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THE following translation of a Notification issued on the 24th of April by the Governor of Odessa has been received from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Odessa :—

NOTICE.

IN consequence of the laying of mines from noon on the 14th April, the entering and the leaving the port of Odessa will only be allowed on the following conditions :

1. A ship arriving must stop opposite Middle Fountain, where she will be met by Russian officers with crews, who will take command of the ship, having previously ascertained that the ship's papers are in order.
2. The master gives an undertaking for himself personally, and likewise for the crew and passengers, stating that until they enter the port none of them will be on deck, nor follow the course of the ship through the ports or port-holes.
3. A similar undertaking will be taken from the masters of vessels leaving the port.
4. In case of men-of-war cruisers appearing in points of the Bay of Odessa whence they could observe the piloting out of ships, the Russian Authorities will require them to withdraw for a

certain time to a sufficient distance, in order that the vessels may be piloted out; and until they fulfil this request, unforeseen by international marine law, but indispensably called for by the newest conditions of war with mines, no foreign ship will be allowed to leave the port.

THE following Telegram has been received from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, dated April 28, 1877 :—

I have just received following Notice from the Porte :—

First. The Dardanelles and Bosphorus are closed both for entrance and exit to all steamers and sailing ships without exception during the night, that is, from sunset to sunrise.

Secondly. The lighthouses in these Straits, with the exception of the two great lighthouses at the entrance to the Bosphorus, in the Black Sea, and the two lighthouses of Sedal Bahr and Koln Kaleh, on the Dardanelles, will be extinguished. The four above-mentioned lights may also be extinguished by the orders of the military commanders.

Thirdly. The firing of guns, cannon, in foggy weather, or an alarm signal, is absolutely forbidden.

