FOREIGN OFFICE, April 19, 1905.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a telegram from His Majesty's Minister at Tokio, stating that an Imperial Ordinance was promulgated on 13th April and published the following day declaring that the area of the strategic port of Bako in the Pescadores Islands and the neighbouring seas are included in the war-zone, and that a state of siege exists from the date of the promulgation of this Ordinance.

POST OFFICE.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

Australia.

In pursuance of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, His Majesty's Postmaster-General hereby gives notice that a Warrant, dated the 31st day of March 1905, and coming into operation on the 1st day of April 1905, has been made on his representation by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Post Office Acts, with reference to the transmission of letters to and from Australia.

And the Postmaster-General further gives notice that copies of the said Warrant may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Wyman & Sons Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C.; or Edward Ponsonby, 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

Dated this 18th April 1905.

BANKRUPTS. FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

Berg & Leslie, carrying on business at 63 Knightrider Street, in the city of London, mantle manufacturers.

Sydney F. Cuthbertson, late of 5 Regent Street, in the county of London, but whose present residence the petitioning creditors are unable to ascertain.

Henry Fearman, 114 Hampden Road, Hornsey, and Frank Fearman, 14 Lorne Road, Stroud Green, trading as H. & F. Fearman at 10 and 11 Charles Street and 12 Hatton Yard, Hatton Garden, all in the county of London, builders and decorators.

A. Morley Fletcher, 7 Great Winchester Street, in the city of London, and residing at 54 Lexham Gardens, Kensington, in the county of London.

William George Hunt, 122 Great College Street, Camden Town, in the county of London, grocer and wine and spirit dealer.

Harry Elsey Rutland, 165 Camberwell New Road, lately carrying on business at 174 Upper Kennington Lane, both in the county of London, corn and flour merchant.

Thomson Webb, lately residing and carrying on business at 316 Essex Road, in the county of London, but whose present residence or place of business the petitioning creditor is unable to ascertain, lately provision dealer.

Walter James Woodroof (trading as W. H. Hawkins & Co.), 2 Foster Lane, in the city of London, ladies' tie manufacturer.

John Gwynne, 1 Llewellyn Street, Trecynon, Aberdare, Glamorgan, grocer.

John Roberts, residing at 28 Wesley Street, and carrying on business at Stanley House, both in Amlwch, in the county of Anglesey, fancy goods dealer.

John Davies, Red Lion Hotel, Pontardulais, Carmarthenshire, licensed victualler.

Emily Eales, 1 Lansdown Villas, Cheltenham, spinster. Lucy Eales, 14 Lansdown Crescent, Cheltenham, spinster. William James, 9 Pittville Villas, Cheltenham.

James Henry Payne, Boyne House, Cudnall, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, grocer, beer retailer, and fly proprietor.

Richard Woodhouse Perkins, Inversnaid, Bromley, Kent, director of a public company.

Samuel George Spence, Broad Pavement, Bath Street, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, artificial teeth manufacturer.

Harry Fenton, 1 Hollinroyd Terrace, Soothill, near Dewsbury, in the county of York, carrying on business at the Lancashire and Yorkshire Station Coal Depôt, at Dewsbury aforesaid, coal merchant.

William Frank Kitcher, 337 Seaside, Eastbourne, Sussex, grocer and hawker.

Francis Sissmore Watts, 31 Morton Road, Exmouth, Devonshire, formerly of 42 Stafford Road, Brighton, Sussex, no occupation, formerly general business agent.

Edward James Broome, Kettleby Carr, Bigby, Lincolnshire, farmer.

William Henry Empsall, late of 68 High Street, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, now of 46 Plane Street, Newington, Kingston-upon-Hull, late clothier, boot dealer, and draper, now out of business.

James Shackleton, Priestley Green, Norwood Green, near Halifax, Yorkshire, farmer.

Alfred Rankin Cook, Long Stratton, Norfolk, builder.

Mary Ann Eastaugh, formerly residing and carrying on business at 65 Spring Street, now residing at 35 Middleton Street, both in the city and county of Kingston-upon-Hull, lately grocer, confectioner, and greengrocer, a married woman, carrying on business separately and apart from her husband, William Eastaugh, but now out of business.

Joseph Duffy, residing at 22 Gibson Street, Burmantofts, in the city of Leeds, and lately carrying on business at the Open Square, Kirkgate Market, Leeds aforesaid, fruit and vegetable salesman, now out of business.

Richard Hardaker, lately residing at Burley Terrace, Cragg Hill, Horsforth, in the county of York, and now residing at 9 Modder Terrace, Armley, and lately carrying on business at 57 Alexander Road, both in the city of Leeds. lately baker, now out of business.

Henry Joe Ledgard, 3 De Lacy Mount, Kirkstall, in the city of Leeds, manufacturer's agent,

Timothy Edward Ryan, residing at 66 Holt Road, Kensington, Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, and carrying on business at 66 Nolt Road and 4 Wynne Street, both in Liverpool aforesaid, baker.

John Sam Fuller, 15 Perryfield Street, Maidstone, Kent, town carter.

David Davies, 91 The Grawen, Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil, fruiterer and fishmonger.

John Whitehead, residing and carrying on business at 16 Alma Terrace, Coatham, Redcar, in the county of York, bricklayer.

Joseph Daniel Evans, residing at 6 Dynevor Road, Skewen, near Neath, in the county of Glamorgan, formerly carrying on business at the Victoria Inn, Skewen aforesaid, labourer, late licensed victualler.

John Thomas, residing and carrying on business at the New Bakery, Regent Street, West Briton Ferry, in the county of Glamorgan, baker.

Robert Johnson and John William Johnson (trading as Johnson Brothers), residing at Monkseaton, and trading in copartnership at Hartley and Whitley Bay, all in Northumberland, stone merchants and contractors.

Richard Williams Tranch, Pontypool, in the county of Monmouth, grocer.

James Crowson, Nassington, in the county of Northampton, late beerhouse keeper and licensed hawker, now journeyman hawker.

Abraham Brand, 9 King Street, Plymouth, furniture dealer.

F, J. Smale, Wortha Mill, Brentor, Devon, miller.