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TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1914.

NOTICE.

THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received information to satisfy him that British merchant ships, which cleared from their last port of departure before the outbreak of hostilities with Austria-Hungary, but have been, or may be, met with at sea by Austro-Hungarian ships of war after the outbreak of such hostilities, are to be detained during the war, or requisitioned in lieu of condemnation as prize, and he has accordingly addressed the undermentioned notification to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

*Foreign Office,
October 31, 1914.*

Sir Edward Grey to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

*Foreign Office,
October 31, 1914.*

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to state that information has reached me of a nature to satisfy me that British merchant ships, which cleared from their last port before the outbreak of hostilities with Austria-Hungary, but have been, or may be, met with at sea by Austro-

Hungarian ships of war after the outbreak of such hostilities, are to be detained during the war, or requisitioned in lieu of condemnation as prize.

Austro-Hungarian merchant vessels therefore, which cleared from their last port before the declaration of war, and are captured after the outbreak of hostilities with Austria-Hungary and brought before British Prize Courts for adjudication, will be detained during the war, or requisitioned subject to indemnity.

I have, etc.,
E. GREY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of October, 1914.

PRESENT,
The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.
Viscount Knollys.
Lord Chamberlain.

WHEREAS by treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, or other lawful means, His Majesty the King has power and jurisdiction in Morocco: