



The Mustang

A Few Words From The President

We have been featured twice recently in the American media, and it's always interesting the spin the different shows put on our nation. The first, on Fox, was actually a very nice piece. After a snapshot that managed to get most of the details about Molossia right, a brief interview followed, asking a few questions, many that we've heard before and few that were new. Of course, being Fox, there had to be a Trump spin, and the final question involved his threat to be a dictator, and did I have any advice. Now I question that President Trump would listen to anyone for advice, much less me, but I did offer up a suggestion that he might get more flies with honey than with vinegar - in other words, if he's going to be a dictator, be a nice one, he'll go further. The idea of a dictatorship comes with a few negative stigmas, but history has repeatedly shown examples of benevolent dictatorships, and how they can be surprisingly effective. Less hate, less red-faced shouting, and more honest caring for ones' citizens, an iron fist in a velvet glove. A benevolent dictatorship can make positive things happen for the country and also cut through the bureaucracy. I doubt that Mr. Trump would go this route, he's more a fan of shouting. But if he does pursue his apparently desired autocracy, he might consider it, it's worked well in more nations than just Molossia!



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About the Bank of Molossia...

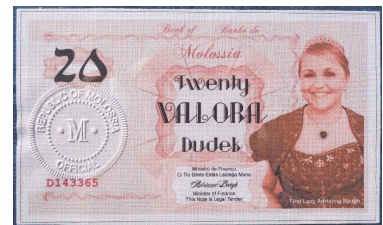
The mission of the Bank of Molossia is to pursue sound monetary and financial policies aimed at price stability and create an enabling environment for sustainable economic growth. The basic unit of currency in Molossia is the Valora (plural: Valora), which is divided into 100 Futtrus (plural: Futtrus). The Valora is linked in value to Pillsbury Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, 5 Valora having equal value to one tube (13 Ba / 30 oz) of Cookie Dough. We are literally rolling in the dough!



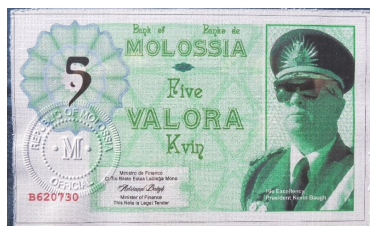
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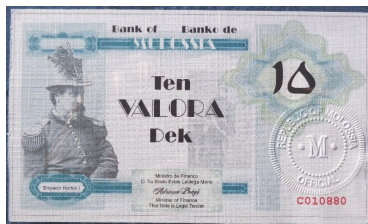
One Valora Coin



Twenty Valora Banknote



Five Valora Banknote



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Winter Arrives in Molossia

Well, it's a bit late for this area, but winter finally arrived during the second week of January this year. The first storm of the season rolled in on Saturday, 6 January, bringing a few micronortons of snow to our nation and the region. After a few days' respite, a second, more powerful storm arrived on the evening of 10 January, dumping an impressive 1.5 Nortons (12 in/30 cm) of snow in just a short time. This storm closed roads and businesses, caused power outages in the local area and generally wrought havoc. Subsequent cold temperatures kept roads icy and snow covered for a couple of days until a new storm blew in literally, bringing warmer temperatures and howling winds. This third storm in a week did melt off the remaining snow but also blew down fences, signs and power lines outside Molossia, bringing a new level of winter misery. Fortunately there was no damage in Molossia itself.

The winter season usually begins around the last weekend of November, with the first light snowfall almost invariably falling at that time. This winter neither snow nor much rain fell through November and December (precluding a white Christmas), with winter reserving its force until January. January and February are the real winter months in Molossia, with frequent snowfalls and cold temperatures being the rule. Occasional warm spells occur, especially in February and March, called "false spring", followed by the real spring in April. So now that winter has finally arrived, it is certain that more will come!



The First Snowfall of the Year



Snow Piling Up



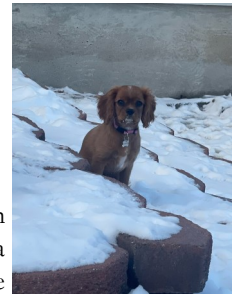
Snow in Republic Square



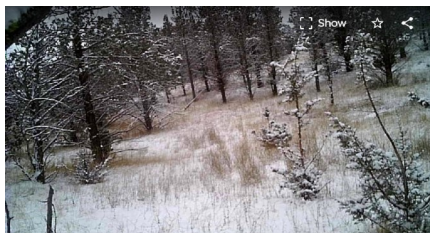
Snow in Norton Park



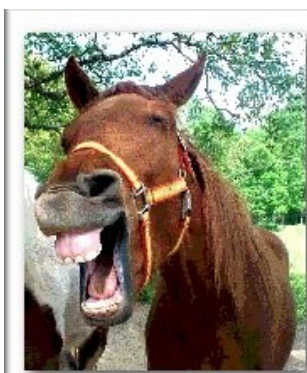
Snow in Red Square



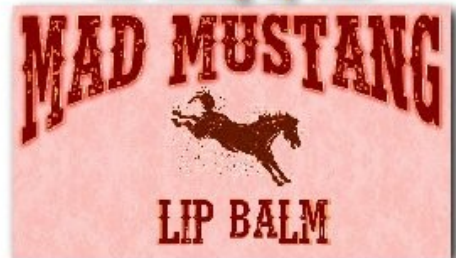
Molossian Woola Loves the Snow!



Snow in Farfalla Province



Don't horse around with dry lips, get Mad Mustang Lip Balm!



Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

Tours of our nation are currently planned on the following dates only:

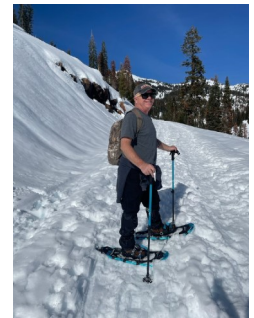
- Saturday, 27 April 2024, 10:00 AM PST (First Tour of 2024)
- Saturday, 18 May 2024, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 22 June 2024, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 13 July 2024, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 10 August 2024, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 14 September 2024, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 12 October 2024, 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of 2024)

Winter Volcano Expedition

On Sunday, 28 January 2024 XLVII the Molossian Volcanological Society set out on an expedition to study the geothermal activity of Lassen Peak, an active volcano located about three hours northwest of Molossia. This was a rare winter expedition, involving the use of snowshoes to travel to the study area, deep within the snowbound wilderness on the slopes of the volcano. The President and First Lady, representing the Volcanological Society, trekked over 9000 Nortons (1 mi./1.2 km.) through the snow, arriving at about 1:39 PM MST at a location known as the Sulfur Works. The Sulfur Works is an area of active geothermal features, including several boiling mudpots, steaming fumaroles and boiling springs. It is located at the geological center of what was once the towering Mount Tehama, the prehistoric volcano that loomed almost 19,000 Nortons (11,000 ft./3352 m.) over the surrounding area, up to 390,000 years ago. After that time the volcano subsided and volcanic activity moved to nearby Lassen Peak, Mount Tehama eroded, and very little of it remains today. But the heart of the ancient volcano still beats, as is evidenced by the remaining activity at the Sulfur Works. The stalwart Volcanological Society spent a while in the area, studying the geothermal features and learning about what remains of Mount Tehama's activity. Eventually the duo returned through the snow to dry ground and thence back to Molossia. A great deal was learned in this study, furthering our knowledge of volcanism and how it impacts the world in which we live.



Lassen Peak Looms Over the Winter Landscape



The President on the Trail



At the Boiling Mudpot



Boiling Mudpot



Steaming Fumarole



Mudpots and Steam Down the Hill




The Flag at the Sulfur Works




The First Lady Pointing the Way?





The Molossian Navy



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February Calendar

Lunar New Year - 10 February 2024 (Year of the Dragon) - Celebrated by eating Chinese food, of course!

Mardi Gras - 13 February 2024 - Celebrated with New Orleans food, a party and maybe even a parade!

Chocolate Mint Day - 19 February - The President's favorite flavor, celebrated by eating ice cream, of course!

No Molossia Birthdays This Month!

Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	19 C / 66° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-12° C / 10° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	3.3° C / 38° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	6.84 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello all, February is here already! I'm still trying to get used to writing out 2024! Time really does fly! How was your January? People like to make fun of January and say it's one long Monday. That might feel right if you work a regular type office job, but if you are in retail or any type of customer service job, I think January feels like a nice break from the fast pace of December and the holidays in general. Valentine's Day doesn't seem to require as much hoopla. I think back to some of the best Valentine's Days that I have ever had and although the President always goes all out for me, the ones that stick out to me are the ones that I had the most fun creating for him! Once, I dangled 80 cut out hearts from the ceiling of our bedroom. They each said a different reason why I love him on it. That's why I needed so many! His face lit up when he saw what I had done. And I only did it with paper and string.. and of course love! A big show of affection doesn't have to be expensive, in fact it's these types of things that mean even more. This took my time. Taking your time with people often feels more valuable and thoughtful than throwing money at it. Hold on, I'm not turning down gifts.. haha, I'm just saying we are very often saying we don't have enough time, so when you use it on someone they know you mean something to them. Who will you spend time on, a friend, lover or family member.. or simply yourself? Thank you for taking the time to read this!



Until next time, remember:

Keep a smile on your heart and it'll appear on your face!

~Adrienne