

Thursday, the First day of January, 1920, to be observed as a Bank Holiday in England and Wales, and in Ireland, for the purposes of the said Act, and We do, by this Our Royal Proclamation, command the said day to be so observed, and all Our loving subjects to order themselves accordingly:

And whereas it is customary for the usual Bank Holidays to be kept as holidays by Our loving subjects generally and not only for the purposes of the said Act, but it is not Our intention that the said Thursday, the First day of January, 1920, should be kept as a general holiday in England and Wales, or in Ireland.

Now, therefore, We do hereby enjoin that the said First day of January shall not be kept as or deemed by virtue of this Our Royal Proclamation to be a holiday in England and Wales, or in Ireland, for any purposes whatsoever other than the purposes of the said Act.

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

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 9th day of *December*, 1919.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the twenty-eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and fourteen, His Majesty was pleased to make regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm Regulations") under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm:

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Munitions of War Act, 1915, and other enactments:

And whereas the said regulations have been amended by various subsequent Orders in Council:

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the said regulations in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following amendments be made in the said regulations:—

Regulations 7c, 7d and 7e shall be revoked.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 9th day of *December*, 1919.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Somerleyton.

Sir Frederick Ponsonby.

WHEREAS at Versailles, on the 28th day of June, 1919, a Treaty of Peace with Germany (hereinafter referred to as "the

Treaty") was signed on behalf of His Majesty; and

Whereas it was provided in the Treaty that the property of German nationals within the territory or under the control of an Allied or Associated State might be constituted a pledge for enemy liabilities upon the conditions laid down in the Treaty; and

Whereas by the Treaty of Peace Act, 1919, it was provided that His Majesty might make such appointments, establish such offices, make such Orders in Council, and do such things as appeared to Him to be necessary for carrying out the Treaty, and for giving effect to any of the provisions thereof; and

Whereas by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, or other lawful means His Majesty has power and jurisdiction in China; and

Whereas there is now in China certain property of German nationals under the control of His Majesty, and it is expedient to make provision for charging such property with the payment of the liabilities for which it may be constituted a pledge by the Treaty in the manner hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, or otherwise in Him vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. All property rights and interests in China belonging to German nationals at the date when the Treaty comes into force (not being property rights or interests acquired under any general licence issued by or on behalf of His Majesty) and the net proceeds of their sale, liquidation, or other dealings therewith, so far as such property rights and interests or such net proceeds are vested in or otherwise under the control of the Custodian of enemy property or other British authority under the Trading with the Enemy Acts or the Trading with the Enemy Regulations, are hereby charged:—

(a) First, with payment of the amounts due in respect of claims by British nationals with regard to their property rights and interests, including companies and associations in which they are interested in German territory, or debts owing to them by German nationals, and with payment of any compensation awarded by the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal or by an arbitrator appointed by that Tribunal in pursuance of paragraph (e) of Article 297 of the Treaty, and with payment of claims growing out of acts committed by the German Government or by German authorities since the 31st July, 1914, and before the 4th August, 1914.

(b) Secondly, with payment of the amounts due in respect of claims by British nationals with regard to their property rights and interests in the territories of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey in so far as those claims are not otherwise satisfied.

Provided that any particular property rights or interests so charged may at any time, if the Minister thinks fit, be released from the charge so created.

2. In the application and enforcement of the charge created by this Order the claims of or debts owing to British nationals resident or carrying on business in China shall enjoy priority over the claims of or debts owing to other British nationals.