

# The Midwinter Herald

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## Poison Plotters Thwarted By Vigilant Watchmen.

The Commander of the City Watch, Jeremy Blackridge, announced yesterday that a plot by Zalian spies to poison Midwinter's water supply had been foiled. The plotters, an unnamed group of mechants, were caught red-handed during a series of night raids preparing to pour vials of noxious poison down the city's bore holes.

The plotters have been taken into custody and are awaiting trial. No further information has been made available from the Watch. The Herald will bring you more when we here it.

## Midwinter's Ground Forces See Action.

On February 20<sup>th</sup> Midwinter's ground forces saw their first action. A Zalian fleet approached Port Newland under the cover of a fog bank and landed forces in the city's docks. After a fierce battle the Zalian forces surrendered. Swift action by the Midwinter Navy also resulted in the capture of thirteen Zalian transport ships.

Admiral Hockenden and Marshal Windstar were unavailable for comment, but sources in the military felt that the engagement had dealt a serious blow to Zale's forces. An assault on Zale's territory had not been ruled out by Marshal Windstar but no decision had yet been made.

## New Kingdom News.

Renewed fighting has broken out on the borders of Orla, Azoral and Cambria in January. Throughout December, Saith raiders began a series of lightning strikes across the border followed by a full scale invasion of Orla on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

A third attempt by the king of Gorlas to reclaim his ruined capital resulted in failure. Gorlas City was invaded by goblins in 1000<sub>TA</sub> and sacked a short time later by Addryn Thane's undead army. The area of southern Gorlas has been a no-go area ever since.

On the Isle of Pendaran, the uneasy truce between Larna and Davia collapsed earlier this month. This is the eighth time the two city-states have declared war in three years.

Eldridge, the Preceptor of Holybourne, Arya Venir, announced that Gwedoc Gorvan the 89<sup>th</sup> Speaker of Orloth had died at the age of 73.

## Food Shortages Hit Shambles.

The shortage of grain bought on by Goblin attacks in the east and reduced shipping through the Dukeswater Gap are finally being seen. Mèrre Cerval of the Peacemaker's Hospital in the Shambles told the Herald "The poor have been queuing up for food over the last week. There just isn't enough food to go round. The war with Zale must be stopped immediately. As usual, the poor are feeling the brunt of the rich merchant's war."

Justin Greycloak, Captain of the King's Road Watch told the Herald that extra Watch members were being recruited to deal with any potential problems.

## Goblin Migrations Start Early.

Dwarven in the eastern Stonelands have reported an increase in goblin tribes migrating northwards.

Lord Marshal Windstar said that the news was of no concern to the people of Midwinter. Following last years incursions the border defences 'are stronger than ever'.

## Old Family Patriarch Dies.

Huroth Bloodring, head of the Bloodring family died at their estate early last week. Huroth was 97 years old.

Huroth was a well respected member of Midwinter society. When he gained control of the family in 947<sub>TA</sub> the family owned no property or businesses. At his death, Huroth had a seat on the Council of Lords and the family was one of the richest in the city.



## Castaways.



Castaways is a new gentleman's club opening on the 1st March.

Based at Carter's Dock in the Market District, Castaways offers a one-stop-shop for all a man's needs.

We serve fine wine and a variety of ales. Food is cooked on the boat by our very own Chef.

After a fine repast, you can spend the evening at one of our gaming tables or talking to one of our companions.



Come on in and enjoy the ride of a



## Dwarf Lords Sign New Trade Agreement.

Balmas Gonntar, owner of the three largest iron ore mines in the Stonelands, arrived in Midwinter last week to renew his trade agreements with Midwinter. Thirty percent of Midwinter's steel is bought from Gonntar's mines and refineries.

## Marriage Announcement.

Markus Talarry, son of the wool merchant Lyris Talarry, has announced his betrothal to Morla Fairwind, daughter of Agnyr Fairwind.

## Grand Opening.

Henri duValle invites the people of Midwinter to the Grand Opening of his latest endeavour on the 12<sup>th</sup> March.