

Lords of the Earth

CAMPAIGN TWENTY-FOUR – THE WEST

Turn 98

1462 ~ 1465 Anno Domini

866 ~ 871 in the year of the Hegira

4160 (Water Horse) - 4163 (Wood Rooster)

Announcements and items of note

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Version 6: Lords 24 uses version 6 of the basic rules

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VARIOUS FEES AND LEVIES

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We are using the latest v6.3.5 of the basic rule book that can be found here

<http://lords.throneworld.com/players/loterule/rules.html>

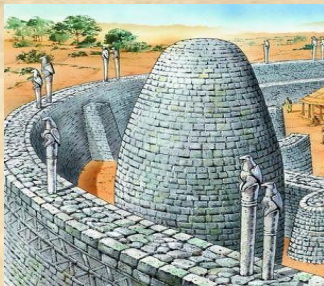
Africa



The Mwene-Mutapa Empire

(Unkulunkulu Civilized Open Empire)

TjiKalanga, King of Mapungubwe



Throughout the empire, the cities of the Xhosa empire grew in size and prosperity. King Muthzanga continued his rule and was blessed with a young son by Queen Unieaga. It was becoming obvious to Vendalwe and Shalada that despite their best efforts to assist the emperor, he was not suited to the affairs of state. Keltanke moved to Shona to try to improve relations with the province but his mission suffered from bad advice on how to deal with the Shona chief and suffered as a consequence.

Usama-Yoruba Onium of Ibo

(African Pagan Civilized Open Empire)

Boure II, Oni of Ibo



The land of the Teke, Marampa and Bomi were greatly improved along with those of the Doula. King Bouré continued to rule from Ibo after taking an interest in the Onium's mercantile affairs. Prince Obinna left Ife and travelled to Bomi where he continued to improve relations with the province. Leaving a garrison in Marampa, Prince Numini took the Onium's army of over twenty thousand warriors and engineers into Susu. The province was easily overcome by the Iboan forces and Numini moved on to Senegal. The Senegalese fought back valiantly but the size of Numini's force meant that they were forced back to Nujabi. The prince pushed onto to attack the city but now his force was depleted by garrisons left in Susu and Senegal. The Senegalese were without their king and Kinta had been cut down by Iboan assassins but even without their ruler, they forced Numini back. The tide turned the Iboans were cut down when they fled from Nujabi and the Senegalese went onto to liberate their homeland. Prince Numini was captured by the Senegalese as his forces were routed. Okechukwo continued his diplomatic mission to Teke, gaining an alliance. Although barely capable, Fatoumata was tasked with exploring the route to Cape Verde; a task that failed after losing his fleet to storms and desertions. Neneh was also able to gain an alliance with the Doula while Jelani was to gain more support from Mdouba in Kwararafa. With a new garrison in Marampa, Nzinga was able to improve relations with the conquered province.

The Wadai Kingdom of Sennar

(Coptic Barbarian Open Empire)

Malik Karim Al-Shahrani, King of Sennar



The perilous location of Al-Shahrani's kingdom was laid bare when the Sahel Sharifs attacked and conquered Kosti. With the loss of the Chalbi Emirate's eastern lands to the Egyptians King Malik gathered his advisors to discuss their options. Kobowen had already been ceded back to the Chalbi in 1462 by Salli al-Safar before he led the defence of Gezira. Prince Khalid continued to help his father in ruling the kingdom. He was to father a young son named Baassam in 1462. Prince Fayeze was in Al'Qadi improving Sennarese influence with the Chalbi when the Egyptians attacked.

Eastern Europe



The Varangian Rus of Kiev

(Orthodox Civilized Open Empire)

Siegfried, King of the Rus



The cities of Pechnograd and Saratov were to grow in size and their walls replaced. In Vitebsk, the walls were also expanded along with those of the fortress in Varangia. Wagons of grain were shipped to the Byzantine Merchant House. King Siegfried ruled from his court in Kiev while Prince Ragnar led the hunt for the hated Narodnaya armiya. The younger Ragnar and was assisted by the elder Prince Ragnar but failed to find anything in Kiev. The Narodnaya armiya were already found in Varangia and Princess Gertrude was to assist Svein in destroying their possessions in the city. Huon was left to defend the kingdom from Perograd while William set up defence in Kiev. Brother Volodya was despatched to Polovotsy to discuss relations with the Ademids. Despite his diplomatic skill, the Vladimir Brother was not able to gain any more support from the Ademids. His actions were to sour Kievan influence in the Khanate somewhat

The Oriental Roman Empire

(Roman Catholic Civilised Open Empire)

Alexios, Emperor of East Rome



The great city of Constantinople was to grow in size and its great walls replaced. The walls of Fort Angelis were also greatly improved. Attempts by Roman missionaries in both Rhodes and Sevastopol proved unsuccessful; the Roman's paid little heed to the affairs of God preferring to spend their time in more worldly pursuits. The emperor travelled to

Taman where he was pleased to gain the full support of the province, years after it was conquered by his forces. In Constantinople, Prince Manuel ruled the empire in his father's absence. He was blessed with three young children with two being a twin boy and girl. The defence of the Empire was left in the hands of Duke Angelos and Admiral Andronikos. Duke John was preparing to travel to Larissa when his heart gave out in 1462. Roman agents proved very effective in stopping the Sultanate's spies from operating in the Empire's university.

The Order of St Vladimir

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)
Sven, Grandmaster of the Order of St Vladimir



The Brothers spent these years ensuring that there was no more infiltrations in their lands .

The Noble House of Byzantium

(Roman Catholic Civilised Mercantile House)
Laodamos, Chairman of the Noble House of Byzantium



The death of Cephalus from a wasting disease in the spring of 1462 meant that his plans to establish a Cartel City in Valletta came to nothing. Laodamos was busy in Chernigov acquiring a new Agent for the Merchant House when news of Cephalus's death reached him. Guessing he would be passed over in favour of Sostratos, he was surprised when Sostratos caught a fever in 1462 and died in Vitebsk. The only surviving candidate for Chairman, Laodamos was voted in without contention.

The White Cossacks

(Pagan Nomadic Open Empire)
Stenka Razin, Hetman of the Cossacks



The hetman ruled the Cossacks from Urkel before leading a sizeable force into Saksiny to raid for slaves. Before offering his support to the hetman, Vasily Orlov raided into Kirov and came back with a sizeable amount of loot. Yemmelyan Pugachev spent some years in the Nogai lands where he was able to improve relations with the tribes there.

Arabia and the Middle East



The Buwayid Sultanate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

Lamman II, Sultan of the Buwayids



Needless to say, the prosperity of the Sultanate continued unabated. Grain was sent to Egypt to alleviate their famine and a new trade route was established with the Chalbi Emirate in Adal. Bypassing the mountains of the Lubnān ash-Sharqī, roads were established from Aleppo, through Syria to Jordan as well as from the Levant to Petra. Missionaries were active in Antalya and gained more converts from the Christians in the city. The Sultan ruled from Mesopotamia and was blessed with another son in 1462. Prince Lamman spent these years awaiting his new bride. She was to be sent from Hastor after the efforts of Salah a Din's diplomatic mission. Prince Ra-Amir left his fleet in Baghdad before travelling to Chrysopolis to captain a new fleet of warships. His fleet then explored the Dnepr before mapping the Lower and Middle Danube. Despite the marriage of Princess Aliaha to the House of Zaid, Inger couldn't make any diplomatic progress with the region. Before his death in 1465, Abdul Al Sisi sailed from Baghdad to explore the Malabar Sea and the Gulf of Mannar. The death in 1462 meant that his efforts in Hamadan came to nothing and the city still did not fully accept Buwayid rule.

Al-Khulafa'ur Rashidun

(Sunni Islam Civilized Primacy)

Qaa'id al-Mohamed, Caliph of Baghdad

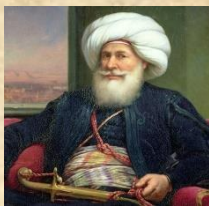


In Circis, the port of Ar Ramadi was founded. The lands around were further improved with new irrigation projects and the road extended to Baghdad. The new city was founded as a port due to the Euphrates being dredged around the Circis border. Vast sums of gold and manpower were sent to the Karakhanate and the Amir Al Bahri. Priests of the Caliphate were active throughout Egypt and Persia as well as assisting in the conversion of the Christians of Asturias. Through the efforts of the Caliph, great influence was gained with the Amir Al Bahri. Jaadallah al-Samad was to found Churches in Shallai and Mukram before gaining many converts in Kurman. The diplomatic efforts of Naazim al-Rahaim in Tyria saw Mahood al-Tyria pledge tribute to the Caliphate. Despite struggling to gain any sites in Azerbaijan and Ardabil, Dhaki el-Yasin was able to found a Church in Tabar. His efforts in Tabaristan came to nothing after he was stoned by an angry mob and later died of his injuries. Before spreading the word of Allah in Siah, Huraira al-Basha had founded a church in Rasanian after he moved from Armenia. After no success with upgrading the Abbey in Merv to a Monastery, Yaasir el-Noor went on to found several Churches throughout the KaraKhante. The charismatic Abdul al-Hasakah of Al Qamishli had great success in converting many of the Armenians to Islam.

The Egyptian Empire

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

Ahmad III, Emperor of all Egypt



The emperor was to order the improvement of the Egyptian fortresses scattered throughout the lands. In Suakin, further improvements to the province's farmland were made, enabling its population to grow. More ships were constructed for fishing fleets to operate out of Akasha, Shallai and Memphis. Egyptian priests were successful in converting Adulis and Dongola to Islam and made good progress in Funj and Axum. He was concerned by the growing Coptic influence in the lands of the Chalbi and felt forced to act. A substantial force of infantry was recruited in both Kassala and Adulis as well as six thousand cavalry in Funj. The Egyptians also constructed several catapults and siege towers with engineer support to handle the volatile Greek Fire. Moving to Alexandria to take control of the city garrison, Ahmad personally ruled from the city and was to father a young son in 1463. Nur al-Din Ali was in overall command of the Egyptian force and moved to Adulis and along with Al-Sharif attacked the Chalbi in Danakil. Danakil is quickly pacified as the forces of the defenders retreat to Al'Qadi. The Egyptians moved onto the city, storming the walls using their towers and catapults. The attack went on ahead without Nur al-din Ali as he was to die from a heart attack shortly after Danakil was captured.

Egyptian agents had already killed the defender's general and discovered several weak points on the city's defences. The intention was to blockade the port using Barsaby but he was to fall ill before setting sail and his fleet never left Kurman. Ali's forces had moved over to the command of Taaraz and he quickly led to the subjugation of the city, despite the failed blockade. Its walls torn down, the city suffered some looting and damage before Taaraz attacked the Chalbi in Zeila. Despite being wounded in the attack, Taaraz captured the province and forced the Chalbi to surrender. Byat Al'Mal moved to Adulis where relations with the province was improved.

The Rum Khanate of Turkiye

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Usulian, King of Turkiye



King Usulian ruled from Phrygia with the assistance of Usuis.

Western Europe and Moslem Spain



The Knights of Malta

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

Heinrich, Grandmaster of the Knights of Malta



Grandmaster Heinrich of the Knights continued his rule from Malta. He tasked Brother Frederick with moving the Knights Fortress from Malta to the holy city of Rome. Despite his best efforts, the Knights were just not supported enough in the Papal lands and the move failed. Frederick was to later suffer a heart attack in later 1464 with his mission unfinished. This was after Brother Franz had already died of a nasty infection in 1462. The Knights were once again unable to gain any more influence with the Uighurs but a House was built in Thessaly. Their agents were caught and executed by the Akramid Caliphate as they tried to gain support amongst the Caliphate's population. Brother Bernhard was to also suffer setbacks as the Preceptory in Lombardy could not be upgraded to an Oratory during these years.

The Kingdom of Germany

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Ludwig, King of the Germans



The smaller cities of Achensee and Bautzen were to grow in size along with the city of Lyon. King Ludvig ruled from Saxony while Prince Hans travelled to Bavaria. His diplomatic mission there was dogged with difficulties and caused the German status in the province to drop slightly. However, in Savoy, the offer of a marriage to Prince Betram and the efforts of Godric, saw the province become friendly to Hanover.

Admiral Reinhold was in charge of protecting the kingdom's southern sea while Gunther protected the kingdom from Provence. He was to fall ill in 1462 though and his army remained in their barracks until his death later that year. Cenric was also to die in 1462 but not before he had acquired a young bride for the king. She awaited an escort back to Saxony after Cenric's death. Elsewhere, Jurgen made no progress with the Tyrol and Waltraud gained some allegiance from the city of Cavalleri in Savoy.

The Akramid Caliphate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

Tiroman VI, Caliph of the Akramids



The Caliph ensured that the ever-growing Akramid cities were fully protected by rebuilding their extensive walls. The fishing fleets of the Caliphate were expanded greatly to provide more food for the growing population. Missionaries were sent to Granada and Murcia to reverse the gains made by the Papal envoys. Local priests were also able to increase the piety of the Caliphate. The Caliph remained in control of the nation's army; assisted by Prince Luhk of Olbia and the Generals Tarsh and Marteen. General Marteen was to suffer a serious fall while on patrol and died in early 1464. Prince Tiroman married from the House of Andalusia in Seville and was blessed with a daughter in 1463. Borus was to lead a delegation in Asturias to back up the missionaries in the province. Kazim was helping Borus when he suffered a heart attack in 1464. The delegation was able to increase the number of converts in the province to more than half the population. Inspired by the resurgence of Islam in the Holy Lands, the Maliki Mandab attacked the hated Crusaders in Valencia. Their numbers roughly equalled the defenders but Valencia was protected by extensive fortifications and well led. At first the battle ended in stalemate before the defenders got the better of the Maliki, forcing them to flee back to Granada.

The Kingdom of France

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Marie, Queen of the French



With most of the royal family consisting of elderly spinsters, Queen Marie took the young Percival as her husband and elevated him to her heir apparent. The prince moved to Ile de France to be with his queen. The cities of Marseilles and Bordeaux grew in size as well as the Paris. The royal highways were extended to take in both Bordeaux and La Rochelle. Given the encroachment of the Moslems to the south, Marie set her priests on raising the piety of the nation. In Brittany, Marcelle signed a decree incorporating the province fully into the French kingdom while progress was made in gaining the support of Gascony and Navarre.

The Papal States

(Roman Catholic Civilized Papacy)

Remo, The Pope



Pope Remo was content to oversee the Papal lands from the Vatican .

The Principality of Salerno

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Socto Durazzo, Duke of Naples



Prince Socto spent vast sums of gold and men improving the Salernese army as well as the lives of his subjects. The cities of Pescara and Petropolis were to grow in size and great care taken to ensure their security with new walls. Priests from the principality were active throughout Bosnia and Slovakia and many converts were gained in those lands. The prince ruled from Campania with his wife Katerina but no more children were born to the couple. The renowned sailor and navigator Angelo Sanudo took his fleet south and explored the seas of Africa. His travels took him as far south as the Mapungubwe lands and onto the Cape of Good Hope. The defence of the principality was left in the hands of Giuseppe Ludovisi and Admiral Morosini.

Scandia and the Out Isles



Kingdom of Orkeneyjar

(Roman Catholic Seafaring Open Empire)

Soren, King of Orkney and the Isles



The far western lands of Vinland were further colonised by able Orkneymen and women. Old warships were decommissioned in Kirkval's docks and new Carracks built in their place. More gold was sent to Le Marteau and Kiev to support Orkney's allies. Soren increased the size of London's fishing fleet as well as ensuring that the kingdom's trade fleets were operating at full capacity. He then ensured the defence of Kirkval before sending Prince Aethelbert to oversee the colonisation of Vinland. Aethelbert took his Northumbrian bride Eowyn to the west with him but no children were born to the couple. Through the efforts of Princess Chelsea, the port of Berwick was added to the kingdom. Princess Vigdis assisted Alfarin in his diplomatic mission to Lancashire. A marriage was arranged to Vigdis but due to her age very little diplomatic gain was made. However, Alfarin was still able to gain tribute from the Lancastrians. Assisted by Bresi before his death in 1462, Brother Hugin was able to complete the integration of Santander into the kingdom. Canute patrolled the seas from London. He was to be assisted by Dreng but he suffered a heart attack in the summer of 1462. Gunnar and Einar were to patrol the waters off Kirkval in case of invasion in the north. The Orkneymen were able to raise a new Preceptory for La Marteau in Santander but had little success in Vestrehavn. Golden Wolf of the Naskapi was told that it would be better if his nation supported Le Marteau rather than the Orkneys.

The Ests

(Jumali Skyfather Civilized Open Empire)
Braddick IV, King of the Ests



The city of Ventapils grew in size during these years. In Reval, a great citadel was built next to the city to protect the Estonian capital. The great wall in Livonia was further extended to protect the Veposkava border. Missionaries of the Skyfather were able to gain many converts in Yaroslav and from amongst the Christians in Ventapils. King Bradick continued to rule from Estonia and was blessed with two sons and a daughter by Queen Rietta. To honour her House, Bradick sent funds to improve its standing throughout his lands; building a new Manor in Lagoda. Allan was to assist Kalev in gaining tribute from Kalinin while Merle was tasked with improving relations with Yaroslav.

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The Kazans

(European Pagan Barbarian Horde)
Igor, Khan of the Kazans



Igor, Khan of the Kazans, increased the size of his force before spending some years discussing their relationship with the Golden Horde.
