

## City Rocked By Earthquake.

Two nights ago, our fair city was rocked by a series of violent tremors. The first was felt at thirty minutes past midnight, a second at two o'clock and the final one at four o'clock. A spokesman from the Academical Society stated that the earthquake originated in the Stonelands. No major damaged was caused, though a few older houses in the Shambles have been declared unfit by the Mason's Guild.

### Border Raid Foiled.

Vigilant guards in Ironoak foiled an attack from rogue merenaries last week. During the early hours of the 12<sup>th</sup>, troops tried to sneak past the town into Midwinter's western Marches.

A vigilant scout overheard the noises of horses during a patrol and proceeded to investigate where upon he discovered the invaders.

Badly injured, he managed to return to Ironoak and call out the guard who intercepted the troops and drove them back over the border.

### New Naval Shipping Contract Awarded.

Following the demise of the Runewind Dockyards in October, Lord Admiral Hockendon has awarded the contract for repair and construction of the Naval fleet to the Moonstaff Holding Company.

The Runewind Dockyards have now closed following the assasination of Arymar Runewind and his family in September. The sole-surviving family member, Gemma Runewind, has placed the family's holdings up for sale and is planning to start a new life in Deep Hollow.

### Monastery Under Attack.

The Caprician Monastery in the mountains near Ironbridge has been the centre of a series of bizarre monster sightings and attacks over the last three weeks.

Monks living at the monastery have been hiding in terror from a series of winged beasts that have been attacking crops and travellers in the area.

Paul Tragere, High Priest of Druwyn the Hunter, said they were probably wyverns, hunting down from the mountains. He has ordered several brethren to investigate the problem.

### Potter's Murderer Found.

The murderer of the Potter's Guildmaster Abrus Bonazzo has been captured, Watchmen revealed yesterday.

James Goodspear, of the Shambles, was captured by the Lamp Street Watchmen during a raid in the early morning.

Goodspear's reasons for the foul murder have not yet been ascertained. Guild sources he was in the pay of rival guildmembers. Acting Guildmaster Pietr Flower refused to comment.

## **Fire Ravages Vinyard.**

A vinyard has been ravaged by fire last week. The vinyard was one of the oldest in the area and belonged to the Bloodstorm family.

The fire was blamed on a family servant, who dropped a lantern while on a moonlight jaunt to the local village.

## **Illegal Duels Continue.**

Three more illegal duels have been stopped by city watch during the last two weeks, official reports have stated.

The Watch has called for an immediate end to the duels, which have been responsible for two deaths in as many weeks.

Unofficial sources have placed the blame on the younger members of the New and Old families acting out family rivalries.

## **No Headway in Zale Talks.**

Lukbert Kalovic, the Zalian ambassador, left Midwinter this week following the summit meetings between our governments.

The Council has been tight-lipped regarding the talks and no official statements have been made.

Rumour has it that there was a failure to meet any agreements concerning the disputed fishing rights in Dukeswater.

## **'Black Kingdom' Pirate Captured.**

The notorious buccanneer, 'Black' Winston, was captured of Ocapo Point by Naval frigates last month. Winston has been raiding New Kingdom shipping for nearly twenty years from his safe-haven in the Black Kingdoms.

Despite numerous attempts to capture him over the years, he has managed to elude pirate hunters and naval ships time and time again. During his reign of terror, he and his captains have captured or sunk an estimated five hundred ships.

Waite Simpson, captain of the ship Brightwind, apprehended the pirate after a failed raid on the Zalian port of Tiron. Simpson and his squadron pursued Winston south-west for two weeks before catching him near the treacherous waters of Ocapo Point. Winston's ship, Crimson Death, was lost with nearly all hands but Winston and his officers were found among the survivors.

The trial has been set for December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **City Philanthropist Dies.**

Wilfrid Carellon died this week at the age of 83. Carellon had been a center of Midwinter Politics for the last sixty years.

Carellon was born in 938<sup>TA</sup> to an immigrant fruit-seller father and a mother of Midwinter stock. His early years were spent working in the dockyards as stevedore. His big break came in 956 when he inherited a small ship from his uncle.

Using a mixture of luck and his intimate knowledge of Midwinter's trading requirements, Carellon built one of the largest trading fleets Midwinter has ever known, transporting goods from as far away as Pendaran in the west and Ymaar in the east.

In 973 he gained a seat on the Merchant's Council and was soon promoted to chairman in 984. During his years in the council Carellon was responsible for many good causes in and around the city.

Carellon retired in 1005, following the completion of the Fairfield District, his last great project. He lived out his remaining years in Beaconsfield where he died in his sleep.