

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of December 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Andrew Bonar Law was, by His Majesty's command, sworn Chancellor of the Exchequer.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of December 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Sir Edward Henry Carson, K.C., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn First Lord of the Admiralty.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

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The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS MAJESTY having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Seal of the Office of the Secretary for Scotland to the Right Honourable Robert Munro, K.C., the Oath of Office of Secretary for Scotland was this day administered to him, and he took his place at the Board accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

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PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Christopher Addison, M.D., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn Minister of Munitions.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

FOR BANK HOLIDAYS.

GEORGE R.I.

WE, considering that it is desirable that Saturday, the Twenty-third day of December instant, should be observed as a Bank Holiday throughout Our United Kingdom, and that Monday, the First day of January next, should be observed as a Bank Holiday throughout those parts of Our United Kingdom called England and Wales, and Ireland, and in pursuance of the provisions of "The Bank Holidays Act, 1871," do hereby, by and with the advice of Our

Privy Council, and in exercise of the powers conferred by the Act aforesaid, appoint Saturday, the Twenty-third day of December instant, and Monday, the First day of January next, as special days to be observed as Bank Holidays throughout Our United Kingdom, and throughout those parts of Our United Kingdom called England and Wales, and Ireland, respectively, under and in accordance with the said Act, and We do, by this Our Royal Proclamation, command the said days to be so observed, and all Our loving subjects to order themselves accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Eleventh day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the Seventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by Regulation 9c. of the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, it is provided as follows:—"Where it appears to His Majesty that the keeping as a Bank Holiday or a Public Holiday of any day appointed to be so kept by the Bank Holidays Act, 1871 (as extended and amended by any other enactment), or by any Proclamation issued thereunder or under this Regulation, would impede or delay the production, repair, or transport of war material, or of any work necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, it shall be lawful for His Majesty by Proclamation to declare that any such day shall not in any year be a Bank Holiday or a Public Holiday as respects the whole of the United Kingdom or any part thereof, and by that or any subsequent Proclamation to appoint such other day as to His Majesty in Council may seem fit to be a Bank Holiday or a Public Holiday throughout or in any part of the United Kingdom instead thereof, and the Bank Holidays Act, 1871, and the enactments extending and amending that Act, shall have effect accordingly: Provided that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, in lieu of appointing such other day to be a Bank Holiday or Public Holiday, by Proclamation to direct that all or any classes of employees who have been deprived in consequence of any Proclamation issued under the said Act or this Regulation of a holiday to which they were by statute or agreement entitled or which they have been accustomed to receive, shall, subject to any exceptions and conditions that may be contained in the Proclamation, be given an equivalent holiday on such day or within such period as may be specified in the Proclamation, and any employer failing to comply with the provisions of any such Proclamation shall be guilty of a summary offence against these Regulations":

And whereas by the Bank Holidays Act, 1871, as so amended, the first Monday in August is a Bank Holiday and a Public Holiday throughout the United Kingdom:

And whereas by Our Proclamation of the Eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, Tuesday, the eighth day of