

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 422.—It is hereby notified that combinations, in telegrams, of clear language and code in one ten letter group are not admissible.

No. 423.—It is hereby notified that, on and after the 15th instant, the following six codes are authorised in telegrams exchanged between Italy (excluding Ancona, Bari, Barletta, Brindisi, Partocarsini, Taranto and Venezia) and those extra-European countries which admit code:—

A.B.C. 5th Edition.

Western Union.

Lieber's.

Bentley's (not including oil and mining supplements).

Broomhall's (not including the rubber edition).

Meyer's 39th Edition.

No. 424.—It is hereby notified that the area of land between Jordan Road and the northern boundary of the Kowloon Cricket Club, has been allotted to the Kowloon Cricket Club for the purpose of forming Tennis Courts. A plan of the area can be seen upon application at the Office of the Director of Public Works.

Trading with the Enemy Second Amendment Ordinance, 1915.

No. 425.—It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to exempt until further notice from the operation of sections 4 and 5 of the Trading with the Enemy Second Amendment Ordinance, 1915, all liquidators appointed under the provisions of the Alien Enemies (Winding up) Ordinance, 1914, in so far as may relate to any sum of money or property which could lawfully be dealt with by such liquidators in the course of the winding up of the trade or personal affairs, as the case may be, of the firms or persons whose trade or personal affairs such liquidators have been appointed respectively to wind up.

Notification No. 417 of 1915 is hereby revoked.

No. 426.—The following is published for general information.

FOREIGN OFFICE,

July 20, 1915.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome the following translation of a Royal Decree dated July 4th, and published in the *Italian Official Gazette* of the 8th:—

ARTICLE I.—The Blockade declared by the Royal Government on the 26th and 30th May, 1915, is extended to the whole zone of the Adriatic Sea to the North of the Otranto-Aspri-Ruga (Strade Bianchi) line.

Consequently the navigation of the Adriatic Sea to the North of this Line by merchant ships of any nationality is forbidden.

ARTICLE 2.—The Minister of Marine, or the Authorities delegated by him, may nevertheless grant, after necessary enquiries, special safe-conducts to merchant ships desirous of proceeding to ports belonging to or occupied by Italy or Montenegro.

Vessels desirous of entering the Adriatic must proceed to Gallipoli (Apulia), where the safe-conducts of entry must be obtained.

For leaving the Adriatic, vessels after having received permission at the port of departure must proceed to Bari, where they will be furnished with the safe-conducts of departure.

Vessels provided with safe-conducts must cross the blockade line Otranto-Aspri-Ruga (Strade Bianchi) during daytime only. They must stop on that line at a distance not greater than 5 miles from the Italian shore to be visited by the men-of-war destined for that purpose.

ARTICLE 3.—The rules laid down in our decree of June 13th, 1915, No. 899, as well as any special regulations which the naval authorities may think fit to enforce on vessels entering or leaving the Adriatic, must be observed by all merchant vessels of whatever nationality navigating in the Adriatic in the circumstances provided for in Article 2.

ARTICLE 4.—Vessels contravening the rules laid down in the preceding articles will be considered guilty of violation of the blockade, and are liable to capture and confiscation, together with their cargoes, according to the regulations in force.

ARTICLE 5.—The present decree will come into force on July 6th, 1915.

No. 427.—The following is published for general information.

PRIZE CLAIMS COMMITTEE.

Whereas a Committee has been constituted to receive and consider claims made by British, Allied or neutral Third Parties against ships or cargoes which have been condemned or detained by orders of Prize Courts, and to recommend to what extent, in what manner, and on what terms such claims should be met or provided for. And whereas the vessels mentioned below have been condemned or detained by order of Prize Courts.

This is to give notice, to all British, Allied or neutral persons having any such claims against the vessels mentioned below that such claims should be sent, with all necessary particulars, to the Secretary of the Committee, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., as soon as possible, and in any case within three months of this date, after which they cannot be entertained.

Dated 27th day of July, 1915.

(Sailing vessels are shown in italics.)

CONDEMNED OR DETAINED BY THE PRIZE COURT IN EGYPT.

Concadoro, *Fadl El Rahman*, *Hefz El Rahman*, *Kassed Kerim*, *Maria*, *Neemet Allah*.

CONDEMNED OR DETAINED BY PRIZE COURTS IN INDIA.

Alesia, Braunfels, Erzherzog, Franz Ferdinand, Fraukenfels, Frienfels, Kurmark, Pagenturm, Rheinfels, Rotenfels, Varzin, Warturm, Wartenfels.

CONDEMNED OR DETAINED BY PRIZE COURTS IN CROWN COLONIES.

Adolf, Bethania, Chow-Tai, Emir, Erymanthos, Frisia, Furth, Georg, Graecia, Josephina, Kalymnos, Karlsruhe (launch), Kawak Lorenzo, Macedonia, Moltkefels, Paklat, Professor Woermann, Quarta, Rajaburi, Rancee, Rappenfels, Reichenfels, Sandakan, Schneefels, Slawentzitz, Spreewald, Steinturm, Syra, Tannenfels, Thor, Trifels, *Werner Vinnen*.