

MAD BOMBER MENACES IRON CITY

Violent explosions have rocked Iron City on no less than three occasions in the past two weeks, taking place near the mine offices and military barracks. Fortunately, there have been no reported casualties, but a number of people have suffered minor injuries. Authorities say that they have found clear evidence that the explosions were set off intentionally by planted explosives. The culprits are most likely either disaffected Ogwehoweh or lunatics who are still at large, having escape in last month's transport train wreck. No leads on those responsible have been reported, though a military spokesperson has stated that they will gladly hang those responsible.

STOCK, FORTUNES OF STEAMSHIP COMPANY ON METEORIC RISE

The price of stock in the Lirian Steamship and Foundry Company has realized unprecedented gains in recent trading in the wake of two auspicious announcements. Three weeks ago, the company's Founder and Executive, Lord Alexander Sherman Wright, made a presentation of the Company's latest model steamship – a craft which promises range, speed and robustness unmatched by any contemporary oceangoing transport. Within a week, the Overseas Colonial and Mercantile Company publically announced an order for a full complement of ships to constitute the bulk of its trading and transportation fleet. Anticipation of profits has driven demand for company shares to record levels.

FIRST CHURCH OF ORPHA BUILT ON OGWE LAND

A church dedicated to the worship of Orpha has completed construction in Copper Brook. Services have been conducted there

in the past month while the finishing elements were installed, but an official ceremony of consecration will take place in the near future. The church is the first of its kind built within the borders of the Ogwehoweh Confederacy. Church officials have expressed their gratitude to the faithful of Iron City for their generous contributions towards the construction of the house of worship.

WAR IN ACRIA CONTINUES WITH UNPRECEDENTED FORCE

The military conflict led by Liria to repel the Venkess invaders from the Acrian territories has reached a fever pitch. The deployment of newly-

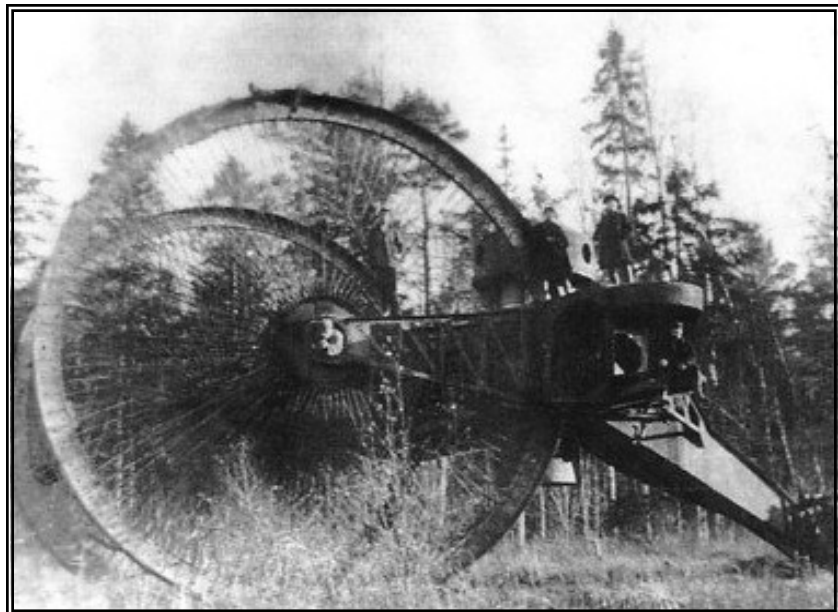
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NATURALISTS AND HUMANITARIANS APPALLED BY DEVAS- TATION IN ACRIA

Over a year of ceaseless warfare in the Acrian territories has had a terrible impact on the natural and civilized elements there. Conflagrations in several of Acria's most famed and treasured forestlands have dismayed naturalists, while looting and terror at the hands of Venkess raiders has re-

have been instructed to remove themselves from the Acrian territories at the earliest possible juncture. Details of the events leading up to this dispute have not been made public. Jhandihari spokespersons have stated that the Emriate will withdraw its military presence from the fighting, but declined to comment further.

Exchange Rates	
All prices in Queen's Oz.	
Alder (LA)	0.227
Emir (JE)	1.236
Emperor (XE)	0.008
Kaiser (DK)	0.077



A Lirian war engine prototype, pictured here with crew outside of the Schwarz-Dross Marshes before deployment to the front lines in Acria. The official designation of the machine remains classified.

unveiled Lirian-designed war machines and fresh reinforcements has enabled devastating strikes against opposing Venkestran forces and forced the capitulation

duced many once-prosperous Acrians to poverty and starvation. A number of universities and colleges, for which Acria is well-known, have been stripped of their volumes.

JHANDIHARI TROOPS DISMISSED FROM THE ACRIAN TERRITORIES

As a result of several incidents which Lirian military authorities have denounced as "showing an unacceptable lack of discipline," Jhandihari forces

Iron City Threat Index,

a comprehensive and scientific measure of the city's hazard. Scaled 0 to 10.

This month's Threat Rating:

8.10

The threat rating remains in an elevated state to reflect the threat of violence from several quarters. Terroristic explosions, coupled with unrest amongst the Ogwe create an unpredictable danger to residents, in addition to a resurgence in bandit activity. Violent bands of Venkestra remain active in the area, as well as continued Luen and Mannequin threats.

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of science!

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Any individual seen trafficking in the use of volatile chemicals without a license will be subject to fine, censure or imprisonment.

of several warbands. Even so, fighting continues with remarkable ferocity on all fronts of the engagement.

Life Across the Continent

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“Life Across the Continent” is a twelve-part series in which the author describes his practical experience with the various cultures of Talus. Part travelogue, part digest, we hope these articles provide you with a taste of life across the known world.

Part I:
Life as an Aniyonema

My travels have taken me through many of the nations of Talus. None offers a more eclectic experience than the Aniyonema Confederacy. To the untrained eye, their way of life is rife with contradictions. It is easy to make false assumptions about their ways, such as thinking them to be savages or an isolated society. However, once understood, you can appreciate the intricacies of their customs, politics and lore.

The Aniyonema follow a set of beliefs they call Kawe (KAH-way). They believe that all death is at the hands of others; be it at the hands of man or spirits. There is no accidental or natural death; someone is always responsible. It is the duty of the Aniyonema to seek restitution from the "killer" of one of their own. Death is a debt that is owed to those who survive the deceased, with debt measured in terms of the severity of the theft of life. It is the responsibility

of all Aniyonema to honor this debt that is at the heart of Kawe.

With such a strict sense of responsibility over matters of life and death, it is no wonder that the Aniyonema view strangers with suspicion, as they may be harbingers of death. When meeting an Aniyonema, be sure to declare your friendship quickly; assure them that you are not in league with those who would steal life. Know that, in their eyes, spirits exist in all things, which they view as the essence of life. Show respect to the smallest of boons, be they a warm day, a cool breeze or an animal whose flesh provides for your meal. Let nothing be squandered when in the presence of an Aniyonema. As for their governance, their political structure is remarkably complex. Divided into tribes, they meet in assemblies called Tribal Councils. The major tribes speak in concert, with the smaller tribes assembled as an audience. Their voting structure is as intricate as any Xingsol ritual. Their lack of borders and obvious national rank means that they must often rely on cunning, intrigue and diplomacy to reach accords with others. To assume that simple agreements and false assurances will allow you to outwit an Aniyonema tribal leader is a sure way to gain the lower hand when negotiating with them. In fact, Aniyonema consider it a sport to undermine and humiliate an opponent without their knowing. Stay their friend



Stock Listings

Latest quotes provided courtesy of Dawkins & Emberwell Brokerage. All prices listed in Qoz.

Equity Market	Price
D&E Composite Index	13.2
Dornham Royal Teas (DRT)	11.3
Lirian Steamship & Foundry (LSF)	32.8
Amalgamated Coal & Galvacite (ACG)	14.3
Yoban Agricultural (YA)	6.1
Farthingham Tool & Leather (FTL)	7.9
National Bank of Liria (NBL)	20.3
Royal Tonics & Distilling (RTS)	8.5
Northern Railway & Locomotive (NRL)	12.4
United Lirian Textile (ULT)	4.9
First Galvanic & Semaphore (FGS)	19.9
Bosswink and Bosswink Assay & Mining (BBM)	11.1
Fourth Age Shipyards (FAS)	8.4
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

and they will honor you; make them your enemy and you will be unaware of their slight.

In summary, be aware that Aniyonema are not a primitive or barbarian people. They choose to revere the spirits in all things, which drives them to live a less industrious and progressive lifestyle. Treat them as you would any Xingsol or Jhandihari, respect their belief in Kawe, and you may find them offering their friendship to you for the duration of their life.

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