

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING STORMS CONTINUE with heavy rains coming from the west and south.

REAVERS SPOTTED among the islands to the south of Bosk. Lord Ivarr's ship, *Crimson Winter*, joins Lord Hasturmark's ship *Ironcross*, to restore trade throughout the area.

AVOLSKAYA LOCK is closed this week while damage from the recent storms is being repaired. Ships may dock at Vetry's Quay to unload their goods instead.

CURFEW IMPOSED in response to recent disturbances at The Salt Tap and The Inkwell. All taverns are to cease operations and close their doors by the tenth bell until further notice.

MOVEMENT IN THE STARS

The stars appear fixed in the night sky.

WAKEFUL
EINVARs

WATCHFUL
VOLEIDs
SINEIDs

SLUMBERING
DAEVOLs
FAERIDs
ATOLs
GOLEINs
KRAENARs

CRIMES

A BRAWL AT THE INK WELL resulted in several injuries, as well as extensive damage to the common

area. Aleksander Stepanychev, a known pickpocket, is being held in the Astarward Quarterhouse at 43GD for his role in starting the fray.

Residents in the apartments along Gilded Launch and Old Theater Road reported a violent disturbance in the streets, although authorities were unable to locate the attackers.

MAYHEM IN HELSGRAD

Riots continue unabated in Helsgard this week. A group of laborers have taken control of the Paslosk Mine to the south of the city, shutting down operations there.

Foundry Cult representatives from Streissberg are hiring mercenaries in the area to re-take the mine and help restore operations. The impact from the mine's closure could be felt for months to come, as supplies of iron, tin, and coal have been stretched thin for some time already.

A DISCERNING CUSTOMER

A quiet evening at the local pub descended into madness this past Saturday. Patrons described the events with shock, as a night of songs and jovial laughter was disturbed when one of the patrons, Maksim Ivashkin, began babbling incoherently and foaming at the mouth.

The proprietor of the pub was apparently convinced to by Mr. Ivashkin's friends to allow him to stay at the bar if they tied him up and secured him in the back office, where he could not disturb the other customers.

At some point afterward, Mr. Ivashkin freed himself from their ropes and attacked a fellow patron in a display of savage violence.

Witnesses state that Mr. Ivashkin devoured his victim's eye, declared resolutely that it was the wrong one, and began attacking other patrons of the establishment.

He was apprehended by the bar's proprietor, Oskar Nikolyukin, and is being held under examination at the Astarward Quarterhouse at 43GD.

Authorities blame the entire affair on overconsumption of alcohol; in the past year, owners of The Salt Tap have been warned about public drunkenness and disorderliness.

A PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Friedrich Möller and Sebastien Penz were awarded the Iron Laurel by Lucy Dressler, Mistress of the Black Petal Forge.

The two chemists were instrumental in the development of a new fuel to be used in Streissberg's foundries, which is said to be derived from red spores found in the northwest reach of the Brachenvauld. The award will be presented to the two men before the next changing of the stars in the city of Streissberg.

OPENING NIGHT

A new play opens tonight in Vastengrad at The Crimson Circle Theater. *Down the Cellar Steps* by disgraced playwright Mir Alenin is a work of horror based on the true story of the tragedy that befell Lady Isabel Rothmorrow.

Blonde beauty Elizaveta Volkov is confirmed to play Lady Isabel, opposite Pyotr Pavlov as Lord Rothmorrow.

Down the Cellar Steps is the first play from Mir Alenin since the disastrous opening of *The Grave Looked Back*, which was so poorly received in Vittenberg that the crowd set the theater ablaze during the third act, scarring Konstov Petryagin so badly that the famed actor has been unable to find work since.

Rosamund Braun, Vittenberg’s famous theater critic is said to have called the fire, which destroyed all copies of the play, “the greatest public service of our time.”

MERCENARIES SOUGHT

Vastermark Armed Freight offers a sum of 30 volgs to veterans and war college graduates willing to embark on a six month journey to Kal Salei.

Qualified parties may make their interest known at VAF Offices in Vastengrad at 91GD.

AN UNUSUAL OFFERING

A friend of mine recently directed me to the shop of Ideya Vanyushin at 78CD. Miss Vanyushin is a very clever young woman who practices a very unusual art she described to our paper as ‘bonesmithing’.

Miss Vanyushin’s shop is decorated with all manner of beautiful trinkets and strange carvings made from the bones of various creatures. When I first saw her wares, I was shocked by the complexity of design and the sheer variety of the objects she had

made. There were pieces of jewelry such as earrings, necklaces, and all manner of piercings, but also some truly breathtaking pieces; a swan carved from a femur she found on the shores of the Malhalholtra, a chime carved from bones found on a recent trip through the Eichenvauld, and an exquisite representation of the reaver ship, *Harrowheart*, in whalebone. To my astonishment, Miss Vanyushin claims never to have seen *Harrowheart* in person, indeed, I cannot see how she could have, but the realism and detail of the piece was uncanny.

Miss Vanyushin said that it is the bones themselves that speak to her, whispering what shapes they ought to be—and although I am not at all the superstitious sort, I must confess that I believe her.

When I asked her if she minded my writing this article, she advised that she was open to new commissions, but warned that she does not take direction from buyers, and does not accept returns.

LOCKS & LATCHES

Vancha Petrykin offers her services to interested parties; discretion and prompt service assured.

OPPORTUNITIES

FAMILY SEEKS TUTOR for a brilliant but troubled young man in need of mentorship. Appropriate applicant will have background in engineering or math.

ARMSMAN SOUGHT to provide security for a gentleman staying in Vastengrad temporarily. Two week commitment required, with an opportunity for extension possible.

VANKINS seeks laborers for long term employment; experience with shipbuilding preferred.

SEVERAL BARRELS OF OIL for sale. Appear to be high quality. All interested parties may contact Mark Bagger at 41KD.

FINE APARTMENTS available for rent throughout the city; interested parties are instructed to contact Mr. Samael Ivanischev at 53OD.

OPEN LETTERS

TO THE BEAUTY with yellow hair; I forgot my manners when I saw you strolling on the beach at sunrise. Meet me again and I will behave a proper gentleman, I swear it.

M – bit of a snag in the garden, up to my elbows in weeds somewhat unexpectedly. I’m afraid I may have to take drastic measures or give up the whole endeavor.

I SAW YOU WRITING on a bench on the promenade the other night and marveled at the fires that burned in your eyes. I wished more than anything that you would look at me that way.

NOTICES

A CURFEW IS IN EFFECT, no public drunkenness is permitted, all taverns and public houses must close their taps at tenth bell. Fines shall be imposed on violators.

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