to the Imperial Decree of December 8th/21st, 1914. In the Russian absolute contraband list, as now revised, Nos. 1 to 29 are exactly identical with Nos. 1 to 29 of the absolute contraband list given in the King's Proclamation of December 23rd, 1914, with the exception that No. 28 in the Russian list is so worded: "Mineral oils, benzine and other liquid fuel for internal combustion engines, except lubricating oils"; while the same number of the English list is worded as follows: "Mineral oils and motor spirit, except lubricating oils."

Nos. 30 to 37 of the new Russian list are exactly identical with the additional list of absolute contraband in the King's Proclamation of March 11th, 1915.

While the slight exceptions mentioned below, the Russian conditional contraband list, as now revised, is exactly identical with the list in Schedule II. of the King's Proclamation of December 23rd, 1914, and with the supplementary list of conditional contraband in the King's Proclamation of March 11th, 1915, including the explanation as to the meaning of "foodstuffs" and "feeding-stuffs for animals." The exceptions are :—

No. S of the Russian list is thus worded: "Fuel, other than mineral oils, benzine, and other liquid fuel for internal combustion engines"; whereas No. 8 of the English list in the King's Proclamation of December 23rd, 1914, is worded: "Fuel, other than mineral oils. Lubricants."

No. 12 (Hides of all kinds, &c.) in the conditional contraband list in the King's Proclamation of December 23rd, 1914, is not given in the Russian conditional contraband list at all, as now revised, possibly because these articles (hides, skins and leather) are in the King's Proclamation of March 11th, 1915, placed in the absolute contraband list, and are so placed in the Russian list, now revised.

## CURRENCY NOTES.

(4 & 5 Geo. 5, cc. 14 and 72.)

I.—ISSUE ACCOUNT.

Total Issued up to 16th June 1915, inclusive.	Notes cancelled up to 16th June 1915, inclusive.
£ s. d. £1 89,773,191 0 0 10/ 27,581,091 10 0	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Issued during the week ended 23rd June 1915.	Cancelled during the week ended 23rd June 1915.
£ s d. £1 1,517,995 0 0 10/ 495,278 0 0	£ s. d. £1 1,369,022 0 0 10/ 388,903 0 0
	Total £73,470,515 10 0
	Outstanding.
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Total £119,367,555 10 0	TOTAL £119,367,555 10 0
	II.—BALANCE SHEET.
Notes outstanding—	Advances—
£ s. d. 45,897,040 0 √0	<b>£</b> s. d. Scottish and 1rish Banks of Issue
10,000,010 0 00	Other Bankers 139,000 0 0
	Post Office Savings Bank —— Trustee Savings Banks ——
Investments Reserve Account-	Currency Note Redemption Account—
302,665 1 2	Gold Coin and Bullion  28,500,000 0 0   Gold Coin and Bullion   28,500,000 0 0   Government Securities   9,585,827 12 6   Balance at the Bank of England  7,974,877 8 8
£46,199,705 1 2	$\pounds 46,199,705$ 1 2
Treasury Chambers, 24th June 1915.	JOHN BRADBURY, Secretary to the Treasury.

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