

Foreign Office,
November 13, 1917.

His Majesty's Ambassador at Petrograd has received from the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs a note, dated October 24th last, stating that economic conditions arising out of the war compel the Russian Government to take into consideration the revision of their existing Commercial treaties. They therefore denounce the Commercial Treaty between the United Kingdom and Russia of January 12th, 1859. The Treaty will accordingly be terminated on October 24th, 1918.

2. The notice of denunciation is accompanied by the statement that the Russian Government will be ready to come to an agreement with His Majesty's Government in order that no inconvenience may be caused by the period of transition.

Foreign Office,
November 15, 1917.

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission to James Berry, Esq., B.S., F.R.C.S., to wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Star of Roumania (with swords) conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Roumania in recognition of his services in that country under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England during the present war.

Mr. Berry has received similar permission to wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Order of St. Sava conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Serbia in recognition of services which he had previously rendered to the Serbian sick and wounded.

Foreign Office,
November 15, 1917.

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission to Charles Henry Lyddon, Esq., to wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Nile conferred upon him by His Highness the late Sultan of Egypt in recognition of services rendered by him at Ismailia under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England during the present war.

Whitehall, 6th November, 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased to grant unto Richard Morden Harbord, Esquire, Rear-Admiral (Retired) in the Royal Navy, His Royal Licence and Authority that he and his issue may take and henceforth use the surname of Hamond in addition to and after that of Harbord, and that he may bear the Arms of Hamond quarterly with his own family Arms, the said Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in His Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal Licence and permission to be void and of none effect.

And to command that the said Royal Licence, Concession and Declaration be recorded in His Majesty's College of Arms.

DUXHURST GIRLS' REFORMATORY, REIGATE.

ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE.*

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, that he has issued a Certificate, under the provisions of Section 45 of the Children Act, 1908, certifying that the premises known as St. Ursula's Cottage and St. Bridget's Cottage, at Duxhurst, Reigate, are fit for the reception of girls over the age of fourteen years sent to a Reformatory School in pursuance of the provisions of the Children Act, 1908.

The Certificate, which bears date 14th November, 1917, cancels the previous Certificate, dated the 27th July, 1917, and provides that the number of children resident in the School at any one time, whether sent thereto in pursuance of the said provisions or not, shall not exceed twenty-four. It will be in force during the continuance of the present war and for three months thereafter.

Whitehall,
14th November, 1917.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE BRITISH PRIZE COURTS OVERSEA.

In continuation of the notification on page 11471 of the London Gazette of 6th November, 1917, information has been received that proceedings have been instituted in the Prize Court in Hong Kong in respect of certain goods ex the following vessels. Appearance should be entered by all persons claiming an interest as soon as possible.

Prize Court.	Name of Ship.
Supreme Court of Hong Kong.	Gottingen. Kleist. Prinz Waldemar. Yorek.

Colonial Office,
15th November, 1917.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY AMENDMENT ACT, 1916.

Orders have been made by the Board of Trade requiring the undermentioned businesses to be wound up:—

491. The Vali Cigarette Company, 14 and 15, Union Street, London, W. 1, Cigarette Manufacturers. *Controller:* Basil Edgar Mayhew, Alderman's House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C. 2. 14 November, 1917.
492. Leon Menasche and Co., Audrey House, Ely Place, London, E.C. 1., Diamond Merchants. *Controller:* Albert Edward Tilley, 8, Staple Inn, London, W.C. 1. 15 November, 1917.