

PASSPORTS.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs gives notice that it has been found necessary, in view of the present European War, to revise the system and form of Passports granted to British subjects for travelling to foreign countries.

On the 1st of February next all British Passports, held by British subjects who are in the United Kingdom, which were issued prior to the 5th of August last, will become invalid.

Holders of such Passports must make application for new Passports in the proper form, which can be obtained from the Foreign Office and the usual Agencies. Full particulars as to the new requirements will be found on the form.

Passports issued prior to the 5th of August last and held by British subjects in France (including Algiers and Morocco), Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, will become invalid on the 1st of March next. Applications for new Passports in such cases must be made to the nearest British Consul.

In other countries the date on which such Passports will become invalid will be the 1st of August.

Passports issued between the 5th of August, 1914, and the 1st of February, 1915, will be valid for two years only, but if the holders contemplate proceeding to France or Belgium they must previously obtain a Supplementary Document and visa from a French or Belgian Diplomatic or Consular Officer.

On and after the 1st of February no person will be allowed to leave the United Kingdom for France or Belgium without a Passport valid in accordance with these Regulations.

Foreign Office,
January 19, 1915.

Whitehall, January 18, 1915.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear Decorations (as stated against their respective names) which have been conferred upon them by the President of the Republic of China in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

Third Class of the Order of the Excellent Crop.

Alexander Gordon Stephen, Esq.,
Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai.

Fourth Class of the Order of the Excellent Crop.

Thomas John Nalson Gatrell, Esq., M.D.

Whitehall, January 14, 1915.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto James Charles Baggs, Esq., L.S.A., late Medical Officer of Health, Monthon Puket, now temporary Surgeon in the Royal Navy, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Crown of Siam, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Siam, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Whitehall, January 18, 1915.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Edward Geoffrey Lee, Esq., Adviser to the Lands and Mines Department, Puket, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Order of the Crown of Siam, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
January 16, 1915.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. T. Laverty to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts for the Rathfriland District of the County of Down.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
January 19, 1915.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. T. Lovett, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Ollaberry, in the county of Shetland, is vacant.

*Downing Street,
14th January, 1915.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of Adam Smith, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago.

*Downing Street,
15th January, 1915.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Hugh McLelland, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, S.W.,
19th January, 1915.*

The Board of Trade have appointed Mr. John Walter Pridham, Solicitor, of Swindon, to be Official Receiver for the Bankruptcy District of the County Court holden at Swindon as from the 1st February, 1915.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, January 18th, 1915.
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The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated the 13th January, from His Majesty's Minister at Christiania, stating that Bohemia has been added to the list of cholera-infected districts, and that Salonica and New Orleans have been declared to be free from plague.