

FOREIGN OFFICE, May 8, 1915.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from the United States Ambassador the following translation of a decree issued by the German Government:—

REICHSGESETZBLATT, 1915.

No. 49.

Ordinance relative to amendments of the Prize Ordinance of September 30th, 1909.

In retaliation of the regulations adopted by England and her Allies, deviating from the London Declaration of Maritime Law of February 26th, 1909, I approve of the following amendments of the Prize Ordinance of September 30th, 1909, and of its supplements, dated October 18th, November 23rd, and December 14th, 1914, for the period of the present war. [See Notices in London Gazette of September 18, 1914, and December 22, 1914].

Articles 21, 23, 27, 33, 35 and 40, and the additions to Article 23 shall be replaced by the following provisions:—21. The following articles and materials, designated absolute contraband, shall be considered contraband of war:—

- (1). Arms of all kinds, including arms for sporting purposes, and their distinctive component parts:
- (2). Projectiles, charges, and cartridges of all kinds, and their distinctive component parts:
- (3). Powder and explosives of all kinds:
- (4). Cannon barrels, gun mountings, limber boxes, limbers, field kitchens and bakeries, supply waggons, field forges, searchlights and searchlight accessories, and their distinctive component parts:
- (5). Range-finders, and their distinctive component parts:
- (6). Field glasses, telescopes, chronometers, and all kinds of nautical instruments:
- (7). Clothing and equipment of a distinctively military character:
- (8). Saddle, draught, and pack animals suitable for use in war:
- (9). All kinds of harness of a distinctively military character:
- (10). Articles of camp equipment, and their distinctive component parts:
- (11). Armour plates:
- (12). Lead, pig, sheet, or pipe:
- (13). Barbed wire, and implements for fixing and cutting the same:
- (14). Tin plate:
- (15). War ships, including boats and their distinctive component parts of such a nature that they can only be used on a vessel of war; ship plates and construction steel:
- (16). Submarine sound signalling apparatus:
- (17). Aeroplanes, airships, balloons, and aircraft of all kinds, and their distinctive component parts, together with accessories, articles and materials, recognisable as intended for use in connection with balloons and aircraft.
- (18). Implements and devices designed exclusively for the manufacture and repair of arms and munitions of war:
- (19). Lathes of all kinds:
- (20). Mining lumber:

(21). Coal and coke:

(22). Flax.

23. The following articles and materials suitable for warlike as well as for peaceful purposes, coming under the designation of conditional contraband, shall be considered as contraband of war:—

- (1). Foodstuffs:
 - (2). Forage and all kinds of feeding stuffs:
 - (3). Clothing, fabrics for clothing, and boots and shoes, suitable for use in war:
 - (4). Wool from animals, raw or dressed, together with woollen carded yarns and worsted yarns:
 - (5). Gold and silver, in coin or bullion; paper money:
 - (6). Vehicles of all kinds, especially all motor vehicles available for use in war, and their component parts:
 - (7). Rubber tyres for motor vehicles, together with all articles or materials especially used in the manufacture or repair of rubber tyres:
 - (8). Rubber and guttapercha, together with goods made thereof:
 - (9). Railway materials, both fixed and rolling stock, and materials for telegraphs, wireless telegraphs and telephones:
 - (10). Fuel, excepting coal and coke; lubricants:
 - (11). Sulphur, sulphuric acid, nitric acid:
 - (12). Horse shoes and shoeing materials:
 - (13). The following ores: Wolframite, scheelite, molybdenite, nickle ore, chrome ore, hæmatite iron ore, manganese ore, lead ore:
 - (14). The following metals: Wolfram, molybdenum, vanadium, nickel, selenium, cobalt, hæmatite pig-iron, manganese, aluminium, copper:
 - (15). Antimony, together with the sulphides and oxides of antimony:
 - (16). Ferro alloys, including ferro-wolfram, ferro-molybdenum, ferro-manganese, ferro-vanadium, ferro-chrome:
 - (17). Harness and saddlery:
 - (18). Leather, treated and untreated, when suitable for saddlery, harness, military boots or military clothing:
 - (19). Tanning materials of all kinds, including extracts used in tanning:
 - (20). All kinds of lumber, rough or treated, especially hewn, sawed, planed, fluted, excepting mining lumber; tar of charcoal:
 - (21). Vessels, craft, and boats of all kinds, floating docks, parts of docks, and their component parts:
- (22). The following articles cannot be declared contraband of war:—
- (1). Raw cotton, raw silk, raw jute, raw hemp:
 - (2). Resin, lacs, hops:
 - (3). Raw skins, horns, bones and ivory:
 - (4). Natural and artificial fertilisers:
 - (5). Earth, clay, lime, chalk, stones, including marble, bricks, slates and roofing tiles:
 - (6). Porcelain and glass.
 - (7). Paper, and the materials prepared for its manufacture:
 - (8). Soap, paints, including the materials