Foreign Office,

August 29, 1914.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from His Excellency the Japanese Ambassador the text of a declaration issued on the 27th instant by the Imperial Japanese Naval Authorities, announcing the establishment on that date of a blockade of the whole of the littoral of the leased territory of Kiao-Chau.

The coastline affected extends from a point 120° 10′ East, and 35° 54′ North, to a point 120° 36′ East and 36° 7′ North.

A period of twenty-four hours was allowed within which vessels of allied or neutral States might leave the blockaded area.

> Factory Department, Home Office, August 27, 1914.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Ballyhaise, in the county of Cavan, is vacant.

> Scottish Office, Whitehall, 29th August, 1914.

The KING has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Most Honourable the Marquis of Zetland, P.C., K.T., to be Vice-Lieutenant for the County of Stirling, and a Commission in favour of the Marquis of Zetland, bearing date the 27th August, has been signed by the Lord-Lieutenant of the County.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACTS, 1896 AND 1912.

The Board of Trade have recently confirmed the undermentioned Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners:—

North Devon and Cornwall Junction Light Railway Order, 1914, authorizing the construction of a light railway in the county of Devon from Torrington to Halwill, including the reconstruction of part of the mineral line known as the Torrington and Marland Railway.

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, Westminster, S.W., 31st August, 1914.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACTS, 1896 AND 1912.

The Board of Trade have recently confirmed the undermentioned Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners:—

Swansea Corporation Light Railways (Extensions) Order, 1914, authorizing the construction by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Swansea of further light railways in that borough.

ways in that borough.

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,

Westminster, S.W., 31st August, 1914.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, August 31, 1914.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated August 28th, from His Majesty's Consul-General at Alexandria, stating that quarantine measures have been imposed against arrivals from Calcutta.

Admiralty, 27th August, 1914.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant Charles Franklin is granted the honorary rank of Captain. Dated 16th August, 1914.

Admiralty, S.W.; 28th August, 1914.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty hereby give notice that, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the situation of First Assistant Electrical Engineer in His Majesty's Naval Establishments has been removed from Schedule A of the Order in Council from January 10, 1910.

Admiralty, 29th August, 1914.
Royal Marine Forces.

The undermentioned retired Officer is appointed to the Reserve of Officers in the rank last held by him whilst on the Active List:—

Major Arthur William Wylde, Royal Marine Light Infantry. Dated 29th August, 1914.

Admiralty, 30th August, 1914. Royal Naval Reserve.

The undermentioned gentleman has been granted a temporary commission as Assistant Paymaster, and his appointment to the Emergency List has been cancelled:—

Clement Hilgrove Loveday. Dated 8th August, 1914.

Admiralty, 31st August, 1914.

The undermentioned Lieutenants have been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander in His Majesty's Fleet:—

Eric Clover Ward. Dated 30th August, 1914.

The Honourable Peter Robert Heathcote Drummond Willoughby. Dated 31st August, 1914.

Staff Paymaster Cyril Cuningham Boulton has been advanced to the rank of Fleet Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 31st August, 1914.

The undermentioned Sub-Lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majestr's Float

His Majesty's Fleet:— Eric William Hardy. John Ralph Bax Farwell.