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The following Notifications are published,

By command,

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 284.—The following is published for general information :—

Notification of Suspension of Telegraph and Radio-Telegraph Services throughout the Empire.

His Britannic Majesty's Government find themselves under the necessity of availing themselves of the power reserved under Article 8 of the International Telegraph Convention and Article 17 of the International Radio-Telegraph Convention to suspend the transmission of telegrams and radio-telegrams to and from or in transit through the United Kingdom, and to and from or in transit through all British Possessions and all British Protectorates whatsoever, save and except such telegrams and radio-telegrams as are on the service of His Majesty's Government or of the Government of any British Possession or Protectorate.

With a view, however, to minimize inconvenience to the public, His Britannic Majesty's Government will, until further notice, and as an act of grace, permit the transmission of such telegrams and radio-telegrams in plain language as foreign Governments or the public choose to send, provided that such telegrams are written in English or French, and on the understanding that they are accepted at the sender's risk and subject to censorship by the British authorities; that is, that they may be stopped, delayed or otherwise dealt with in all respects at the discretion of those authorities and without notice to the senders; and that no claims in respect of them, whether for the reimbursement of the sums paid for transmission or otherwise, will be considered by His Majesty's Government in any circumstances whatever. It is, moreover, essential that such telegrams and radio-telegrams should bear the sender's name at the end of the text, otherwise they are liable to be stopped until the name is notified by paid telegram. Registered abbreviated addresses will not be accepted either as addresses or as the names of senders.

Note.—The term "telegram" is applied to radio-telegraph messages sent from shore to shore, as well as to those sent by cable or land line.

The term "radio-telegram" is used to denote messages exchanged between ships and the shore.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

3rd August, 1914.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 285.—No launch or vessel is to leave the Harbour without first reporting to the Harbour Master and then getting a certificate from the Chief Examining Officer to pass through the Examination Batteries.

Any launch or vessel failing to observe this order is liable to be fired on.

No bathing parties are to go outside the Harbour limits on the West side or outside a line drawn North and South through the Taikoo Dock on the East side and no launch or vessel is to be under way after 7.15 p.m. without a special permit.

C. W. BECKWITH, Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

3rd August, 1914.