

IMPERIAL TO VISIT

CM HONGANJI TEMPLE

A MIYAKO, RIBENGUO

HER Pilgrims have been visiting the rebuilt Honganji temple, focal point of the Mikado Faith for the last two years, but Her Imperial Highness, the Empress Sakuramachi II, arranged for her first royal visit this month. The Temple was destroyed in the Restoration War, and the Miko and Sohei who worshipped here have been without a home for 200 years. With the last stone laid, the Mikadists have prayed and trained in preparation for Her Imperial visit. This will also be the first time the Empress has been seen by anyone outside the Imperial Palace since Shogun Tengu Sakai brought her as a child into the court, dictated her lineage and placed her on the throne. It is unknown whether her mother, the aging Kunoichi Hattori Gozen, will make an appearance.

RECOVERY IN MIBU

MIBU PREFECTURE, RIBENGUO

After more than a half century of discord across the country, the Ronin crisis saw a significant turn this week. The largest gang of ronin harassing the countryside, the Wolves of Mibu, were brought under the control of Daimyo Kaerugawa Daira. The Great Unifier has been recruiting for his internal police force, the Shinsengumi, across the country. After the end of the 2nd Chugoku-Riben War at the turn of the century, the loss of many Daimyo and other lords caused an influx of masterless samurai returning from the mainland. The "Ronin Depression" has been affecting the country since nearly the beginning of the war. Hiring mostly Ronin and other displaced Samurai into his force has cut down on crime and this most recent recruitment has brought the country it's most important step to peace.

STRIFE DURING

DIPLOMATIC TALKS

URAJIO CITY, URSAL / RIBEN
CONTESTED TERRITORY

The non-violence pact between the Ursal Khanate and Ribenguo was broken during an incident between soldiers from both nations on duty along the Urajio City border. The two nations have been in territory and border discussions the last few months, attempting to avoid war over warm water ports along the mainland. With the utter failure of the the 3rd Ursal-Riben War and the 2nd Chugoku-Riben War over the last two centuries, Ribenguo has lost all control of the mainland except for a portion of the city of Urajio. With the recent push by Urssia to gain a warm water port for their navy, Urajio has become a key position for both nations. However the recent clash may push worn patience to the breaking point. The Foreign Minister has issued a warning to all citizens

to cease travel to the mainland in expectation of more violence between Ribenguans and Ursans.

WHITE SHIPS FROM THE EAST

TOKUSATSU HARBOR,
RIBENGUO

If you wake in the night to the sound of thunder in the harbors of Ribenguo in the coming weeks, do not fear invasion. With several months of trade negotiations completed, Ribenguo has become the sole trading partner of the Federated States in the Eastern world, and the FSV's first steam-powered ships arrived in Tokusatsu late last night. The smoke pluming from their engines and white metallic hulls have quickly garnered the nickname, "The White Ships" amongst the populous who saw their arrival. Commodore Langford Perry's merchant ships will be spending two months traveling our coasts trading with the local merchants. While many of our ministers were opposed

to opening trade with the new, untested country, pressure from the merchant class and heavy economic concerns have caused The Empress to reverse the country's "locked" state, allowing foreign vessels to dock in Ribenguo, alleviating our own vessels to focus on local trade, transport, and military concerns.

DRUNK IN PUBLIC

MIYAKO, RIBENGUO

Amamimoto, famed duelist and member of the Nanahikidan was arrested yesterday in downtown Miyako. The former Ronin is accused of Dueling under the influence, after throwing a fellow bar patron into the streets, who claimed his dueling record was a fabrication. This is the tenth arrest for a DUI since the beginning of the year, and has reportedly placed a great strain on the Nanahikidan, and sake manufacturers. Amamimoto will be placed in a sobering facility in an attempt to allieviate Miyako's nightlife.