

Ground Troops Land in Pharis.

At 6:00 AM on March 9th, Midwinter's troopships landed around the Zalian ports of Pharis, Felan and Birn Marshall Fallstar announced last night. By sunset, the towns Felan and Birn had fallen under Midwinter's control while the city of Pharis was still under siege. More troops were heading north to take the town of Firiell.

Pharis is the home of Zale's navy. If the siege is successful, Zale's navy will be forced to take refuge in Tiron or Markess. With the fall of Firiell, the city of Zale will be cut off from the rest of the country.

Four Hung Following Food Riots.

On Monday, riots broke out again in the Shambles over food shortages. Several warehouses on Riverside Way were burnt to the ground. Justin Greycloak, Captain of the King's Road Watch, was forced to deploy his men to defend other grain and food warehouses in the area. Following attacks on several watchmen, Commander Blackridge ordered the use of force to quell the riots.

Later that evening, Sergeant Willem Fallender and his men caught four men breaking into the Broadtree warehouses on Fog Lane. Fallender and his watchmen apprehended the four men and took them to the King's Road Watchhouse. Commander Blackridge ordered the four men to be hung as a warning against other looters.

New Speaker Announced.

Official word came from Eldridge last week that the new Speaker of Orloth Malvir Yannos, had taken up his new office last week.

Malvir Yannos was born in the year 979_{TA} in the city of Yarn. He entered the Church in 992_{TA} and in 993 he joined the Legion. He fought with honours during the Goblin wars of 999 and the Saith invasions of 1003. He left the Legion in 1008_{TA} to take up the role of Keeper in the Orland town of Redborne. After several years in the New Kingdoms, Yannos returned to Dacosta as the new Preceptor in 1011_{TA}.

Malvir Yannos is the 90th Speaker of Orloth and at the age of 43, one of the youngest.

Poisoners Named.

The City Watch has finally named the eight merchants captured on February 24th. The ringleader has been identified as Adin Whiteblood, a cobbler from the Shambles. He was assisted by Esra Thome, Lothar Dauran and Berenor Soulfist, all residents of Midwinter. The other four – Ozdor Felka, Sanvin Burovir, Julez Adoka and Vicella Zentona – are all Zalian immigrants.

The trial has been set for March 18th. The Orlothian Judges Arthur Edgwick and Galan Hespith will preside.

The eight are charged with Conspiracy to Commit Murder.

Bodies Found in Shallow Grave.

The peaceful town of Limes was rocked last week following the discovery of thirty-six bodies in a shallow grave in nearby woodland. A local farmer discovered the bodies while he was searching for mushrooms in the woods. The local constabulary excavated the grave finding the bodies of men, women and children. Each of the bodies had been decapitated and been buried without the heads.

The identity of the bodies is unknown and no one has reported enough missing people to account for all the bodies.

Hand Weapons Under Investigation.

Following a spate of deaths and serious injuries, the Government is asking city residents for their views on whether to tighten controls on the carrying of hand weapons.

Frightened citizens in the Outlands and Walks areas near the Old Quarter live in fear that the increasing violence in the Shambles and Docklands will boil over into the new city areas.

Do you have an opinion on this issue? Write to the Herald care of the Midwinter Academical Society.

Masked Man Terror.

A masked attacker grabbed a woman in Norn Hill, leaving her distressed and frightened.

The Incident occurred at 11pm last Tuesday when the woman was walking along Castle Road near The Golden Quill shop. A man jumped out from the trees and grabbed the woman's wrist, but she managed to break free and run home.

The man is described as white, 5' 10" tall, possibly aged in his thirties. He was dressed all in black a balaclava with eyeholes.

Anyone who may have seen something is to contact the Norn Hill Watch.

Ships Wrecked In Fog.

Four Merchant ships, carrying much-needed supplies to Midwinter, sank off Ocapo Point earlier this week.

Ocapo Point is famous for its treacherous reefs and fog banks. It is believed that the captains were attempting to reach the Miyath Straits and risked the shorter Alfel Passage rather than the longer route.

Zenon Lights Up the Stage.

Liza Zenon, self-proclaimed conwoman and charlatan, brings her own brand of street magic direct from the Cambria Festival to the Blacksea Theatre on Friday March 20th.

Racing Season to Start Early.

The Horseracing season will begin on March 29th this year, three weeks ahead of schedule. Race organisers have said that an increase in interest from foreign trainers has led to more races being held in the season.

Ethara Dellafera.

We still have days of sadness.
The silent tears still flow.
We love and miss you,
As we did ten years ago.