

Lirian forces have struck a decisive blow against the Venkestran invaders in Acria. Following on the heels of relentless pressure from the Winter campaign, Lord General Henry Pemberton thoroughly routed a major Venkestran army after a lengthy battle just ten miles outside of the capitol, Masuria. The engagement is reported to have lasted for over thirteen hours amidst brutal close quarters fighting and rough terrain. Superior Lirian technology is credited with helping to secure the victory. In a statement to the public, Her Majesty Queen Lira VII congratulated Lord Pemberton on his service to the Crown and reaffirmed Her commitment to driving the Venkess from the Acrian territories.

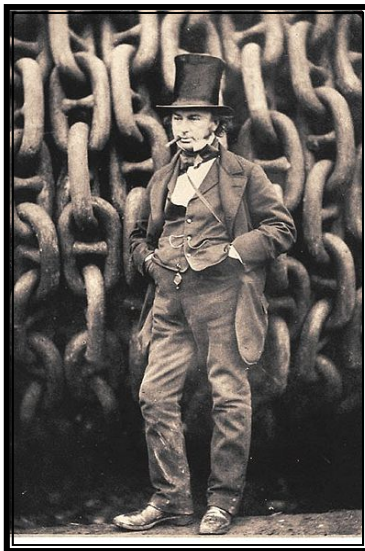
Nearly 2,000 Queen's Oz were collected at the auction held in Copper Brook during this Winter's Feast of Tamborous. All proceeds were donated towards support of the Acrian refugees adversely affected by the ongoing war in their homeland. Among the items sold at auction were rare military curios, a collection of fine teas and an artifact of the tragic Callahan family.

Lord Andrew Marshall donated an additional 2,000 Queen's Oz from his estate towards the support of the Acrian relief effort. A brief ceremony in honor of his humanitarian accomplishments is scheduled to be held.

The Fairfield Academic Library of Iron City is to be unveiled in the coming days. The proprietors of the Cog & Sprocket have graciously agreed to host the collection until a more permanent setting can be found. The founding collection is expected to consist of less than a hundred volumes, but it is anticipated to grow substantially in the coming months. All residents will be welcome to peruse the Library's volumes at their leisure. In addition, the services of the Designate Librarian will be made available to qualified scholars.

Master artilleryist Nicholas Barnes and his assistant, as appointed representatives of the Lirian Ministry of Public Safety, will be conducting licensing examinations for qualified chemists in the demesne of Iron City. Following a 60-day grace period, these licenses will be required in order to purchase the volatile and dangerous material frequently used in alchemical processes to produce grenades, batteries and other such devices.

Property values in Copper Brook have increased over 300% in the past month in reaction to a public announcement that the Northern Railway & Locomotive Company has designated the township to be the site of a new railway terminus.



Famed industrialist Lord Alexander Sherman Wright, pictured here at the shipyards. The price of shares in Lord Wright's enterprise, the Lirian Steamship and Foundry Co., has sharply risen in value following Her Majesty's confirmation of a continent discovered to the West of Talus.

The Office of Ogwehoweh Affairs has appointed Master Sergeant Seamus Foxwood as representative to the Ogwe clans in the territory surrounding Iron City and Sulfur Springs.

Construction of the asylum for the mentally unstable in Lead Barrow has

already broken ground and is scheduled to be completed by early summer. A number of patients have already been transported to the area to begin their course of treatment.

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Debate in Parliament continues over appointments to the Board of Directors of the newly formed Lirian Overseas Colonial and Mercantile Company. The Company is expected to be granted exclusive trading rights and full authority to secure colonies established on the new continent.

The sudden death of Ambassador Bonsuri has heightened tensions between Jhandihar and Liria in recent months. The Ambassador was serving a key role in Iron City, as a mediator between the two powers, until his untimely passing. The cause of death is being investigated and full cooperation has been offered by the Lirian authorities in this matter.

Unusual levels of violence have been reported by observers in the Aniyonema territories. Particulars are still coming to light, but it is commonly noted that Gadanei war parties have been moving aggressively against neighboring tribes.

Fourth Age Shipyards reported strong earnings, buoyed by the sales of military-grade

dirigibles to the Lirian army. Fourth Age has also benefited from cost-saving innovations gained when it acquired intellectual rights to the Z-31 short-range zeppelin designs, sold at auction following the bankruptcy and liquidation of venerable Lasai airship builder Von-Salt Industries.

Reports from the Lirian Trade Commission have shown decreases in a number of key exports from the Fellahin Nation of Khenti, including clay brick, cinnabar and galvacite. When asked, Khenti labor authorities cited heavy seasonal rains and snowmelt as reason for the decline. Expert observers have noted that the Khenti rely heavily on undead labor in mining and processing of these goods, and suggested that a decrease in undead labor assigned to these activities may be indicative that the Khenti are shifting to a war footing.

A scandal has arisen around Jhandihari defense official Imtiaz Farouk. Once a bureaucrat in high standing, Farouk has been indicted on charges of treason by a military court.

Exchange Rates	
All prices in Queen's Oz.	
Alder (LA)	0.227
Emir (JE)	1.249
Emperor (XE)	0.008
Kaiser (DK)	0.077

Continuing border disputes between the Xingsol, Aniyonema and Khenti governments have escalated following a failed diplomatic mission led by Lord Thistledown. The Lirian Foreign Office has expressed concern that military conflict may become inevitable if the disputes are not resolved in short order.

Iron City Threat Index,
a comprehensive and scientific
measure of the city's hazard.
Scaled 0 to 10.

This month's Threat Rating:

4.98

Regular deliveries of food and medical supplies guarantee provisions for the foreseeable future. The Spring thaw has brought on an upsurge of Luen activity in recent weeks. Venkess warbands have also been observed in the area and the disruption of their supply lines may provoke aggression. Residents of Iron City are advised to travel in groups and, where permitted by local and territorial law, bear arms.

A Letter to the Devout Community of Iron City

By Abigail Mayhew,
Bishop of Whitechapel

Followers of Orpha, these times we live in are dark. Anathame, the monsters of ancient tails and our darkest nightmares walk among us, disrupting The Cycle. Heretics are rampant, disguised by day as citizens of our communities, living and working among us. Some are corrupted by ignorance, unaware of their blasphemous actions. Others have grown lazy in their faith, pulled away by the temptations of secular life. Worst of all are those heretics who are complicit, continuing their blaspheme knowing that it is wrong. They seek out the dark places, Collaborators working against their creator to end The Cycle and our world. All of these heretics are corrupting our society, our faith and our souls. Followers of Orpha, now more than ever, it is important for us to remain strong in our faith. We must stand against Anathame, Collaborators, and heretics and proclaim our faith to the world. Now you may ask yourselves what can we simple folk do against such great evil? I say to you that even the smallest candle, lit on the darkest night will provide light and if hundreds or thousands of small candles are lit, even the darkest night can be made bright. We must call on the wisdom and guidance given to us by The Triad to lead the world into a spiritual age of light and reason. Followers of Orpha, to do this we must turn back to

the old teachings and the ways of those who worshiped Orpha before us. We must turn back to The Cycle and remember all the prayers that give thanks for it. It is not longer enough to say that such prayers shall be left for the Priests, Priestesses and strict followers of the Book. We must teach our children and our neighbors what it means to be devout in these times. We must rejoice at the rising of the sun, ask protection at its setting and give thanks for the bounty it provides. We must mark the phases of the moon with the knowledge of what becomes of those upon whom Orpha turns her back. We must reinvent the festivals of old which give thanks to Orpha for the new year, the start of growth, and the harvest.

Followers of Orpha, we must also remember that we owe worship not just to Orpha, but to her children as well. Reverence to the Triad is becoming uncommon, but we cannot forget that all we have built depends also on the gifts of Thela and Barem. We must rejoice in Thela's gifts of reason and civilization and honor her through education and development. We must however take care, that our advancements benefit us not just by making our lives easier, but by enabling us to better worship The Triad and follow The Cycle. Slippery is the slope that leads to a secular life, lazy in faith that squanders a soul. To Barem we must also give his due. We



Stock Listings

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Equity Market	Price
D&E Composite Index	10.9
Dornham Royal Teas (DRT)	9.7
Lirian Steamship & Foundry (LSF)	21.2
Amalgamated Coal & Galvacite (ACG)	14.0
Yoban Agricultural (YA)	5.6
Farthingham Tool & Leather (FTL)	7.3
National Bank of Liria (NBL)	14.5
Royal Tonics & Distilling (RTS)	8.6
Northern Railway & Locomotive (NRL)	12.4
United Lirian Textile (ULT)	4.3
First Galvanic & Semaphore (FGS)	18.6
Bosswink and Bosswink Assay & Mining (BBM)	8.0
Fourth Age Shipyards (FAS)	6.9
Bond Market	Price
30 Day Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	99
60 Day Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	97
90 Day Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	95
One Year Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	90

must honor him with the livestock we keep and the game we hunt. We must remember the prayers that give thanks to him for those that give their lives that we may live.

Followers of Orpha, even as we guard ourselves from blaspheme with our observance, we are still vulnerable to sin. Immorality can

Triad, if his mind is consumed with thoughts of another man's possessions? How our lives be good if all we desire from them is money or jewels?

Followers of Orpha, if we were to live thus, the power of the heretics would be diminished. In being strong in our faith and increasing education in

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correct ways of that faith the heretics of ignorance would diminish, becoming part of the community of the faithful. So too will those that have become lazy in their faith, be encouraged to return in seeing the joy we receive from life spent in the light of the Triad

and the knowledge that our souls are secured passage to The Kingdom on the Other Side of Night. As these heretics are cured of their blasphemous ways, it will become easier to distinguish them from the wicked ones who knowingly work against The Triad and The Cycle. These we must cast out, to protect our communities and children from their influence. Heretics who resist education in the faith must be cleansed and put before Orpha for judgment. Only then can we ensure that their wickedness does not spread like a cancer through this blessed land. We must stand by The Triad, as they will ever stand by us. Praise Orpha.

creep into the hearts of even the most observant of our faith. We must remember what Orpha has taught us about excess; that it is wrong to have too much when others do not have enough. We must remember that life is sacred, that we have responsibilities in creating it, and in preserving it. Murder and violence weigh heavily on a soul before Orpha's judgement and we must not abide them here in our communities. Neglect and abuse in word or deed, toward man or beast, shall also not be tolerated for it is not the way to honor The Triads gifts. Greed and jealousy too, should be cast out of our hearts. How can one pay proper homage to The

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