from His Majesty's Representative at The Hague:—Alexandria officially declared infected with plague. Provisions of Venice Convention will be applied to any vessel having left Alexandria ten days or less before 27th instant.

## LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

The Board of Trade have recently confirmed the undermentioned Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners:—Portmadoc, Beddgelert and South Snowdon Railway (Beddgelert Light Railway Extension) Order, 1906, authorizing the construction of a Light Railway in the county of Carnarvon (being an extension of the existing and authorized undertaking of the Portmadoc, Beddgelert and South Snowdon Railway Company) and the transfer to that Company of the powers conferred upon the North Wales Narrow Gauge Railways Company by the North Wales Narrow Gauge Railways (Beddgelert Light Railway Extension) Order, 1900, and other matters.

Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, S.W., 29th October, 1906.

### Admiralty, 26th October, 1906.

#### Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Charles Henry Dennis Cross to be Lieutenant. Dated 25th October, 1906.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant William Gregory has been confirmed as Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 28th August, 1906.

# Admiralty, 27th October, 1906.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 16th November, 1903—

Retired Chief Officer of Coast Guard John Gunn has this day been granted the rank of Honorary Lieutenant.

#### Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Major Herbert Southey Neville White, M.V.O., to be Lieutenant-Colonel by Brevet, under the provisions of Order in Council of 19th March, 1883. Dated 29th October, 1906.

### Admiralty, 29th October, 1906.

Sub-Lieutenant Leonard Fosbrooke Potter has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet Dated 15th August, 1906.

Paymaster William Bell has been promoted to the rank of Staff Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 28th October, 1906.

# Royal Naval Reserve.

In accordance with the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve—

Lieutenant Walter Henry Ross Dyett has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 22nd October, 1906.

Commission signed by the Lord Warden of the Stannaries in Cornwall and Devon.

Francis John Hext, Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel of the Cornwall and Devon Miners, Royal Garrison Artillery (Militia), to be a Deputy Warden. Dated 20th October

#### Civil Service Commission,

October 30, 1906.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an Open Competitive Examination for situations as Assistant Clerks (Abstractors) in Departments of the Civil Service will be held in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, commencing on the 29th January, 1907, under the Regulations dated the 2nd September, 1904, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

Not fewer than 100 Candidates will be declared successful on the result of this Examination if so many should be found qualified.

No person will be admitted to the Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 10th January, an application, in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

### POST OFFICE.

### FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

In pursuance of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, His Majesty's Postmaster-General hereby gives notice that a Warrant, dated the 19th day of October, 1906, and coming into operation on the 1st day of November, 1906, has been made, on his representation, by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in relation to the transmission of postcards by the Foreign and Colonial Post.

And the Postmaster-General further gives notice that copies of the said Warrant may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman and Sons Fetter-