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## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1897.

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. F. Phillips as Consul of Belgium at Plymouth; Mr. Poül Christensen Poülsen as Consul of Denmark at Brisbane; The Chevalier Zanotti Bianco as Consul of Italy at Gibraltar; Mr. William Joseph Williams as Consul of Sweden and Norway at James Town, St. Helena; and of Mr. Tomas Rodriguez as Vice-Consul of Spain at Hong Kong.

· DOWNING STREET, December 22, 1897.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of William Carnegy Brown, Esq., M.D., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

WHITEHALL, December 23, 1897.

The Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 20th instant, to appoint Thomas Spooner Soden, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Recorder of the Borough of Grantham, in the room of Edmund Lumley, Esq., resigned.

EXPLOSIVES IN COAL MINES ORDER OF THE 20th DECEMBER 1897.

ORDER made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under section 6 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896.

Whereas by section 6 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896, it is enacted that a Secretary of State, on being satisfied that any explosive is, or is likely to become, dangerous, may by Order prohibit the use thereof in any mine or in any class of Mines either absolutely or subject to conditions:

I hereby, in pursuance of the power conferred on me by the aforesaid section, make the following Order:—

Absolute Prohibition of certain Explosives in unsafe Mines.

- 1. (1) In all coal mines in which inflammable gas has been found within the previous three months in such quantity as to be indicative of danger, the use of any explosive, other than a permitted explosive, as hereinafter defined, is absolutely prohibited in the seam or seams in which the gas has been found.
- (2) In all coal mines which are not naturally wet throughout, the use of any explosive, other than a permitted explosive, as hereinafter defined, is absolutely prohibited in all roads, and in every dry and dusty part of the mine.

Conditional Prohibition of other Explosives in unsafe Mines.

2. In all such coal mines or parts thereof as aforesaid, the use of permitted explosives is pro-