the provisions of the Mercantile Marine Code

of the Kingdom:-

Cannon, rifles, carbines, revolvers, pistols, swords and other weapons, whether firearms or sidearms, munitions of war, military equipment of every species, and generally everything which without manipulation can be put to immediate use in connection with land or maritime warfare.

The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs at the same time notifies that, since the Ottoman Government have taken no steps with a view to exempting Italian merchant vessels from capture, but, on the contrary, have committed acts of seizure and capture to the prejudice of Italian merchant vessels, the Royal Government, in conformity with the provisions of the laws in force and the general principles of the law of nations, reserve to themselves the right of capture and seizure of Ottoman merchant vessels.

The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be glad if the above declaration can be brought as soon as possible to the knowledge of the Governments concerned.

Whitehall, October 9, 1911.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Hugh Edward Poynter, Esq., of the Ottoman Public Debt Administration, Constantinople, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Whitehall, October 9, 1911.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned Officers of the Royal Navy, who are employed as Instructors in the Chinese Imperial Naval College at Nanking, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear Decorations (as stated against their respective names) which have been conferred upon them by His Majesty the Emperor of China in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

First Class of the Third Grade of the Order of the Double Dragon.

Naval Instructor Alexander Edward Monro, R.N.

Second Class of the Third Grade of the Order of the Double Dragon.

Engineer Commander Edward Piercy St. John Benn, R.N.

Whitehall, October 10, 1911.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bear-

ing date the 10th instant, to appoint Allan James Lawrie, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Deputy Chairman of Quarter Sessions for the County of London, in the room of Richard Loveland Loveland, Esq., K.C., resigned.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1906.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department has appointed Professor J. T. J. Morrison, F.R.C.S., of 4, Frederick Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, to be one of the Medical Referees under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for County Court Circuit No. 22, and to be attached more particularly to Bromsgrove, Redditch and Droitwich County Courts, in place of Mr. F. V. Milward, deceased.

Whitehall, 5th October, 1911.

ST. WINIFRED'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, WOLVERHAMPTON.

Thirty-five girls to be admitted.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that he has sanctioned, as from the 1st October, 1911, inclusive, an increase of five in the number of inmates of St. Winifred's Industrial School for Girls, Wolverhampton, making thirty-five (35) in all.

Whitehall, 9th October, 1911.

Factory Department, Home Office, October 5, 1911.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. J. S. Gill, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Act at Clonavaddy, in the county of Tyrone, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office, October 6, 1911.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. P. Rattray to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Act for the Slaithwaite district of the county of Yorks, West Riding.

Factory Department, Home Office, October 7, 1911.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. D. Murray, an appointment as Certifying Sur-