

DEATH LEAVES ON TRACK 13

It is 1909 and the eve of the Tri Party War. Europe is aflame with colonial interest in less developed countries of the world. Asia is stretching its wings and consolidating many small countries into larger bases of power. Africa is responding to the call for reunification of the continent with Isles of the Pacific providing raw materials and trading partnerships.

Suddenly, the fulfilment of each of these goals for any country is possible if they can obtain a newly developed formula, (available to anyone who can steal it.) A group of high school students in the Saar has discovered the most powerful weapon in the world – Food.

The class has proven an ability to use the chemical formula to produce fantastic results. The nation that controls the formula can control the production of food for them and their allies, while the other nations will be left to the old means of producing food. Money currently spent to produce food, can be used to build arms, purchase products, and forge alliances. One unforeseen problem is that the students have decided to make the formula available to everyone. Several interests feel that stealing the formula is a better solution.

Wild speculation says that the projections of food, for example, show European crops of wheat are expected to produce 1380 bushels per acre. France will be able to produce grapes that provide 43 gallons of juice per 5 pounds of grapes. In India and China, rice crops will rise to a staggering 6000 pounds per quarter acre. Iceland will even see the production of ice cubes rise to 2623 per 2 pounds of water.

Sunday, August 12, Eric Jones secured the formula for the United States, with the intent of distributing it to all English speaking nations. He was in Bavaria when he obtained the formula. He then sped via a rented race car to Romania where he was going to distribute the formula. When he arrived in Romania, he took a hotel room (6:17 PM). At the Leopold Hotel that evening (the 14th), he was killed (7:00 PM) by Poo Low Zing (Tibet) who in turn was killed when she returned to her room (7:43 PM). Her killer was Ivan Stravoski (Russian). Ivan and his 3 guards were attacked by 5 Germans. The guards were stabbed and Ivan was fiendishly tortured by tickling in an attempt to find where he had hidden the formula. Because of the noise in and around his room, hotel security was called and they called his room and told the answerer that they were coming up to evict him and to get packed. The Germans did find out that he had mailed 3 letters earlier in the evening, before they grabbed Ivan. The desk clerk recalled that one was to the Russian embassy in Macao and one was to S. Clause. He did not know where the other was sent. The Germans fled to avoid discovery and security found Ivan in his room, stabbed to death. (10:00 PM)

The next morning, Ivan's body was claimed by the Russians, packed in a coffin, and sent to France on the train. The train will travel from Rumania, Bosnia, Austria- Hungary, Tyrol, Switzerland, and then France, where Ivan will be buried next to his dear mother's grave.

All of the agents that have been hired to obtain the formula are known to be on this train, along with the body of Ivan. All of Ivan's clothes and his copy of his favorite book of poetry called "Odes and Odors to Ukranian Geese" were also put on his chest in the coffin, so he can enjoy himself, where ever he ultimately winds up.

You, with the aid of your Spy Ring, must find out who killed Ivan and where is the formula so you can save your country from devastation. Good luck. Remember - motive, opportunity, method, and who is lying.