Enclosure.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

Making certain Additions to and Amendments in the List of Articles to be treated as Contraband of War.

George R.I.

Whereas on the 14th day of October, 1915. We did issue our Royal Proclamation specifying the articles which it was our intention to treat as contraband during the continuance of hostilities, or until We did give further public notice: And whereas on the 27th day of January, 1916, the 12th day of April, 1916, the 27th day of June, 1916, and the 3rd day of October, 1916, We did, by our Royal Proclamations of those dates, make certain additions to and modifications in the said list of articles to be treated as contraband: And whereas it is expedient to make certain further additions to the said list:

Now, therefore, We do hereby declare, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, that during the continuance of the war, or until We do give further public notice, the following articles will be treated as absolute contraband, in addition to those set out in our Royal Proclamations aforementioned:—

Diamonds suitable for industrial purposes.

Silk in all forms and the manufactures thereof; silk cocoons.

Artificial silk and the manufactures thereof.

Quillaia bark.

Zirconium, cerium, thorium, and all alloys and compounds thereof.

Zirconia and monazite sand.

And We do hereby further declare that, as from this date, the following amendments shall be made in Schedule 1 of our Royal Proclamation of the 14th day of October, 1915, aforementioned:—

For item 4, "emery, corundum, natural and artificial (alundum), and carborundum in all forms," there shall be substituted "emery, corundum, carborundum, and all other abrasive materials whether natural or artificial, and the manufactures thereof."

And We do hereby further declare that, as from this date, the following amendments shall be made in our Royal Proclamation of the 12th day of April, 1916, aforementioned:—

For "gold, silver, paper money, and all negotiable instruments and realizable securities," there shall be substituted "gold, silver, paper money, securities, negotiable instruments, cheques, drafts, orders, warrants, coupons, letters of credit delegation or advice, credit and debit notes, or other documents, which in themselves, or if completed, or if acted upon by the recipient, authorize, confirm, or give effect to the transfer of money, credit, or securities."

And We do hereby further declare that the following articles shall, as from this date, be treated as conditional contraband in addition to those set out in our Royal Proclamations aforementioned:—

Sponges, raw and prepared.

Glue, gelatine, and substances used in the manufacture thereof. Empty barrels and casks of all kinds and their component parts.

Given at our Court, at Buckingham Palace, this 23rd day of November, in the year of our Lord 1916, and in the seventh year of our reign.

God save the King!

No. 5.

New Zealand, No. 946.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 30th November, 1916.

With reference to my despatch, No. 921, of the 23rd November, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a parliamentary paper (Cd. 8400) containing orders of the Board of Trade under the Defence of the Realm (Consolidated) Regulations, 1914, relating to the manufacture of flour and bread and the price of milk.

I have, &c.,

A. BONAR LAW.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool, G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.