

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lady Katerina Vostrova, is engaged to Lord Oster Hasturmark; they are to be wed in salt and blood upon the sea.

Gregori Tumen and Ossilia Roth, of Helsgrad are to be wed under the sign of the Voleids.

Simon Barrows and his gang were captured in the early hours of the morning in the eastern pass out of Vastengrad.

OMENS

The Red Tides of the Malhalholtra have arrived in Vastengrad, a sure sign that spring has begun.

Trustworthy sources report:

*beached whales and driftwood*

*swarms of squid-like creatures*

*heavy fogs & poison wind*

MOVEMENT IN THE STARS

Chroniclers in Streissberg proclaim movement has stopped in the night sky.

Al-Shavol is wakeful, portending a warm spring and heavy rains. Early snowdrops, orange madelia and blue sylphette are reported on the road from Vittenberg to Volgstadt.

**WAKEFUL**  
*AL-SHAVOL*

**WATCHFUL**  
*THE SINEIDS*  
*THE VOLEIDS*  
*THE EINVAR*

**SLUMBERING**  
*DAEVOLS*  
*FAERIDS*  
*ATOLS*  
*GOLEINS*  
*KRAENARS*

Stars are most watchful in the western spheres.

CRIMES

Vandals broke into a warehouse in docks on Saturday night; they were interrupted by elements of the city watch on patrol before anything could be stolen.

Lady Katerinka Rutskaya reports the theft of family heirlooms on Thursday evening; she offers a reward for their recovery.

Pavel Griznetsky was beaten and robbed on in the Foreign Quarter; his attackers were Westmarchers with accents of the region of Bosk.

Witnesses with relevant information are encouraged to report to the Alexei Trebutsev of the city watch.

ATTUMEN TRADE DELEGATION  
ARRIVES IN VASTENGRAD

A trade delegation of the Attumen Empire has arrived in Vastengrad. General Palla Unvari's purpose is to

promote bonds between the people of the Western Reach.

TENSIONS IN THE SOUTH

Increased piracy along the southern coast of the Western Reach and Old Volgvarra is a direct result of efforts to maintain peaceful relations with Niffelash and Vannheim.

A century of peace has softened the defenses of Sutersberg and Auchen, and with heavy rains forecast this coming spring, raiders may be able to travel upriver as far as Vittenberg and Istlenberg.

In the Western Reach, raiders have been sighted making camp at Bosk, and there are rumors of construction in the swamplands to the east. If this settlement can be traced back to either Vannheim or Niffelash, it will be a clear violation of our accords with them, and a call to action for all people of the Volgvarra.

TRUFFLES

Magda Gastronova advertises fresh truffles for sale; as many as you can stuff in a basket for a tenpenny!

UNREST IN HELSGRAD

As was predicted, the movement to abolish the aristocracy in Volgstadt has led to unrest and disquiet across many of its cities. The so-called *bluecoat* movement revealed itself as a cover for thieving savagery

during the tenpenny riots, and now that sickness has spread to the city of Helsgrad.

“Organizers” from Volgstadt have been actively attempting to disrupt mining operations under the guise of workers’ rights. Their demands for improved conditions and better pay may have some merit, but the question that people in the Western Reach must ask themselves is this: what if this is a quiet assault on the economic equilibrium of our lands?

Recent years have seen increased mining in the mountains and hills surrounding Volgstadt, and it has begun to supply Streissberg with materials historically supplied by the Vastengrader city of Helsgrad. If mining operations in Helsgrad are disrupted, the foundry cults in the Iron City may look to expand their purchases from Volgstadt.

It is high time we recognized that moneyed interests in Volgstadt are waging a covert war on the cities of the Western Reach. Our people have supplied the life’s blood of trade. We must act before it is too late.

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#### SIGHTINGS IN THE FOOTHILLS

Travelers making the overland trek from Vastengrad to Ostergrad have reported unnatural goings-on in the foothills south of Tvili.

Gabek Tull and Pyotr Ilitch claim to have seen a faerie bonfire in ten miles north of Ostergrad. They saw

a group of five or six fey creatures attended by a pack of wild animals.

“When we got closer,” Gabek said, “we could see that they were flaying someone. I couldn’t tell if they saw us or not. If they did, they didn’t care. We stayed hidden until the morning.”

Pyotr Ilitch backed his business partner’s claims. “Everything was gone when the sun came up. The wolves, the bonfire, the creatures. All of it except the flayed man.”

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#### A DAGGER IN THE SKY

Villagers in the region of Orstov and Kursk claim to have seen an enormous golden dagger in the sky; the strange object seemed to emerge from thin air, and plunged into the woods to the east.

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#### EASTERN TRADE ROUTE

The Explorator’s League offers a bounty of 3,500 volgs to brave and hardy souls willing to map a trade route east, through the Sturmvald Mountains,

Interested parties may make formal inquiry at the league’s offices on the Rue Ste. Aichstrict.

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#### OPPORTUNITIES

GREGOR ILITCH SEEKS ADVENTURERS to accompany

him to distant Kal Salei. He is in need of hearty souls who do not fear the open sea.

Inquire at The Pigboy’s Slothouse in Vastengrad.

Masha Trevanya offers employment to those who can provide security for her tavern. Inquire at The White Birch.

Vladimir Sprevtich seeks investors in a new mining operation east of Tvili. He promises strong returns and ongoing dividends. Interested parties should seek him out in Tvili.

Ostergrad Shipping Inc., is looking for well trained footmen to provide security for its warehouses on the docks, inquire at their offices.

Lizette Voliskovna will pay twice the going rate for a bundle of Violet Madelia; inquire at The Tilted Rose in Ostergrad.

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#### NOTICES

WORSHIP OF THE OLD GODS, under the sight of the stars, shall not be tolerated. Violators shall be set to sixty days hard labor.

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ALL FOREIGN IMPORTS must be reported to the IMPORT OFFICE in Ostergrad. Tax evaders will be fined and imprisonment.