

of Allied and neutral merchandise found on enemy vessels in Portuguese harbours, a translation of a further Decree which has now been issued by the Portuguese Government on the subject is appended :—

DECREE No. 5334, MARCH 22, 1919.

[TRANSLATION.]

Considering that it was only after the signature of the armistice and the liberation of Belgium that it has been possible for some of the subjects of that country to obtain the documents necessary to support the applications for the delivery of goods which formed part of the cargoes of the ex-German ships in Portugal and her colonies; considering that not only such subjects but also those of other countries, either allied in war or friendly, equally contend that only now, owing to the new international situation, they are able to put forward their claims in these matters; desiring to afford the Governments of all these countries a proof of their good will in taking into consideration such restoration of property.

The Government of the Portuguese Republic decrees, and I hereby promulgate, to have the force of law, as follows :—

ARTICLE I.

The period for the presentation of any claims for the delivery of goods referred to in Article 32 of Decree No. 2350 of the 20th of April 1916,* and for the production of documents relating to fresh claims or in support of claims already presented, is hereby extended to the 31st December 1919.

ARTICLE II.

The provisions of Article II. of Decree No. 3246 of the 13th of July 1917,† intended to simplify the ordinary procedure by presentation of the guarantee certificates therein specified, are hereby extended to all claims for goods made during the above-mentioned period, provided such certificates are produced within the same period.

ARTICLE III.

Legislation to the contrary is hereby revoked.

It is therefore commanded that all the authorities to whom the knowledge and execution of this Decree with force of law appertain shall fulfil it and cause it to be fulfilled in its integrity as therein contained.

The Ministers of all the Departments shall cause this Decree to be published.

Seat of the Government of the Republic the 22nd of March 1919.

Joao do Canto e Castro Silva Antunes.

(Here follow the signatures of the Ministers of all the Departments.)

* See London Gazette of May 30, 1916.

† See London Gazette of August 3, 1917.

Whitehall, April 8, 1919.

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