

Arrival of Prodigious Number of Rats Threatens Local Castle.

Large numbers of hairy water-rats have been seen recently disporting themselves in the river and associated moat of Burg Borg, and there are reports of missing children who, it is feared, have fallen prey to the ravenous creatures. Local magnate Sir Ratbot von Borg denies any association with the recent outbreak of rodential activity around the schloss, the off-season residence of the once-leading

mercenary captain. Yet the traditionally close connection between the beasts and the Borg is well-known, being clearly depicted on the coat of arms of the infamous knight. Local authorities have been contacted but are unwilling to intervene citing intimidation and threats to rat-catchers and other artisans who have been contracted to undertake verminous control.

More coverage to come in evening woodcut.

