

## 1ST ARMY ARRIVES IN OGWEHOWEH CONFEDERACY

Continuously advancing northward in defense of our homeland against the Jhandihari threat, the Lirian 1st Army last week crossed the border into the Ogwehoweh Confederacy at the small border town of Ives. Thankful for the defense provided by the formidable army under the command of General Cornwall, the Ogwehoweh citizens spontaneously flocked into the streets, turning the army's march into an impromptu parade. Waving Lirian flags and shouting encouragement, the citizens of Ives rallied around their Lirian defenders against the dark terror of the Jhandihari army.

"My cousin up north says that the Jhandihari army is capturing people and torturing them, claiming that they know about Lirian sympathizers," said Thomas O'Bannon, a concerned resident of Ives. "Well, I'll tell you right now - with the might of the Lirian army in town to protect me, and an extra 12 Queens in my pocket just for showing up and waving a flag, they've found a new sympathizer in me! Down with the Emir!" The crowd of Ogwe with Mr. O'Bannon immediately broke out into cheers.

## UNITED LIRIAN TEXTILE PASSED OVER

Despite widespread indications that United Lirian Textile would be granted the uniform contract to produce for the war with Jhandihar, negotiations between the Lirian Armed Forces and United Lirian Textile broke down suddenly, when both parties were unable to break a deadlock in discussions of pricing. "We really felt like the commanders in the field would use their influence on our behalf," stated a glum Phillip Porter, CEO of United Lirian Textiles. "Every field commander knows the superior performance of United Lirian Textiles."

## ACADEMY EXPANDS

Facing an unprecedented level of recruitment, the

Lirian Academy of Cartographer, Navigation, and Buoyant Craft is issuing a special revenue bond issue for the construction of a second facility. Speculation abounds as to the reasons for the growth in the Academy, with rumors ranging from expectations of airship combat over the skies of Jhandihar, to a technological leap in the development of advanced bathymetric scanning devices, allowing the location of more productive mineral deposits. Interested investors should contact their local representative from the Lirian Academy of Diplomacy, Finance, and Trade.



## 1ST BANK OF IRON CITY

The 1st Bank of Iron City is pleased to announce that its doors have opened for both depositors and loan-seeking applicants. Those interested in taking advantage of the security, privacy, and discretion of Lasai banking should contact Jacques-Henri Mirabaud, President, who will make himself publicly available during regular banking hours.

## OGWE FARMER'S MARKET TO BE EXTENDED TO IRON CITY

Due to the decrease in Iron City mining careers available to Ogwe living in Iron City and its environs, a drive for income may be introducing Ogwe Farmers to extend their sales into the area with some regularity in the near future. The concept is one native to such regions as the Ogwehoweh Confederacy and the Lasai Valley, with Farmers Markets allowing farmers, brewers, craftsmen, and bakers to sell their wares on a small scale. Such an introduction should introduce a variety of goods normally restricted to the

## Exchange Rates

All prices in Queen's Oz.

Alder (LA)	0.260
Emir (JE)	1.002
Emperor (XE)	0.013
Kaiser (DK)	0.071

Ogwe territories into Iron City, including a wide variety of food and crafts for sale or trade. Despite the fact that the idea of selling Ogwe goods within Iron City was born amongst a handful of Ogwe Farmers, to date there has been only minimal interest in the endeavor - likely due to frustration over job loss in the community. Month to month however, more and more Ogwe seem supportive of the concept. It is rumored that representatives from the McKie farm in Ogwe have already established an arrangement with local merchant Marius to set up shop in the Triple S Trading Emporium.

## BUY WAR BONDS

The Lirian Academy of Diplomacy, Finance, and Trade is pleased to announce an investment opportunity in War Bonds to finance the current war with Jhandihar. Support the defense of Liria and your own pocketbook by taking advantage of these competitive rates. For more details, contact your local representative from the Lirian Academy of Diplomacy, Finance, and Trade.

## SOUR GRAPES

Scathing reviews struck local businessmen Janos Barrow and Dustin Blackhand this month, when their Kriegan based winery was sampled by the Lirian Publication "Wine & Spirits Quarterly." Archibald M. Chadwick had this to say about his experience: "The wine was no better than the vinegar swill we give to our indentured servants." Misters Barrow and Blackhand were unavailable for comment.

## SCANDAL IN LASAI VALLEY

Popular herbal winery Delafonté Vinyards has been the most recent target of thievery in the Lasai Valley,

resulting in the theft of dozens of herbal wine and alcohol recipes. Delafonté Vinyards is known for having some of the most exotic and potent herbal brews to come out of the Lasai Valley, but due to the rarity of effective herbal fermentation recipes, some say it was only a matter of time before such a break-in would occur. "Fermentation recipes are in many ways just as valuable as gold," commented local professor James Brightwood of the Lirian Academy of Zoology of Medicine. "The sheer volume of crimes related to the craft speaks for itself." Currently, rumors have begun circulating that a rival winery was behind the thefts, though such rumors are unsubstantiated and most likely stem from the widely held supposition that successful wineries employ criminals as the most effective way to expand their variety of products. Due to these thefts, prices for Delafonté wines is expected to climb in the coming months.

## TRAIN ROBBED

A daring train robbery occurred near Copper Brook in the Ogwehoweh Territories. Witnesses describe a highly coordinated attack. One robber, disguised as a conductor, overpowered the engineer, while the other two uncoupled the passenger cars. When authorities caught up to the train, which had run out of coal, the criminals were nowhere to be found. Railroad officials will not comment as to what, if anything, was stolen.

The hijackers are believed to be former members of the Bee Squadron recently escaped from a military prison. Sources close to the Lirian Military have identified the ringleader as former Lieutenant Colonel Howard Phillips, a veteran of both Venkess Wars, who distinguished himself on the battlefield with raids that confused and misdirected the enemies. Anyone with information pertaining to the location of the fugitives should contact Colonel Talbot of the Lirian Military Police.

**Letter to the Community**

The Lirian Military would like to remind all Iron City residents that tampering with the mail, or harassing the postman is a serious offense. It has come to our attention that despite the generous offering of the Knickerbockers to pay for mail service in the Lirian Protectorates, that some citizens are finding it appropriate to steal mail from the outgoing box. The box will now be locked, and anyone caught stealing mail will be punished. The punishment for tampering with mail is of course, death. If this behavior continues, we will be forced to enact a fee for mailing letters, as the Knickerbockers will pull their funding.



**An Introduction to the Iron City Blood Lodge, an Excerpt**

By James Michael McCoyne

Like most of you, I grew up thinking the Blood Lodges were comprised of strange individuals who worshipped blood and performed scary rituals best left unwitnessed. I was completely wrong.

The Kinship of Blood Magic (Cognatum Magus Cruentus Comodus or Blood Lodge) is an often misunderstood organization, mostly due to its members wearing bloody clothing during ceremonies and when practicing their art. Many people have an aversion to seeing blood on the outside of the body.

A Blood Mage does not wear blood to be creepy. He does it to celebrate life. Blood is both the symbol and embodiment of life. It is blood that keeps the body healthy and the mind sound. It is through the manipulation of blood that Blood Mages are able to heal others and defend their communities.

The Iron City Blood Lodge,

like all Blood Lodges, is an institution dedicated to helping the community in which it exists. The lodge provides shelter for travelers, healing for the sick and injured, and a safe haven for those with nowhere else to turn.

The Kinship of Blood Magic is not a religion. Blood mages come from, and continue to practice, a wide variety of religions from Lirian Faithful of Orpha to Khenti Theurgists. Members often pursue the tenants of the Lodge with the zeal of religion; which leads to some confusion. The pursuit of a better world for all people is an inspiring goal. Blood Mages dedicate their lives to this goal; so it is understandable that they pursue it with dedication.

Not all members of Blood Lodges are Blood Mages. Lodges often have many associate members who are everything from physicians and lawyers to masons and bakers. Their one common virtue is that they all seek to help their community and make it a better, safer place to live. Contact any local Blood Mage for more information on how you can help.

*Let none who come in peace and civility be turned from your door. The lodge is a place of peace and welcome for people of all nations. Let your table be a place where warring factions can sit in safety and rebuild the community of nations."*

- Chaplin Master Henry R. Wilkes

**A Brief History of Oktoberfest**

Prof. Wolfgang Prohaska, Acrian Consul General

It is once again the time of year when Acrians across Talus celebrate Oktoberfest. While the Acrian people have historically held harvest festivals throughout the ages, the two weeks of revelry known far and wide as Oktoberfest is a relatively new tradition.

The origins of the modern festival date back nearly three centuries, to the first decades of Acrian democracy. Acria had just emerged from Lirian occupation, following the ill-conceived

support for a rival of Queen Lira I during the formation of the Lirian Empire. The newly independent country was in need of a symbol of national unity. The high profile marriage of Prime Minister Teodor Oktob to Duchess Catriona Windosr of Liria, and the two weeks of festivities that followed came to be known as Okto-

berfest. Oktoberfest has become an annual event, and in Masuria, the capital of Acria, it is tradition for the mayor to present the ceremo-



nial first glass of beer to the prime minister in honor of Prime Minister Oktob. Oktoberfest is celebrated wherever there is a community of Acrians, as it is a symbol of Acrian perseverance through the hard times and the good.

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**Stock Listings**

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Equity Market	Price
D&E Composite Index .....	<b>16.3</b>
Dornham Royal Teas (DRT) .....	<b>13.7</b>
Lirian Steamship & Foundry (LSF) .....	<b>36.8</b>
Amalgamated Coal & Galvacite (ACG) .....	<b>21.9</b>
Yoban Agricultural (YA) .....	<b>18.1</b>
Farthingham Tool & Leather (FTL) .....	<b>8.6</b>
National Bank of Liria (NBL) .....	<b>25.9</b>
Royal Tonics & Distilling (RTS) .....	<b>13.8</b>
Northern Railway & Locomotive (NRL) .....	<b>20.4</b>
United Lirian Textile (ULT) .....	<b>3.8</b>
First Galvanic & Semaphore (FGS) .....	<b>20.3</b>
Bosswink and Bosswink Assay & Mining (BBM) .....	<b>14.6</b>
Fourth Age Shipyards (FAS) .....	<b>13.9</b>
Bond Market	Price
30 Day Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	<b>99</b>
60 Day Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	<b>97</b>
90 Day Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	<b>95</b>
One Year Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	<b>89</b>
Variable-Length Jhandihari War Bond (100 Qoz).....	<b>80</b>
90 Day Academy Expansion Bond (100 Qoz).....	<b>94</b>

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