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Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, September 1, 1899.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following copy of a Decree respecting quarantine, viz. :—

(Translation.)

Decree concerning Restriction of Imports from Portugal.

We, William, &c., decree in the name of the Empire, after due approval by the Bundesrath, as follows :—

§1. In order to prevent the introduction of the plague ("pest"), the importation of body-linen, old and worn articles of clothing, used bedding and rags of every kind is forbidden until further notice.

§2. The prohibition, contained in §1, does not apply to body-linen, bedding, and articles of clothing which travellers carry with them for their personal use or which they introduce into the country when moving their households from place to place. Nevertheless, the permission to import the same may be made dependent upon previous disinfection.

§3. The Imperial Chancellor is empowered to make exceptions to this prohibition and to prescribe other precautionary measures.

§4. The Imperial Chancellor is empowered to extend this prohibition (§1) to countries adjacent to Portugal.

§5. This Decree comes into force on the day of its promulgation.

Given under our hand and Seal at the New Palace.

August 22, 1899.

WILHELM.

FÜRST ZU HOHENLOHE.

(F. & H. 12546.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, September 2, 1899.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at The Hague, intimating that Portugal has been declared infected with plague, and that all vessels that have left Portugal 10 days or less before August 30 will be considered suspected.

(F. & H. 12574.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, September 5, 1899.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the

following copy of a Decree issued by the Belgian Government, viz. :—

Ministère de l'Agriculture.

Service de Santé, Hygiène Publique et Voirie Communale.

Retrait de la dispense de patentes de santé.

Le Ministre de l'agriculture,

Vu l'arrêté royal du 15 Décembre 1898 et spécialement son article 1er relatif à la production et à la dispense de la patente de santé ;

Revu l'arrêté ministériel du 18 Février 1899 ;

Vu l'avis de la commission sanitaire de l'Escaut, Arrêté :

Est retirée la dispense de la patente de santé accordée aux navires arrivant directement des ports méditerranéens, de l'Adriatique et de l'Archipel, ainsi qu'à ceux venant des ports espagnols et français du littoral de l'Atlantique depuis le détroit de Gibraltar jusqu'à la latitude de l'île d'Ouessant.

Bruxelles, le 25 Août 1899.

BON M. VAN DER BRUGGEN.

(F. & H. 12581.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, September 5, 1899.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following copies of Telegrams from Her Majesty's Representative at San Sebastian, viz. :—

San Sebastian, September 1, 1899.

Following orders given to Director of Health at Las Palmas, to prevent English steamers suspending their stoppages at the Canaries with prejudice to commerce :—

"You will permit ships coming from Delagoa Bay, without illness on board, to take cargo for London, attaching boats to the side of the ships as is done for taking coal, afterwards disinfecting the boats and submitting to a medical visit the men occupied in loading daily during ten days, so as to seclude them the moment there is observed the slightest suspicious symptom, and report by telegraph."

Saint Denis, Island of Reunion, declared foul.

Calcutta declared clean.

(F. & H. 12617.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, September 5, 1899.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at San Sebastian, intimating that arrivals in