

Whitehall, April 15, 1916.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Commander Noel Frank Laurence, D.S.O., R.N., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of Saint George, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of Russia in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Whitehall, April 14, 1916.

The KING was pleased, on Saturday, the 8th instant, at Buckingham Palace, to present to Lieutenant-Commander Arthur Richard Shaw Warden, R.N., the Albert Medal of the First Class, which was conferred upon him by His Majesty for gallantry in saving life, as detailed below :

On the morning of the 26th October, 1915, the Orderly Officer on duty at the Bassin Loubet, Boulogne, was informed that a fire had broken out in the after hold of the S.S. "Maine" Ammunition Ship, in which a quantity of high explosives was stowed, and he at once reported the fact to Lieutenant-Commander Warden, at the Office of the Naval Transport Officer.

In the meantime the ship was abandoned by her officers and crew, and steps were taken by the local fire brigade to rig the shore fire hoses.

Lieutenant-Commander Warden immediately proceeded on board, and on arrival at the after hold found smoke issuing from between the high explosive cases in the centre of the hatch. He went down into the hold, lifted up one of the cases, and called for the fire hose, which was passed to him by Private Edward Gimble, 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, who had followed him on board.

This case, and the one next to it, were alight on their adjacent sides. Lieutenant-Commander Warden played the hose on them and extinguished the fire. Subsequent investigation showed that the fire was in all probability due to the ignition by friction or spontaneous combustion of amorphous phosphorus, which had leaked from boxes containing that substance stowed above the cases containing the high explosives.

There is little doubt that the prompt and gallant action of Lieutenant-Commander Warden prevented an explosion which would have had serious and possibly disastrous results with almost certain loss of life.

The Albert Medal of the Second Class has been awarded to Private Gimble.

EXPLOSIVES IN COAL MINES.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that on 14th April, 1916, he made an Order in pursuance of section 61 of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, entitled "The Explosives in Coal Mines Order of the 14th April, 1916," the effect of which is to add the Explosives "Dynobel No. 3" and "Dynobel No. 4" to the list of permitted explosives.

Copies of the Order can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane,

London, E.C., and 54, St. Mary Street, Cardiff.

Whitehall, 17th April, 1916.

ALIENS RESTRICTION (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER, 1916.

Whereas the Aliens Restriction (Consolidation) Order, 1916, provides that Articles 12-A (Provisions with respect to landing of alien seamen) and 19-A (Registration of alien seamen) thereof shall respectively apply to such ports as the Secretary of State may order,

Now I hereby order that the aforesaid Articles 12-A and 19-A of the Aliens Restriction (Consolidation) Order, 1916, shall apply to the ports of—

Aberdeen, Amble, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Blyth, Boston, Bristol (including Avonmouth and Portishead), Brixham, Cardiff (including Barry Dock and Penarth), Cork (including Queenstown), Dublin, Dundee, Fleetwood, Fowey (including Charlestown and Par), Glasgow, Gloucester (including Sharpness and Lydney), Greenock, Hull, Inverness, Ipswich, King's Lynn, Lancaster (including Glasson Dock), Liverpool, Llanelli, Londonderry, Lowestoft, Middlesbrough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Newport (Mon.), North Shields, Poole, Portsmouth, Port Talbot, Preston, Seaham, Southampton, South Shields, Stockton, Sunderland, Swansea, West Hartlepool (including Hartlepool), Weymouth, Wick, and Yarmouth,

And that Article 12-A shall apply to the ports of Falmouth, Goole and Manchester.

This Order shall have effect as from the 1st May next, and I hereby revoke as from that date the Order made by the Secretary of State on the 28th August, 1915, applying to the ports specified therein Articles 1 and 2 of the Aliens Restriction (Seamen) Order, 1915.

Herbert Samuel,

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Whitehall, 15th April, 1916.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
April 12, 1916.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that in consequence of the resignation of Dr. H. H. Back, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Acle, in the county of Norfolk, is vacant.

*Downing Street,
15th April, 1916.*

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Pierre Adam, Esq., William Thomas Alder Emtage, Esq., M.A. (Director of Public Instruction), Edward Cleather Fraser, Esq., C.M.G., Robert Balfour Graham, Esq., Louis Henry Alexis Noël, Esq., Martial Louis Auguste Noël, Esq. (Registrar-General), Léon Emile Pitot, Esq. (General Manager of Railways), Hassan Sakir, Esq., M.B., and Frank Arthur Stockdale, Esq.,