

(3) Mines; and

(4) Any munitions establishment which, owing to military or naval exigencies, has been or may be required by a Government Department not to grant the holiday or holidays to which, under this Our Proclamation, the employees would otherwise have been entitled.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this thirteenth day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the seventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *December*, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the twenty-eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and fourteen, His Majesty was pleased to make Regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914") under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm:

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Munitions of War Act, 1915:

And whereas the said Regulations have been amended by various subsequent Orders in Council:

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the said Regulations in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following amendment be made in the said Regulations:—

After Regulation 7A, the following Regulation shall be inserted:—

7B.—(1) The Board of Trade may, for the purpose of making the most efficient use of railway plant or labour, with a view to the successful prosecution of the war, make orders for all or any of the following purposes, namely—

(a) for enabling the Board of Trade to take possession of any private owner's waggons and to use those waggons in such manner as they think best in the interests of the country as a whole, on such conditions as to payment, use, and otherwise as may be provided by the order:

(b) for enforcing the prompt loading or unloading of waggons, by making failure to load or unload in accordance with the order an offence:

(c) for curtailing any statutory requirements as to the running of trains or affording other facilities on certain lines or at certain stations, or for requiring the disuse of any such line or station, in cases where the curtailment or disuse appears to the Board of Trade to be justified by the necessity of the case:

(d) for restricting or prohibiting certain classes of traffic (including the carriage of passengers' luggage) on railways either absolutely or subject to any conditions for which provision is made by the order:

(e) for modifying any statutory requirements with respect to the maximum amount of passenger fares.

(2) If any person acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any of the provisions of an order so made, he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these Regulations.

(3) Any order may be made so as to apply generally to all railways or to any class of railways or to any special railway.

(4) Any order of the Board of Trade under this Regulation may be revoked, extended, or varied, as occasion requires.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *December*, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

HIS MAJESTY having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable Sir Frederick Cawley, Bart., the Oath of Office as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was accordingly this day taken by him.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

*Privy Council Office*, the 13th day of *December*, 1916.

THIS day, in the presence of the Lord President of the Council, the Right Honourable Rowland Edmund Prothero, M.V.O., was sworn President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; and the Right Honourable Albert Holden Illingworth was sworn Postmaster-General.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

*Privy Council Office*, the 14th day of *December*, 1916.

THIS day, in the presence of the Lord President of the Council, Herbert Albert Laurens Fisher, Esquire, M.A., LL.D., was sworn President of the Board of Education; and the Right Honourable Sir Alfred Moritz Mond, Bart., was sworn First Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

*Crown Office,*

12th *December*, 1916.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date the 11th inst., to appoint—

The Right Honourable Sir Edward Henry Carson, K.C.,

Admiral Sir John Rushworth Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O.,