

## Victory In Zale!

On March 21<sup>st</sup> the High Council of Zale formerly surrendered to Lord Marshal Windstar, ending the five day siege. Talks are currently underway to discuss Zale's future and the payment of reparations to Midwinter.

An emergency session of the High Council was called to discuss the matter. So far, no formal announcement has been made by the council members. A deputation from the Merchant's Council lobbied the High Council for a quick resolution so not to damage Midwinter's already fragile economy.

## Murder Spree Rocks City.

In a little over four hours during the night of 23<sup>rd</sup> March, six wealthy merchants were murdered across the city. Officers from several Watch-houses and members of the Academical Society are investigating the murders which they believe are all linked. The names of the deceased are listed below.

Felldra Banmar had lived in Midwinter all her life and was owner of the goldsmiths 'Banmar's Golden Goods' in Norn Hill. She was killed in her bed over the shop.

Corlum Moonweaver was head of the Moonweaver family who own 'The Seventh Kiln' in the Merchant's District as well as several other kilns and glassworks in local towns. He was killed in his home in Beaconsfield.

Athlor Brayal was the owner of 'The Spiral Staircase' coffee shop and the largest independent importer of coffee in Midwinter. He was found dead in his shop in the Walks.

Matlos Broadnorth was the head of the Broadnorth family. The Broadnorth's have been importing teas from Kaylonna for generations. He was found dead at his home in Norn Hill.

Lazlor Temelka, of Zalian extraction, was owner of 'The Beehive' greengrocers in the Market District. He was found dead at his house in the Walks.

Agni Redtooth was owner of the Fairfield Brewery. He was a Saith immigrant and had lived in Midwinter for twenty years. He was found drowned in one of his brewing vats.

## Plague in Cambria.

Word has reached Midwinter of a virulent plague ravaging the coastal cities of Cambria. Extra Phaedran priests are travelling to the area to try and deal with the problem.

## Rebellion in Hannor.

Ethnic Saith tribesmen in Hannor have rebelled against the fledgling monarchy. Loyalist and rebel forces have been fighting for three weeks. So far their neighbours have not been drawn into the conflict.

## **Respected Mage to be Tried for Drug Dealing.**

Norn Hill resident Heslor Radizar was arrested last week by officers of the Lamp Street Watchhouse following a break-in at one of his shops. Early in the Morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of March local bakers apprentices discovered the door of the apothecary shop 'Teas and Tonics' had been broken open and the interior ransacked.

Investigators discovered traces of the drug Dragonweed hidden in his shop as well as samples of the rare poisons used in the recent poisoning scare. Along with undisclosed evidence collected in Zale, Radizar's link to the import and distribution of Dragonweed throughout Midwinter has been confirmed. The trial is set for April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Open Door for New-Look Almshouses.**

The newly refurbished Danyth Almshouses in the Shambles were opened recently by Councillor Francis Woolford. The four almshouses, located at the junction of Penny Lane and Blackberry Way, were built by Priests of Danyth in 884. The modernisation scheme involved a substantial re-build with new kitchens, larger dormitories and internal toilets.

The almshouses are provided for the elderly and homeless people of the Shambles. The Herald spoke to Maisey Jarvis, warden of the Almshouses. "There should be more places like this," she said, "The people living here have given a lifetime of service to the city and it has turned it's back on them. The Church of Danyth will continue to support the less fortunate.

## **Taxes Set to Raise Further.**

The Merchant's Guild has issued a warning to its members that the government is to raise income taxes. The government needs more money to pay its armed forces and to replenish stocks of food depleted over the winter months.

The Government has refused to comment on the speculation, stating that no decisions have been made and are unlikely to be made until after the resolution of the Zale problem.

## **Beer We Go Again.**

For the 10<sup>th</sup> year running, the Battered Tankard on Khudak Road will host the Outland's three day Valgard Beer Festival.

The three day festival kicks off on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. A wide range of ales, ciders and spirits will be available from all over the western world. Visitors will also be able to enjoy live music and entertainment.

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