

The Limehouse Chronicle

The King is Dead

Rumours abound that his Majesty, King George III, died several months ago. Although the Official comment from the Palace is that the King is in alive and stable we are unable to corroborate this as his Majesty has not been since in public for well over three years. A hasty and private coronation took place to crown the Prince Regent, King George IV. The ceremony had to be held in private as the new King was unable to sit on the throne unaided due to his advancing years, 78, and the infirmities brought on by his notorious lifestyle and predilections in his youth.

With no legitimate children, an area that this newspaper has commented on before, the new heir presumptive is Prince William who has recently retreated to Sandringham. Again with no heirs of his own and no prospect of any at the age of 75, our gaze must fall upon the grace of Princess Alexandra Victoria, the daughter of King George III's youngest son, Edward, who, as we previously reported, succumbed to pneumonia whilst residing in Sidmouth, although speculation is still rife that he died of foul play at the hands of French agents.

French agents to blame for poor powder

A quiet trial and execution took place this weekend away from the public gaze of one Henry Browne, or Henri Maischamps as he is known to his fellow French spies. Suspicion was raised when the Royal Society's report in to the low level of French casualties identified sabotage in the production of black powder as the source. Following a thorough investigation by agents for the Crown, Maischamps and three other workers were identified as the perpetrators of the sabotage. The names and fate of the other three spies are unknown.

A new facility has been recently built at Porton Down by Professor William Hale, an armaments expert, with a generous grant from Parliament. Professor Hale has an exclusive contract to provide a reliable supply of high quality powder and shot to the Army. Speaking at the opening of the secure factory Professor Hale said "Through the advances I have made in the production of black powder and the incorporation of Edwardium (Napoleum) in to the shot I am confident that the Army will have the necessary equipment to defeat the new French soldiers recently seen on the battlefields of Europe. It is now for the British Empire Expeditionary Force and the East India Company to procure a regular supply of Edwardium for the Crown."

Murder in Whitchapel

The death of a local priest, Revered Aloicious Jackson, has been blamed on members of the Vatican's inquisition. The Reverend was a well known local preacher who strongly condemned the Vatican's stance on the War in Europe. Previously a Catholic, Reverend Jackson converted to Prot-

estantism after he witnessed the acts of the Inquisition in France. The Metropolitan Police said they had a lead on a shady looking foreigner who was last seen heading towards the Thames. Anyone with information should contact the Police. The Reverend's burial will take place at St George in the East Church on Wednesday.

Hanover recovered from French control

Following a daring push by Prussian forces the French troops have been driven out of the principality of Hanover. Supported by a whole battalion of their armoured golems the Prussians quickly over ran the French positions inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

The Prussians have however started to fortify their positions in Hanover and this has raised tensions between the British and the Prussians further as our monarch is also the King of Hanover. The issue is being raised at the highest levels on diplomatic circles.

Napoleum

The French appear to have secured a major supply of Napoleum from the New Continent, and have withdrawn all of their naval forces from the North Atlantic to protect the convoy's returning from the new land. In response Britain has purchased additional Dreadnoughts from the Americas and these are heading to the New Continent in response.

We believe that the French have also struck an accord with the Czech tribes who are providing captured soldiers to the Napoleum mines that the French have dug in captured Russian territory. The harsh conditions in Northern Russia should mean that progress of mining should be slow according to geologists who are familiar with the area unless the French can develop some better mining or tunnelling techniques.

Trouble in Rome

The papal state still seeks to defend its borders though a number of mysterious deaths and murders within Vatican City mean the balance of power is constantly changing and we are unable to say which of the Catholic factions is the real power in the city.

Rumours persist of members of the inquisition being escorted by French troops throughout the French controlled lands within north western Spain which aside from boding ill for the Spanish population suggests that the faction lead by Cardinal Popliedeu, who is of French decent, may be gaining the upper hand in the Vatican.

Convicts Escape from Pentonville

Three convicts have escaped from Pentonville prison. The names of the convicts have not been released but all are wanted for murder and theft following a robbery that took place of the Duke of Cornwall nine months ago. Metropolitan police are investigating though they say they believe the men may have stowed away on board a ship heading for the new continent.