ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRONG WINDS and HEAVY RAIN moving in from the west, all citizens are advised to board their windows as soon as possible.

Steven Bold, Jr., to be wed to Greta Braun in salt and blood in the Tvili chapel this weekend.

Clara Bierette to be wed to Andrei Bezhin under the eyes of the Soltev, this weekend at Strevinsky Square.

Sgt. Roderick Wessel, 48, died in the line of duty while executing a warrant against bandits operating out of the Eichenvauld.

MOVEMENT IN THE STARS

Be forewarned, chroniclers in Streissberg forecast a coming change in the night sky.

WAKEFUL

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Stars are most watchful in the eastern spheres.

CRIMES

A pair of horses were stolen from the Common Market stables by a young man in his early teens who passed himself off as a stablehand. The stolen horses were long-haired dappled grays; a reward is offered for their return.

A man was attacked without any apparent provocations at the Old Common Archive. He survived a knife wound to his lower back and is recovering. Authorities seek any credible witnesses who may have witnessed suspicious characters in the area.

A pair of dogs were found killed in an alleyway off Cobasky Street this past week. Yuriy Gregson at 88CD offers a reward for the identities of those responsible.

RIOTS IN HELSGRAD

The arrest of striking miners last week in Helsgrad led to riots and civil unrest. A group of men led by bluecoat organizers from Volgstadt stormed the lower jail and released the miners, killing several agents of the court in the process and taking a number of others hostage.

Lord Ivarr of Vastengrad, docked in Helsgrad while repairs are made to his ship, *Crimson Winter*, led his men in the liberation of the lower jail.

STRANGE CREATURES

Strange creatures have been sighted off the coast north of Vastengrad by ships making their way south from Port Regnum.

A sailor described one creature as being twice as large as their vessel, a three-masted brig; they spied the creature moving through the waters beneath their vessel, but it did not attack.

A RARE GIFT

Archivists in the Old Common Library are reviewing a cache of artifacts discovered by members of the Explorator's League dig in the southeastern edge of the Brachenyauld forest.

The artifacts recovered by the league are believed to be relics of Q'oth and Old Quorog, predating modern Volgvarran civilization by several thousand years at least.

Scholars from Vittenberg, Volgford, and Streissberg are scheduled to arrive in early summer to begin a more comprehensive examination of the artifacts.

LOW SAFETY STANDARDS CAUSE RUMBLES OF DISCONTENT

Volgstadt's bluecoats are as well known for their work ethic as their tendency to complain about every manner of perceived injustice that can be lain at their employer's feet, but new statistics released by their labor unions reflect real dangers in the modern workplace.

Accidents in the logging industry have increased since the release of new steam-powered machines from Streissberg to assist with the cutting of timber into saleable lumber. The number of gruesome injuries cannot be ignored, although the foreman of the Silver Stamp wood camp says that injuries are to be expected as workers adjust to the new machines.

Similar increases in injuries have been observed in both the mining

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and shipping industries. A crane developed by the Red Sun foundry cult collapsed during construction work on Volgstadt's new harbor due to poor safety precautions. Although no one was hurt, damage to nearby property was extensive.

Amongst the more reactionary bluecoats, there is a strong belief that employers are covering up job site fatalities to avoid liability. Four bluecoats have gone missing in the last month, all under contract with a mining concern using the latest drilling equipment. Bluecoats have been protesting the implementation of the new equipment, claiming it has not been properly tested. It is more likely, say industry experts, that they are concerned jobs and hours will be cut due to increases in efficiency from these miraculous machines.

ATTUMEN TRADE DELEGATION <u>DEPARTS</u>

The trade delegation from the Attumen Empire has departed from Vastengrad ahead of spring storms and will travel south overland to meet with Lords of the Crimson Court in Ostergrad and Helsgrad.

The Attumen Empire has expressed an interest in procuring ships from the naval yards at Vastengrad and Helsgrad, and reportedly has offered an enormous sum in rare stones and gems.

Naysayers worry that these ships could be easily repurposed to be used for commercial whaling and fishing, which could threaten trade in Vastengrad particularly. Lord Ivarr himself is purported to be strongly opposed to the deal, and has not participated in any of the negotiations thus far.

FINE SMITHING

All connoisseurs of fine jewelry are encouraged to visit the Kuzgraft Arsenal on the grounds of the War College at 9WC.

A PUBLIC BOUNTY

The Explorator's League offers a public bounty of 300 volgs to any willing to accompany an expedition to establish a series of trade posts and colonies throughout the eastern reaches of the Sergistradten.

Lord Otto Adelsign of Volgstadt has declared a renewed effort to reclaim and map the Sergistradten so that whatever lands lay beyond it may be opened to trade.

Adventurers, explorers, and those with useful skills are encouraged to apply to the local office of the Explorator's League in their city; branches have been established in Ostergrad, Vastengrad, and Streissberg, as well as Volgstadt, Port Regnum, and Vittenberg.

The trip is expected to last several years, and those willing to commit are advised to have their affairs in order.

AGED CIDERS & WHISKEY

The Rose of Orsenya offers new vintages for discerning customers; alcoholic cider & whiskey available in a wide variety of flavors.

OPEN LETTERS

M – I found the funniest group of little weeds in the garden the other day – but when I went to pull them

up I realized that one of them was actually a very rare flower that I think you will be excited to see.

I'll be sure to water it in your absence. Hope everything is well, K.

RED LETTERS

Dmitry Belistov offers three volgs for the recovery of his black boots, which were stolen from his home. Twelve volgs for the fingers of the thief who took them.

Kira Egorkin is a disloyal harlot; three volgs to any man who shaves her head and returns the locks to her husband, Osillin Egorkin.

Piotr Fedin is a cheat and a scoundrel, Elda Brevskaya offers ten volgs to any man who administers him a proper beating.

NOTICES

A BEAR TRAP WAS FOUND in the vicinity of the Municipal Well near The Inkwell. Be advised that it is not legal to set traps, snares, or other similar devices within the city limits.

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