

No. 54.—The following translation of a note addressed by the Wai Chiao Pu to His Majesty's Minister is published for general information.

PEKING,
January 19th, 1918.

SIR,

Agreements of any description affecting the sovereign rights of public property of the country which may be concluded by the officials, merchants and people of China with foreign merchants, as also foreign loans made by other than State-owned railway concerns in any province, or by mining concerns, are all invalid unless made with the consent of the Central Government. Further, if salt merchants pledge salt certificates as security for foreign loans the Government will be unable to recognise such transactions.

This Ministry wrote to the various Foreign Representatives on March 28th, July 25th, August 3rd and September 13th, 1912, asking them to issue instructions to this effect to merchants of their respective nationalities.

It is now again reported that the provinces often illegally print bonds or pledge mining property to foreign merchants as security for loans. I must now therefore again declare that any illegal foreign loans of this description, not made with the consent of the Central Government, are invalid.

In informing Your Excellency of the above I have the honour to request that you will issue circular instructions to merchants to this effect and avail, etc.

(Seal of the Wai Chiao Pu.)

No. 55.—The following notification is published for general information.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

8th February, 1918.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY AMENDMENT ACT, 1916.

Orders have been made by the Board of Trade requiring the undermentioned businesses to be wound up :—

493. A. Fox and Company, Limited, 20, Ely Place, London, E.C., Blouse and Costume Agents. *Controller*: R. Evans Smith, 53, New Broad Street, London, E.C. 2. 19 November, 1917.
494. Madame Adèle, 24, George Street, Hanover Square, London, W. 1., Court Dressmaker. *Controller*: Barron Dennett Holroyd, 6, Great Winchester Street, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. 2. 23 November, 1917.
495. J. Springer, 72, Dean Street, Soho, London, W. 1., Bioscope Machine Repairer. *Controller*: Geoffrey Bostock, 21, Ironmonger Lane, London, E.C. 2. 23 November, 1917.
496. Justin Schuelein (formerly Justin & Co.), 198, Old Street, London, E.C. 1, Importer of Motor Goggles, etc. *Controller*: Ernest Boothroyd, 79, Mark Lane, London, E.C. 3. 23 November, 1917.
497. The Record Press, 29, Fetter Lane, London, E.C. 4, Photographic Printers. *Controller*: Arthur Pelham Ford, 4B, Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, London, E.C. 2. 26 November, 1917.

498. Dell & Company, Limited, 288, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, London, N. 16, Candle Grip Manufacturers. *Controller*: E. W. E. Blandford, 227/231, Gresham House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. 2. 23 November, 1917.
499. Alliance Manufacturing Company, Limited, 12, Station Road, Finsbury Park, London, N. 4, Dealers in Fats and Oils. *Controller*: Sidney J. Field, 17, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W. 1. 24 November, 1917.
500. Communist Club Building Company, Limited, 107, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, London, W. 1, Lessors of Club Premises. *Controller*: G. M. Robinson, 3, Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London, W.C. 1. 24 November, 1917.

NOTE 1.—The above Orders appeared in the *London Gazettes* of the 23rd and 27th November, 1917.

NOTE 2.—A list of Orders made under the above Act was published as a note to Notification 548 in the *Hongkong Gazette* of the 14th December, 1917. This list gives all the Orders published in the *Hongkong Gazette* up to the 31st December, 1917. A subsequent Order was published in the *Hongkong Gazette* of the 25th January, 1918.

NOTE 3.—Orders Nos. 491 and 492 cannot be traced.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DEPARTMENT.

No. 53.—The following alterations and additions to the List of Headings for the Classification of Imports and Exports, 1918, are notified for the guidance of merchants:—

- 1.—Page 14.—Classifier of Quantity for Minerals and Ores is "Piculs".
- 2.— " —Add new item 207a—"Ores (other)".
- 3.—Page 18.—Item 257 (Ducks and canvas, grey)—Quantity by yards instead of pieces.
- 4.— " —Add new item 257a—"Unbleached cloths (unclassified)". Quantity by yards.
- 5.— " —Add new item 263a—"Bleached cloths (unclassified)". Quantity in yards.
- 6.— " —After item 263a add new Sub-head—"Light Cotton Fancies".
- 7.— " —Add new item 267a—"Light cotton fancies (unclassified)". Quantity in yards.
- 8.—Page 19.—Add new item 279a—"Coatings and trouserings, dyed". Quantity in yards.
- 9.—Page 20.—Item 297—For "Cotton piece goods (unclassified)", read "Prints (unclassified)". Quantity in yards.
- 10.—Page 23.—Delete item 323—"Nankeens". These will be included under item 289.
- 11.—Page 30.—Add new item 393a—"Copra". Quantity in piculs.
- 12.— " —Add new item 397a—"Cotton, raw". Quantity in piculs.
- 13.—Page 43.—Add new item 506a—"Shoemakers' Sundries". Quantity in value.
- 14.—Page 46.—Add new Heading—"Sundries Y".
- 15.— " —Add new items, 532 "Yarn (cotton)", and 533 "Yarn (woollen)". Quantity in piculs.

Copies of this Notification will be issued free of charge by the Imports and Exports Office in due course.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Superintendent.

8th February, 1918.