

The following modifications are introduced in the above-mentioned list of articles of absolute contraband:—

No. 3 is thus modified:—

“Lathes, machines and implements which may be used in the manufacture of war munitions.”

In No. 8 the word “ether” is substituted by “formic ether,” “sulphuric ether.”

In the list of articles of conditional contraband contained in the same decree No. 14 is abolished.

The present decree comes into force on the day of publication.

Rome,
16th day of July, 1916.

Foreign Office,
August 26, 1916.

It is hereby notified that on the 23rd inst. His Excellency Viscount Sutemi Chinda presented, through His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, together with the Letters of Recall of his predecessor, His Excellency the Marquis Katsumosuké Inouyé.

Foreign Office,
August 29, 1916.

The following additions or corrections to the lists published as a supplement to the London Gazette of 14th August, 1916, of persons to whom articles to be exported to China and Siam may be consigned, are notified by order of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the provisions of the Proclamation relating to the exportation of articles to China and Siam during the present war, issued on the 24th day of September, 1915:—

CHINA.

Foreign Office (Foreign Trade Department),
28th August, 1916.

The following names are added to the list of persons and bodies of persons to whom articles to be exported to China may be consigned:—

Block, E.
Blockhuys, V.
Continental Export & Import Co., Shanghai.
King, Zunglieh D.
Mayers, F. J., Amoy.
Michael, Albert, Shanghai.
Pohoomull Brothers, Shanghai.
Silas & Co., Shanghai.
Technische Export Maatschappij Azie, Shanghai.
Tisdall, B. D., Amoy.
Wadman, H. P., Shanghai.
Weippert, W. H. C., Amoy.
Yunnanfu Electric Light Co.

The following name is removed from the list of persons and bodies of persons to whom articles to be exported to China may be consigned:—

Quan Hang Shing, Canton.

Whitehall, August 25, 1916.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Admiral Sir John Rushworth Jellicoe, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Order of Saint George, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of Russia in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Whitehall, August 25, 1916.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., Commanding the Battle Cruiser Fleet, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of Saint George, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of Russia in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Whitehall, August 25, 1916.

The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Decoration of the Albert Medal of the Second Class to Lieutenant Sidney Albert Rowlandson, Mechanic Staff Serjeant Thomas Michael Walton, Private Alexander Anderson, and Private Joseph Thomas Lawrence, of the Army Service Corps, serving in France, in recognition of their gallantry in saving life.

On 2nd May last, whilst a German 21-centimetre shell, in which several holes had been bored, was being “steamed” in a laboratory for the purpose of investigation, the box of shavings in which it was packed caught fire. The officer in charge of the laboratory at once sent for help to the nearest Army Service Corps fire station, ordered all persons to leave the building, and warned the inhabitants of the neighbouring houses that a serious explosion was imminent.

On receipt of the request for help, Lieutenant Rowlandson, with Walton, Anderson and Lawrence, at once collected fire extinguishers and proceeded by motor to the laboratory. They entered the building, played on the fire (which had spread considerably), and after about two minutes were able to reach the burning shell, which they dragged into the yard and extinguished there.

At any moment after the fire broke out the shell might have exploded with disastrous results.

Whitehall, August 25, 1916.

The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Decoration of the Albert Medal of the Second Class to Lieutenant Neil Mackinnon, 14th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry, in recognition of his gallantry in saving life at Blackdown on the 27th May last.

At bombing practice, one of the men under instruction failed to clear the parapet with his