

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOWLER'S SOLUTION will be closed to public traffic for three to four hours this Monday for the launch of *Proud Widow*, the latest design from the Brass Dragon Foundry.

NOXIOUS FUMES in the area of 11CQ have been tracked to vent blockages in The Chimney Yards.

All Citizens are reminded to keep vents clear; vagrants caught using them to keep warm will be punished with terms of labor at mining camps in Sprevitich and Helsgrad.

Lucy Dressler announces expansion of her miraculous steam engine; the increase in production is financed by Lord Everett Thulite.

ELECTION RESULTS

Turners - 498
Mirror of Dawn - 254
Brass Dragons - 254
Iron Brotherhood - 247
Iron Circle - 236
Cogsmen - 10

MOVEMENT IN THE STARS

Rare phenomena have been sighted throughout the southern and western spheres; perpetual darkness in the city of Vastengrad.

WAKEFUL
KRAENARS

WATCHFUL
SINEIDS
GOLEINS

SLUMBERING
DAEVOLS
VOLEIDS
ATOLS

EINVARIS
FAERIDS

CRIMES

A number of thefts were reported along the Street of Cinders; victims report gold, jewelry, and other items were stolen from their person. Any citizens with information are asked to report to Officer Bartol Hasserstrom at 32MR.

An explosive device was tested in The Chimney Yards without prior permits & authorization. All are reminded that the gases expelled by vents there are in some cases highly unstable.

Travelers report bandits in the area of the Brachenvauld forest, to the south. Anyone with information on their whereabouts or identities is encouraged to contact Officer Gerhardt Samvarr at 32MR.

CONTROVERSIAL FINISH

A second year of controversy as Gideon Müller's Cogsmen back the Turners in city elections, keeping both the Mirror of Dawn and Brass Dragons foundries locked out of control over the city.

Last year, Lucy Dressler's Turners backed the Cogsmen, and were in turn rewarded with critical positions throughout the city's bureaucracy; the alliance threatens to undermine democratic norms in the city, as both foundries poach promising new recruits and violate term limits by trading power in this method.

Without any representation in the bureaucracy, other foundries are often disadvantaged when it comes to scheduling and permitting; there are rumors that scheduling delays

led to the Turners' deal to supply cannons and arms to Volgstadt's Merchant League, and Vastengrad's shipyards, contracts which the Brass Dragons had held for years.

LORD IVARR KILLED AT SEA

Reports from the south indicate that Lord Ivarr Vostrovich was killed at sea while battling savrathi reavers to the south of Bosk. Lord Ivarr was a staunch ally of the Merchant League in Volgstadt, and a tireless defender of the Western Reach.

Crimson Winter and *Ironcross* were said to have engaged a quarter of warships in the islands off the coast, and appeared to have caught the reavers by surprise after preparing an ambush for them.

Survivors indicated that Lord Ivarr and his men were fighting off a boarding action by one of the reaver vessels when a stray shot from *Ironcross* struck the reaver ship's magazine and caused her to explode.

Lord Hasturmark and his men were able to rescue many of the survivors from *Crimson Winter* after finishing the reavers in decisive fashion, with three of the four ships put to the torch and the fourth wrecked in the shoals of the islands south of Bosk.

Lord Vostrovich's heir, Solzen Vostrovich, has been traveling with an expedition from the Explorer's League of Volgstadt for the past two years and is not expected to return to Vastengrad until early next summer.

Lady Vostrovich is expected to act as regent in her son's absence; Lady Vostrovich, of course, is known for her writings on the importance of

free trade and can be expected to continue her husband's policies with respect to open commerce between the Western Reaches and the lands of Old Volgvarra.

Lord Hasturmark has pledged his aid to the city of Vastengrad.

MIRACULOUS NEW FUEL

The famed chemists Moller & Penz were in Streissberg this month to receive an award from the Conclave of the Iron Court.

Rounds of intense negotiations over the formula for the new fuel came to a close when the pair decided to sell it to Helmut Vulker, Forgemaster of the Mirror of Dawn.

Competition for access to the fuel was intense, with some reporting that Lucy Dressler of the Turners offered a lifetime pension and a sum in the area of eight thousand volgs simply for non-exclusive access.

Terms of the deal are sealed, but it is believed that the Mirror of Dawn will have exclusive rights for at least the next five years; the cries of despairing engineers could be heard from across the city at the news. A series of closed tests show that the fuel's efficiency could radically change the economic viability of steamships.

Gideon Müller of the Cogsmen is said to have been particularly distraught, as the fuel was thought to be potentially revolutionary for his theorized land-train machine.

IRON SHORTAGE

Iron shipments from Sprevitich, which were expected to begin early this summer, have been delayed by

the outbreak of barrow chigs and einworms in the Brachenvauld.

Shipments are expected to resume as soon as possible, but travel in the Brachenvauld is being strongly discouraged by local authorities; reports of missing townfolk in Burištovok, Volcha, and Yvili.

In addition to the delay in shipments from Sprevitich, production is down in Helsingrad after the riots there.

CHARITY OFFERED

Dr. Edith Fischer offers her services to patients with persistent illnesses, particularly those of unusual or even unnatural origin.

Fischer's exploratory treatment for burrow chigs infestations showed very promising results over the past few years, and backers in Volgstadt have encouraged her to continue her pursuit of unorthodox remedies and cures

KOCHELL'S ARMS & ARMOR

To celebrate Cindermaas, a discount of ten percent is offered on all purchases of ten volgs or more, and a discount of twenty percent on any purchase of thirty volgs or more.

PENNY REMEDIES

Ignacius Sonnevarr's shop at 2MR offers a wide array of tinctures and cures for whatever ails you.

CINDERMAAS

Preparations for the celebration of Cindermaas are well underway; the annual festival will be held through all the cities of Old Volgvarra next week; seven days of food, music,

and beer, to culminate in the Wicker Dance.

Chemists from the Turners and Cogsmen are said to have cooked up something special for the Wicker Dance this year, and are promising unforgettable sights.

CLASSIFIEDS

QUALIFIED ALCHEMISTS are sought by the Turners. Candidates are expected to have experience with the transmutation of metals.

ROOMMATE WANTED for housing in DO. Must be well educated and hygienic. Quiet, career-focused types preferred.

RARE ART for sale in Volgstadt; interested buyers must attend the sale in person. Discretion expected; for more information, address your response to Messrs. Gristle, Thistle, and Mott.

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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Travelers entering the Brachenvauld are advised to wear long gloves and several layers of clothes. Einworms and barrow chigs are active.

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All are reminded that unpermitted experiments conducted in the area of The Chimney Yards will be met with severe punishment, including forced labor.