

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *December*, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Andrew Bonar Law was, by His Majesty's command, sworn Chancellor of the Exchequer.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

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The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Sir Edward Henry Carson, K.C., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn First Lord of the Admiralty.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

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The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS MAJESTY having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Seal of the Office of the Secretary for Scotland to the Right Honourable Robert Munro, K.C., the Oath of Office of Secretary for Scotland was this day administered to him, and he took his place at the Board accordingly.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

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The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Christopher Addison, M.D., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn Minister of Munitions.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

FOR BANK HOLIDAYS.

GEORGE R.I.

WE, considering that it is desirable that Saturday, the Twenty-third day of December instant, should be observed as a Bank Holiday throughout Our United Kingdom, and that Monday, the First day of January next, should be observed as a Bank Holiday throughout those parts of Our United Kingdom called England and Wales, and Ireland, and in pursuance of the provisions of "The Bank Holidays Act, 1871," do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, and in exercise of the powers conferred by the Act aforesaid, appoint Saturday, the Twenty-third day of December instant, and Monday, the

First day of January next, as special days to be observed as Bank Holidays throughout Our United Kingdom, and throughout those parts of Our United Kingdom called England and Wales, and Ireland, respectively, under and in accordance with the said Act, and We do, by this Our Royal Proclamation, command the said days to be so observed, and all Our loving subjects to order themselves accordingly.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this Eleventh day of *December*, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the Seventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

FOR PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OF COCAINE AND OPIUM INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by Section forty-three of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1876, it is provided that the importation of arms, ammunition, gunpowder or any other goods may be prohibited by Proclamation:

And whereas it is expedient that the importation into the United Kingdom of cocaine or of opium should be prohibited except as hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, in pursuance of the said Act, and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do hereby proclaim, direct and ordain, as follows:—

As from and after this date, subject as hereinafter provided, all cocaine and all opium shall be prohibited to be imported into the United Kingdom:

Provided always, and it is hereby declared, that nothing in this Proclamation shall apply to cocaine or opium imported under the licence of one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and in accordance with the provisions of such licence.

The word "cocaine" includes all preparations, salts, derivatives, or admixtures prepared therefrom or therewith and containing 0.1 per cent. (one part in a thousand) or more of the drug, or any solid or liquid extract of the coca leaf containing 0.1 per cent. or more of the drug.

The word "opium" means raw opium, powdered or granulated opium, or opium prepared for smoking, and includes any solid or semi-solid mixture containing opium.

The Cocaine and Opium (Prohibition of Import) Proclamation, 1916, is hereby revoked.

This Proclamation may be cited as The Cocaine and Opium (Prohibition of Import) No. 2 Proclamation, 1916.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this Eleventh day of *December*, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the Seventh year of Our Reign.

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