

## NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

**No. 162.**—It is hereby notified that the following telegram has been received from the Chief Cable Censor in London:—

Commercial and personal telegrams allowed with Black Sea ports, including hinterland not in Bolshevik occupation. This means roughly that communication is allowed with old Russian Province of Caucasia, towns of Taganrog and Novotcherkassk, and the whole of the Crimea.

**No. 163.**—The following Order of His Majesty the King in Council is published for general information.

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1918.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

**W**HEREAS on the 20th day of January, 1914, an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, and for purposes incidental thereto, was duly entered into by His Majesty and the other Signatory Powers more especially referred to and set out in the said Convention:

And whereas a Statute 4 & 5 Geo. V, c. 50, intituled "An Act to make such amendments of the law relating to Merchant Shipping as are necessary or expedient to give effect to an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea" (being the Convention above referred to) was passed on the 10th day of August, 1914, the short title of which is "The Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914":

And whereas by Section 29, Sub-section 5, of the said Act it was provided as follows:—

"This Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1915:

"Provided that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, from time to time postpone the coming into operation of this Act for such period, not exceeding on any occasion of postponement one year, as may be specified in the Order":

And whereas by divers Orders in Council the coming into operation of the said Act has been from time to time postponed, and now stands postponed, by virtue of an Order in Council of the 16th day of January, 1918, for a period of one year from the 1st day of January, 1918:

And whereas His Majesty deems it expedient, owing to conditions arising from a state of War, that the provisions of the said Act should be further postponed:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in Him by the above recited provision, and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914, shall be postponed from coming into operation until the 1st day of July, 1919.

ALMERIC FITZROY.