

♠ Portugal: the assassination attempt on Joseph I the conspiring aristocrats are executed. *No effect.*

♣ The French Foreign Secretary Choiseul believes that the destruction of Prussia would not be wise. He starts peace negotiations with Frederick. They fail after only a few days. *Next turn, if Prussia and France fight each other, they are not allowed to use any TCs with values of 10 or more (not even to resolve a tie).*

♥ Taken from a letter of Prince Soubise: "I believe our plan was excellent; but the enemy was not willing to give us enough time for its execution. The most important thing now is to save our nation's honour and to lay the blame squarely on the Imperial Army." *Next turn, Soubise and Hildburghausen may not attack with the same TC-symbol.*

♦ Death of Georg Friedrich Händel, the prolific composer of oratorios, operas, vocal and instrumental music. The combatants respect the funeral rites in his native city of Halle. *Next turn, no general may be attacked in the city of Halle (E4) and no supply train may be eliminated in the city of Halle.*

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♠ Rousseau publishes *The Social Contract* (Du contrat social), a fundamental philosophical text for modern democracy. *No effect.*

♣ The Russians are roaming the Neumark, marauding and spreading devastation. Fermor gives the order to bombard Küstrin with red-hot cannonballs. *If Fermor starts his move in Küstrin (H6) or in an adjacent city, he may not move next turn.*

♥ A number of supposedly fainthearted generals are court-martialed on Tsarina Elisabeth's orders. Apraxin takes this as an instruction to act even more ruthlessly towards the local population, but it is the discipline of his own troops that deteriorates. *Apraxin immediately loses 1 troop (but not if he has to be taken off-map).*

♦ Following his triumph at Kunersdorf, Pjotr S. Saltikov laments, "One more victory like this and I will have to take the message to Petersburg myself, alone and with my general's baton in my hand." He refuses to occupy the undefended Berlin. *Next turn, Saltikov may move only 2 cities (3 on main roads).*

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♠ Frederick chats with de Catt, "I cannot do without this Spanish snuff. It is a deeply rooted habit. I am befouling my face and my clothing. I look like a pig, don't I?" De Catt, "I have to admit, Sire, that your face and your uniform are heavily coated with tobacco." Frederick laughs. "Well, my dear, that is exactly what I call looking like a pig." *No effect.*

♣ Russia founds her first mortgage bank, her first university and the Academy of the Three Noblest Arts in Petersburg. The Tsarina is generous in other areas too. *Any one Russian on-map general receives 1 new troop for free (if possible).*

♥ Tsarina Elisabeth's furious energy shores up the crumbling Austro-Russian alliance. *Austria and Russia may exchange 1 TC with each other.*

♦ General Tottleben raids Berlin and demands 4 million Thalers of war contributions. However, when rumours of Frederick's approach reach him, he beats a hasty retreat. *Tottleben receives 1 new troop for free (if possible and if on-map).*

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♠ Gideon Ernst von Laudon had once wanted to serve in the Prussian army, but was turned down by Frederick. Perhaps the King did not like his red hair or the fact that he looked like a horse. Now Laudon turns out to be the most competent Austrian general and repeatedly manages to put the Prussians in great difficulty. *Austria may move Laudon by 1 city immediately; Laudon may even unstack.*

♣ Daun wins a brilliant victory over Frederick. And Prince Henry toasts his brother's defeat in champagne! Also, Maria Theresa acclaims her hero. *Daun receives 1 new troop for free (if possible and if on-map).*

♥ Death of the composer Johann Stamitz. In Berlin, Frederick the Great founds the Royal Prussian Porcelain Manufacture KPM. *No effect.*

♦ Austrian hussars capture an important Prussian supply train, causing the Prussians to suffer a grave shortage of food and ammunition. *Austria may flip any one Prussian general/stack in Austria or Saxony, and in doing so, set him out of supply.*

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♠ The Prince de Soubise is devastated when his favourite dog dies. He refuses to see anyone for three days. *Next turn, Soubise may not move into attack position; he may not eliminate a supply train.*

♣ Frederick to his sister, "If, in common life, three citizens took it into their heads to fall upon their neighbour, and burn his house about him, they very certainly, by sentence of tribunal, would be broken on the wheel. O tempora, o mores! Indeed, it would be better to live with tigers, leopards and foxes, than with the assassins, bandits and rascals who reign over this poor world." *No effect.*

♥ The 62-year-old Duc de Richelieu is a famous fellow, having bedded more than 600 ladies, outperforming even his King, Louis XV — And right now, the lovely Marquise de Nivernais is arriving... *Next turn, Richelieu may move 2 cities only (3 on main roads).*

♦ Abbé Bernis writes, "France has no generals who can compete with Frederick the Great, and if she had, they wouldn't be given supreme command." *If stacked, Chevert may not unstack next turn.*

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♠ The Marquise de Pompadour, mistress of Louis XV and the de facto ruler of France, dissuades the King from his thoughts of peace. "I prefer my lover to be a hero!" she argues. *Next turn, the first TC played by France is worth an additional point.*

♣ Voltaire writes, "In these seven years of war allied with Austria, France has lost more money and more men than in all the wars against Austria in the last two hundred years." *No effect.*

♥ Frederick composes a verse: "This weakling on the throne / plaything of the Pompadour / with an evil love's reward / marked for ever more." Madame Pompadour swears revenge. *France may discard any one TC for a new one from the draw deck.*

♦ The Duke of Cumberland, nicknamed "the Bloody Butcher of Scotland", falls under the spell of a Danish Pietist, who promises to stop the French army with the assistance of the Holy Ghost. *Next turn, Cumberland may not move into attack position; he may not eliminate a supply train.*

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♠ The grain supply has gone rotten in many Russian depots, causing widespread supply problems. *All Russian generals 5 or 6 cities distant from their nearest supply train are immediately out of supply; flip them.*

♣ At Liegnitz, 80,000 Austrians surprisingly encircle Frederick's 30,000 men. Improvising masterfully, the Prussian King manages to escape the trap. *Next turn, Friedrich may move 4 cities, even as a stack (5 on main roads).*

♥ Frederick writes, "Our troops were in complete confusion, I reassembled them three times, but finally we had to quit the field. My coat is riddled with bullets, two horses were killed under me — my misfortune is that I am still alive." *No effect.*

♦ Frederick orders Austrian coinage with decreased silver content to be minted and exchanged for genuine currency. Satisfied, he states, "My enemies are financing my war efforts." *Prussia may draw randomly 1 TC from Austria, after first giving 1 TC of her choice to Austria.*

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♠ Frederick demands 300,000 Thalers in war contributions from the burghers of Leipzig, some of whom are held prisoner and fed only bread and water until the money is paid. *Any one Prussian on-map general receives 1 new troop for free (if possible).*

♣ Leopold von Daun, dilatory as a matter of principle, faces the Prussians with four times their force. It takes 5 weeks of argument with the council of war in Vienna to come up with a plan of action... *Next turn, any Prussians who are attacked by Daun may move to any empty adjacent city (before the combat is resolved); by doing so they avoid all combat.*

♥ Frederick writes to his sister Wilhelmine: "What an awful slaughter! What a blood-bath! An unthinking hero calls it heroism, but close up, it is always horrid." *No effect.*

♦ With perfect use of the oblique battle formation, Frederick routs Charles of Lorraine (Karl von Lothringen) who outnumbers him two to one. *If Friedrich attacks next turn, his first TC is worth 5 additional points.*

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♠ "There is not a trace of what I once was left to be found. I have become a grey old man who has lost half his teeth; a man with no cheer, bereft of spirit and lacking in imagination; in one word: a shadow." *Next turn, Friedrich may not move into attack position and may not eliminate a supply train.*

♣ The new reader of Prussia's King is introduced: Henri de Catt, a 33-year old Swiss. His most important task will be sitting through Frederick's interminable monologues. *No effect.*

♥ Frederick repeatedly speaks of suicide, composes a flood of poems and dreams of alliances with the Turks and the Tartars. *Next turn, Friedrich may not receive any new troops.*

♦ Frederick's generals implore him to break off the battle; the enemy is bound to withdraw. But Frederick is stubborn. And that's the way the catastrophe of Kunersdorf begins... *If Friedrich is involved in combat next turn, Prussia must reach a positive score with the first TC(s) she plays (if possible).*

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