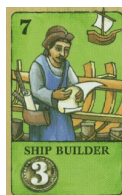
Workers are just not worth their weight in Rubles these days ...

Workers Actions

Brad Martin	John Webley	Mick Haytack	Mike Ruffhead
-	-	-	Upgrade Observatory to Hermitage [11]

The Cards for Next Time

Top Row | Bottom Row



Cards Bought

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Brad M	Gold Miner [4-3-0] by 2, Shepherd [5-3-0] by 3, Carpenter Workshop* [4-3&-1/B-0], Fur Shop* [10-3-2], Market [5-0-1] by 2, Customs House [8-0-2] by 2, Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Author [4-1-0], Mistress Of Ceremonies [18-6-3], Senator* [12-2-2]
John W	Lumberjack [3-3-0] by 2, Fur Trapper [6-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0], Weaving Mill* [8-6-0], Fur Shop* [10-3-2], Wharf* [12-6-1], Market [5-0-1] by 2, Warehouse [2-0-0], Academy [23-0-7], Author [4-1-0], Warehouse Manager [10-3-0] by 2
Mick H	Gold Miner [4-3-0] by 3, Ship Builder [7-3-0] by 2, Weaving Mill* [8-6-0], Observatory [6-0-1?], Customs House [8-0-2] by 2, Firehouse [11-0-3] by 2, Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Bank* [13-5-1], Author [4-1-0], Warehouse Manager [10-3-0], Secretary [12-4-0], Controller [14-4-1], Tax Man [17-1/W-0]
Mike R	Lumberjack [3-3-0] by 3, Gold Miner [4-3-0], Shepherd [5-3-0], Fur Trapper [6-3-0] by 2, Wharf* [12-6-1], Hospital [14-0-4], Smolny Cathedral* [17-4-3], Catherine The Great Palace* [17-1-5], Hermitage [18-3-4], Author [4-1-0], Administrator [7-2-0], Controller [14-4-1], Judge [16-5-2], Minister Of Foreign Affairs* [20-2-4]

Cards In Hand

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Brad M	Controller [14-4-1]
John W	Secretary [12-4-0], Mistress Of Ceremonies [18-6-3], Pope* [6-1-1]
Mick H	Judge [16-5-2], Admiral* [18-3-3], Czar* [24-0-6]
Mike R	Administrator [7-2-0], Warehouse Manager [10-3-0], Secretary [12-4-0]

Summary

Player	Hand Cap	Rubles	VPs	Income per Phase - Rubles + VPs			Round 6 Start [Cards Left]
				Workers	Buildings	Aristocrats	
Brad M	3	29	37	21r + 2v	0r + 6v	9r + 5v	Workers [-]
John W	4	32	24	27r + 3v	0r + 9v	7r + 0v	Aristocrats [4]
Mick H	3	44	22	21r + 0v	5r + 11/12v	18r + 1v	Trading [11]
Mike R	3	35	35	27r + 1v	8r + 16v	14r + 7v	Buildings [1]

The three available Workers are bought and eight buildings are then available ...

Workers Actions

Mike Ruffhead	Mick Haytack	John Webley	Brad Martin
~	Buy Ship Builder [7]	Buy Ship Builder [7]	Take Lumberjack Into Hand

The Cards for Next Time



Top Row | Bottom Row

Cards Bought

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Mike R	Gold Miner [4-3-0], Wharf* [12-6-1], Mistress Of Ceremonies [18-6-3]
Mick H	Gold Miner [4-3-0], Fur Trapper [6-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0], Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Warehouse Manager [10-3-0]
John W	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Shepherd [5-3-0], Fur Trapper [6-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0]
Brad M	Gold Miner [4-3-0], Theater [20-0-6], Author [4-1-0]

Cards In Hand

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Mike R	Market [5-0-1], St. Isaac's Cathedral* [15-3-3]
Mick H	Weapon Master* [8-4-0]
John W	
Brad M	Lumberjack [3-3-0]

Summary

Player	Hand Cap	Rubles	VPs	Income per Phase - Rubles + VPs			Round 2 Start [Cards Left]
				Workers	Buildings	Aristocrats	
Mike R	3	12	4	9r + 1v	0r + 0v	6r + 3v	Aristocrats [24]
Mick H	3	15	0	9r + 0v	0r + 0v	3r + 0v	Trading [27]
John W	3	25	0	12r + 0v	0r + 0v	0r + 0v	Buildings [20]
Brad M	3	4	6	3r + 0v	0r + 6v	1r + 0v	Workers [23]

Fireworks are released to mark the end of peace ...

Actions

Mike	Build	Adds Palace 4 with One Floor
Brad	Build [Pays 3 Yuan]	Adds One Floor to each of Palace 1 & Palace 2
John	Taxes	Receives 5 Yuan

New Persons

Person Track

Note

Mike	Younger Warrior to Palace 4	16 + 5	to 21	
Brad	Tax Collector to Palace 2	14 + 3	to 17	
John	Craftsman to Palace 1	14 + 1	to 15	Replaces Pyrotechnist 1

Event Firework Display

Victory Points

Mike		+4 for Palaces
Brad	Receives 6 VP for the most fireworks	+2 for Palaces
John	Receives 6 VP for the most fireworks	+2 for Palaces +1 for Dragons +1 for Courtesans

Summary of Holdings

Player	Brad	John	Mike
Victory Points	12	16	10
Person Track	17	15	21

Yuan	5	9	6
Drag Fire Rice	0 1 0	1 1 0	0 0 2

Palace 1	Pyrotechnist 1	Courtesan 1	Tax Collector 3
	Farmer 2	Tax Collector 3	

Palace 2	Monk 1	Farmer 1	Farmer 1
	Craftsman 1	Craftsman 1	Farmer 1
	Tax Collector 3		

Palace 3	Pyrotechnist 1
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Palace 4	Warrior 1
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Action Groups for Next Month

Privilege	Harvest	Research	Get up to 3 Yuan
Firework Display	Military Parade	Build	
Taxes			

The Events Of The Months



Peace



Peace



Dragon Festival



Drought



Dragon Festival



Imperial Tribute



Mongol Invasion



Imperial Tribute



Mongol Invasion



Contagion



Drought



Contagion

Person Summary with Available Choice Cards		
Courtesan	Younger [5] 1 1	
Craftsman	Younger [4] 2 1	
Tax Collector	Younger [3] 3 3	
Farmer	Younger [1] 4 1	Older [1] 1 2
Healer	Younger [4] 4 1	Older [2] 1 2
Monk	Younger [4] 6 1	Older [2] 3 2
Pyrotechnist	Younger [1] 5 1	Older [2] 3 2
Scholar	Younger [4] 4 2	Older [2] 2 3
Warrior	Younger [3] 5 1	Older [2] 3 2
Free Choice		

Brad	John	Mike
✓		✓
		✓
		✓
	✓	
✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓
✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓

Key: Person Type [Number Available] Person Track Move | Effect