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AROUND TOWN

NEW ADMINISTRATION OF IRON CITY

BY PROFESSOR WOLFGANG PROHASKA

The latest twist in the Lirian-Jhandihari War centers in Iron City. Lirian forces under the command of Brigadier-General Lawrence Andrew Wells with forces loyal to Aqeed Fatima - believed to be considered a renegade in her homeland of Jhandihar, as well as a Khenti expeditionary force have reached an accord for the tripartite administration of Iron City in the conflict against the main body of Jhandihari forces loyal to Amun. While the final details of the new administrative agreement have yet to be announced, it is safe to assume that Iron City has once again ensured a degree of self-governance similar to the pre-war conditions.

MISSING CHILDREN LABELED A WORRISOME SITUATION

BY CORIN NOLAN, STAFF REPORTER

Representatives of the towns of Copper Brook, Lead Barrow, Sulpher Springs and the surrounding towns have issued a warning to all families, in response to the disappearances of four Ogwehoweh children. They have urged all families to take strict measures to ensure all children are always under adult supervision at all times, and to install locks on doors and windows. The disappearances while initially thought to be improper education on the parent's part regarding how to run away from a Luen, have now been upgraded to suspicious status because no evidence of Luen involvement has been discovered. Lady MacDougal, of the Great Council has generously offered to fund a reward for the safe return of the children and is urging anybody with any information to come forward.

OGWE FAMILIES SLAUGHTERED

BY ERNEST LAWSLEY, STAFF REPORTER

A recent string of murders have set the town of Copperbrook on edge. Last month, three families were found butchered in their homes on the outskirts of the township, all three killings performed on the same night. Local law enforcement is investigating the crimes but claim to have no leads. Many of the details are being kept within the constabulary, but an inside source has confirmed a tie between the victims: members of all three households worked for Burwell & Hawkings Shipping. Anyone with information on the killings is encouraged to contact the authorities.

OWNER OF ARTEMUS ARMS AND AMMO SUSPECTED OF SERIOUS CRIMINAL CHARGES, SEEKS REFUGE IN POLITICALLY UNSTABLE IRON CITY

BY GOMER LITWIN, STAFF REPORTER

Lirian military and legal agencies at the Academies of Diplomacy, Finance and Trade and History and Warfare have responded publicly to the rumors of criminal activity on the part of professor Artemis Gordon Von Lichtenstein of Acria, founder of the publicly traded "Artemus Arms and Ammo". Captain Prambley Haverford of her majesty's external affairs criminal activity board made a lengthy public statement in which he detailed the charges being investigated. According to Prambley the professor is being tied to the deaths of two Iron City citizens, one Ezekiel Haze of Liria and one Sanura Kaniik of the FNK and the theft of advanced technologies in their possession as well as the subsequent cover up of these actions. He is also being investigated on lesser charges associated

with conducting and facilitating unsafe experimental medical procedures and inter-organizational acts of theft.

In a statement Prambley speculated about the validity of these claims. "As to the matter of whether <Lichtenstein> committed murder in order to steal technology from his rivals it is too early to speculate. The case of Ezekiel Haze is especially troubling because the stolen technology was apparently implanted... one can only hope that the removal was posthumous, but even so, such a removal would be a most grizzly business. Regardless, in my experience where there is smoke there's always a fire, and too many unfortunate mishaps have led to the success and prosperity of a man hiding in a lawless border town with no clear route to extradition or jurisdiction. The FNK also expressed an interest but seem to have been given the runaround. It is our object to protect the people and investors of Liria - I would caution anyone who encounters this man and his agents not to do business as you may be purchasing evidence of a crime, or putting yourself in harm's way. I would exercise the same caution in purchasing any of his stock. As to when we will be prepared to make formal, public charges and attempt to apprehend <Lichtenstein> it is unclear, as he is under the joint protection of the government of Iron City, the Lirian Military and the Jhandihari and holding him to trial and enforcing sentence may be a diplomatic matter with international repercussions.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE LINKED TO SHRINE ATTACK

BY MISS ACACIA SLANDERS

A rumble shook the hillside when a large explosive device was set off in the Iron City spirit lodge this October. There are currently no officially reported casualties, however one resident of the home, local Councilman Sanura Kaniik is still unaccounted for at the time of printing.

Investigations are underway. The shrine manager states that the building structure did hold, and the shrine is now reopened for patronage after two months of expensive repairs.

SHOCKING STATISTICS LINK IMPLANTATIONS TO AN EARLY GRAVE

BY ROBERT ARTHUR, STAFF REPORTER

Device Implantation has become a fast growing industry in Iron City, with local physicians clamoring to get their hands on the training needed to merge biology and engineering. But is the science too new? Witnesses to the first Iron City transplant, an armored facemask mounted directly into the skull of Mr Ezekial Haze, an engineering professor from Liria state that "The process looked crude and painful. The man awoke in a stupor and died shortly thereafter." It is rumored that the second implantation, a brass and copper piston replacing the lung of another local scientist shared in the same mortality rate. Figures have yet to come in on the more recent implantations, all performed by a Doctor Cragswagger, but the projections do not appear hopeful. Some local skeptics are staying away from the new technology, claiming, "Good old trusty mechanical arms are enough for me."

MYSTERIOUS GAS LEAK CAUSES MAYHEM

BY LADY FELICITY MERRIWEATHER

A night of merriment turned chaotic in October, as a gas leak from a nearby cache of chemist equipment seeped into

town. Affected citizens describe hallucinations, paranoia, and intense dreams. No lasting issues have been reported from the exposure other than some accounts of headaches the next morning, but local physicians have refuted that by stating: "there was a fair bit of absinthe being served up that night, so any whining can be chalked up to not being able to hold ones liquor."

DISASTER DARINGLY DIVERTED BY DETECTIVE MORTMAINE-DEVOE

This autumn's Oktoberfest celebrations in Iron City were a blast this year, almost literally, as a disgruntled former employee of the Maximillion circus attempted to detonate an explosive in the midst of the celebrations. Says William Maximillion, proprietor of the circus: "the young lad was sacked a month back for being a degenerate layabout, we had no idea he posed any danger until the bomb threat arrived." The boy was apprehended swiftly upon arriving to the circus with the ill-fated package, which then was detonated a safe distance away by Iron City locals.

AROUND TALUS

OUTBREAK ABOUNDS

BY AMELIA LEBEAU STAFF REPORTER

Many areas of Lasai, Liria and the FNK have been struck with severe cases of Tuberculosis over the winter. In some cities entire families have been affected, bringing the mortality rate of this recently identified disease into the high hundreds. As of yet, no method of inoculation has been determined, but the Academy of Zoology has been working towards that end, and have issued public warnings against prolonged exposure to anyone displaying symptoms.

STUDENT REVOLT HALTED IN LIRIA CITY

Liria City Central Police Agency released details today of a student riot receiving media attention. After a cul de sac near the academies of History and Warfare was blocked off by an overturned cart, police killed two students and a union advocate violently resisting arrest. The remaining organizers were apprehended on the scene or fled and

were apprehended, along with the owner of a local alehouse who was involved. The group is awaiting sentencing pending the

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EMPEROR (XE).....0.03
KAISER (DK).....0.10

apprehension of one key organizer known to have been at the scene by the name of Richter Silverwyck. Authorities are seeking locally for information about his whereabouts.

MILITARY BASE TO BE ERECTED IN NEW WORLD

BY ROBERT ARTHUR, STAFF REPORTER

Prominent Philanthropist Lord Andrew Marshall has been appointed to oversee and implement a proposed Lirian Military base on the new continent. "Honor, propriety, and the furthering of scientific might is what makes our nation great, and it is our duty as a people to strive to bring that greatness to the new world." stated Marshal, when asked why he accepted such a dangerous, if prestigious, task.

PURLOINED BLADE RETURNED TO SCHOENHEISER MUSEUM

BY ERNEST LAWSLEY, STAFF REPORTER

Herr Professor Stuart Renke-Meeks of the Schoenheiser Museum in Acria, announced last week that one of the artifacts from the theft at the Museum some months ago has been recovered. The saber of Lord Archibald Hawkesbury will be put back on display this month. Security at the Schoenheiser has been much improved, and the director is confident that any future attempt at thievery would be easily thwarted. In a public address on the steps of the Schoenheiser, Renke-Meeks said, "Without a doubt, we would not have recovered this national treasure without the aid of the local Acrian population in Iron City. We know that Liria sees the outpost in the Ogwehoweh Territories as a renegade state, but know you have a friend in the academic community here in Beinrstag."

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Amalgamated Coal & Galvacite (ACG).....	12.97 <i>Buy</i>
Yoban Agricultural (YA).....	27.46 <i>Hold</i>
Farthingham Tool & Leather (FTL).....	8.30 <i>Buy</i>
National Bank of Liria (NBL).....	13.40 <i>Buy</i>
Royal Tonics & Distilling (RTS)	9.63 <i>Hold</i>
Northern Railway & Locomotive (NRL)	60.58 <i>Buy</i>
United Lirian Textile (ULT).....	14.80 <i>Sell</i>
First Galvanic & Semaphore (FGS).....	22.09 <i>Sell</i>
Bosswink and Bosswink Assay & Mining (BBM)....	9.81 <i>Sell</i>
Fourth Age Shipyards (FAS).....	20.02 <i>Sell</i>
Hoffmaster Catalog Corporation (HOF).....	15.20 <i>Sell</i>
Gandalou Company (GAN).....	19.70 <i>JE Hold</i>
Mirabaud Bank and Trust (MIR).....	100.95 <i>LA Hold</i>
Sebor Airship Design and Lift (SDL).....	25.53 <i>LA Hold</i>
Artemis Industries Inc (ART).....	11.14 <i>DK Buy</i>

**MUSINGS AND OBSERVATIONS
BY MADAM PAPILLON**

My Darling Readers, Winter has released its icy grasp, and Spring is dawning once more. A fair wind blows forth, and with it comes wanderlust for the Great Outdoors. Yet, who among us has time for relaxation and exploration with so many important occupations to be maintained in our Beloved City? Non, c'est impossible. Duty will have its Day. Why, just look at some of our more dedicated professionals, as they give new meaning to the Ideal of Industry...

Take Professor Wolfgang Prohaska, for example. As an experienced scholar, he has dedicated his Life's Work to the field of anthropology. His published works are prolific, and his dedication to research is exemplary. Yet, word has it that he has taken Living Research to a new level. With several new female housemates, could he be attempting to recreate a Jhandihari harem? And speaking of illustrious Jhandihari residents, Mr. Khalid is a superior engineer, one so dedicated to his craft that he repurposes his creations to be put to future use. One only needs to remember the late Ezekial Hayes and his lost parts. Yet, are they truly lost? Look twice, Readers, when next you look to Mr. Khalid to replace yourself...

On this line of thought, who should you turn to if you are in

tenderness. She is one physician who obviously has been developing her...practice...why just look at her hat, mes petites. In Miss Ferrant's case, size does indeed matter. Yet, should this particular brand of healing not appeal to one's delicate sensibilities, citizens can also turn to Mr. Kangee for a more natural brand of expertise. This fine herbalist is completely dedicated to his craft, so much so that he samples every new concoction before preparing for distribution to the public masses. Some may even say he might sample a little too much of his more interesting brews. Potential reactions are cataloged and noted for future re-creation. How professional indeed!

Fellow Citizens, we are in the presence of several exemplary professionals, who should be both admired and respected. We all can well learn from their obvious dedication to their crafts and studies. Yet, alas, fair weather calls, we will ultimately fall short of their examples of perfection. Perhaps they can forgive us in time...

**ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HIGH TEA
BY DETECTIVE MORTMAINE**

Teatime is integral to a Lirians daily life, the prayers that are spoken while the tea is steeping are among the most personal of the day, and taking that moment to reaffirm ones relationship with Orpha is critical to ones mental well being. The many rules governing high tea, such as standing when a lady leaves or enters the table, may seem a trifling nitpick, however the respect served upon females during tea is a reflection of showing respect to the goddess herself. I understand that it may seem to others whose religious experiences differ from ours that this is a silly social activity, but I assure you that to many of us it is as critical as properly burning Kawe totems, or "speaking with the deceased".

It has been my unfortunate experience in this town thusfar as to have teatime under constant attack by my fellow residents. The pleasant

pause I required to collect myself and keep steady in my work for the remainder of the day shattered by the storming of the tea table and insistence that we cease in our activities due to small firefights occurring elsewhere in town. When we uttered protest, we were bombarded with sneers, and several loud curse words to the point where several of us felt unsafe remaining, setting off to offer aid to problems that once we arrived, were already resolved.

Interrupting tea if I might make a comparison would be akin to tossing a Jhandihari man in the middle of meditation into the river, or walking into the spirit lodge and dousing the incense being burned for their ancestors. I implore you all to please let us have tea without guilt, for the good of our minds, bodies, and relationships with our goddess

THE SOCIETIES OF IRON CITY

Now that there are several companies, both mercantile and manufacturing, headquartered in Iron City, there is little doubt that it is becoming a thriving city in its own right. The establishment of a bank in the last year has further cemented the financial and industrial importance of this once rustic frontier town. As the economy of Iron City has diversified from the early days of relying

solely upon the extraction of the mineral that lends its name to this settlement, a variety of social organizations reflecting the wide range of interests and viewpoints of the residents has arisen. Professional organizations exist to offer guidance and cooperation among aspiring and experienced professionals. Charitable organizations, for example the Lirian Benevolence Association, serve to raise funds for a variety of public interest projects including the Iron City Hospital.

The following organizations are generally open to new membership, and are listed with a contact person:

Engineer's Union of Iron City –
Sir Montgomery Alcock-Trelane

Iron City Herbalist Alliance –
Dr James McCoyne

Lirian Diplomatic Corps –
Edmund Brandworth Addington,
Esquire

Lirian Benevolence Society –
Lady Felicity Merriweather

Iron City Alchemy Collective –
Councilman Janus Barrow

Iron City Hospital –
Liason: Dr. Olivia Doyle

BLACKHAND BRAIN BUSTER

The Blue-Eyed Balihu

A group of very traditional, perfectly logical, Balihu live on a secluded island. They have assorted eye colors, but no one knows the color of their own eyes. Every night at midnight, a boat stops at the island. As per tradition, any Balihu who have deduced their own eye color leave, never to return. Everyone can see everyone else at all times and keeps a count of the number of people they see with each eye color, but they cannot communicate in any way. Everyone on the island knows and follows this tradition.

On this island there are 100 blue-eyed people, 100 brown-eyed people, and the Guru, who happens to have green eyes. So any given blue-eyed person can see 100 people with brown eyes and 99 people with blue eyes, and one with green, but that does not tell them their own eye color; as far as they knows the totals could be 101 brown and 99 blue. Or 100 brown, 99 blue, and they could have red eyes.

The Guru is allowed to speak once ever. Standing before the islanders looking at no one in particular, she says the following: "I can see someone who has blue eyes."

Who leaves the island, and on what night?

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