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*Foreign Office,
February 19, 1904.*

His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received the following telegram from Sir Claude MacDonald, His Majesty's Minister at Tokyo, in reply to inquiries addressed to him respecting the intentions of the Japanese Government in regard to Contraband of War and the establishment of Prize Courts:—

“ Notification published 10th February. Contraband of war divided into two classes:—

“ First Class.—Military weapons, ammunition, explosives, and materials including lead, saltpetre, sulphur, &c., and machinery for making them, uniforms naval and military, military accoutrements, armour-plated machinery, and materials for construction or equipment of ships of war, and all other goods which, though not coming under this list, are intended solely for use in war. Above-mentioned articles will be regarded as contraband of war when passing through or destined for enemy's army, navy or territory.

“ Second Class.—Provisions, drinks, horses, harness, fodder, vehicles, coal, timber, coins, gold and silver bullion, and materials for construction of telegraphs, telephones, railways. Above-mentioned articles will be regarded as contraband of war when destined for enemy's army or navy, or in such cases where being goods arriving at enemy's territory there is reason to believe they are intended for use of enemy's army or navy. Exception has been made as regards articles manifestly intended for use of vessel carrying them.

“ A Prize Court has been established at Sasebo with appeal to Tokyo.”

Whitehall, February 17, 1904.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the Right Reverend Bishop Louis Charles Casartelli His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Cross of Officer of the Order of Leopold conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of the Belgians in recognition of valuable services rendered by him while Professor of Zend and Pehlevi at the University of Louvain.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, February 17, 1904.*

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The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following translation of a Circular issued by the Imperial and Royal Marine Board at Trieste respecting quarantine restrictions to be imposed on arrivals from Egypt:—

In consequence of the cessation of cholera and plague in Egypt the Maritime Administration direct that henceforward arrivals from Egypt, if furnished with a clean bill of health, shall only be liable to medical examination in accordance with the decree of December 28, 1899, No. 14,968, against arrivals from Turkey, Greece, and North Africa.

But should these arrivals have a foul bill the vessels in question will be treated in accordance with the circular of November 5, 1900, No. 13,835, or June 23, 1901, No. 7,805.

This is announced as an appendix to the circulars mentioned for guidance and instruction.

THE PRESIDENT.

Trieste, January 11, 1904.