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TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1914.

NOTICE.

THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received information of a nature to satisfy him that the treatment accorded to British merchant ships and their cargoes in Austro-Hungarian ports is not less favourable than that accorded to Austro-Hungarian merchant ships and their cargoes in British ports, and he has accordingly addressed the undermentioned notification to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury and to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

*Foreign Office, S.W.,
August 15, 1914.*

MY LORDS,

I have the honour to state that information has reached me of a nature to satisfy me that the treatment accorded to British merchant ships and their cargoes which were in Austro-Hungarian ports at the date of the outbreak of hostilities, or which subsequently entered them, is not less favourable than that accorded by Articles 3 to 8 of the Order in Council issued on the 4th day of August, 1914, with reference to enemy ships being in British ports at the outbreak of hostilities, or subsequently entering them, which was extended so as to apply to Austro-Hungarian merchant ships by His Majesty's Proclamation issued on the 12th day of August, 1914.

Articles 3 to 8 of the said Order in Council, as extended by the Proclamation dated the 12th August, 1914, will therefore come into full force and effect with regard to Austro-Hungarian merchant ships.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' most obedient,

humble Servant,

E. GREY.