

bound to place upon it would differ fundamentally from that adopted by the majority of the other parties to the convention, and would place them in a position which is less favourable than that enjoyed by other countries, as these countries have, notwithstanding the terms of the convention, felt able to exercise the right of condemnation or of confiscation. The one thing certain about the position would be that there would not be uniformity of action by all the countries concerned.

5. Moreover, of the Powers which signed the convention, no less than seventeen have failed to ratify it; two (Germany and Russia) signed and ratified it with important reservations; while the United States did not sign at all.

6. The convention appears, therefore, to have wholly failed in its original purpose. It has secured neither uniformity of practice nor liberal treatment in favour of enemy vessels. His Majesty's Government have therefore decided that no course is open to them but to avail themselves of the right conferred by Article 10 and to give notice of denunciation to the Netherlands Government in conformity therewith. This has accordingly been done.

I have, &c.,
AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

No. 10.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 21.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 13th January, 1926.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, Dominions No. 327, of the 22nd July, 1924, and in confirmation of my telegram of the 7th January, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the British official wireless news messages, formerly transmitted from the Leafield station, are now being transmitted from the new high-power wireless station recently erected at Hillmorton, near Rugby. The change in the transmitting-station was made on the 1st January.

2. The messages are broadcast from Rugby on a wave-length of 18,740 metres, in the English language, in Morse alphabet, and addressed to all stations. The times of transmission remain unchanged—namely, daily at noon, eight p.m., and midnight, Greenwich mean time. Each message is prefixed by the Rugby Wireless-telegraph Station call-signal "GBR." and the words "British official wireless."

3. While reliable reception of signals from the Leafield Wireless Station has been limited, even under favourable atmospheric conditions, to distances of about three thousand miles, the new Rugby station has a world-wide range. This should make it possible for the news bulletins to be received regularly in any of the Dominions where suitable stations are available, and if such reception is arranged for in New Zealand your Ministers will no doubt consider the advisability of the utilization of the messages for publication in the Press.

I have, &c.,
L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,
LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

No. 11.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 35.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 22nd January, 1926.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 1, of the 1st January, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of the text of the new treaty with Iraq, which was signed at Bagdad on the 13th January by the Acting High Commissioner for Iraq and the Iraq Prime Minister. The treaty has now been accepted by the Iraq Chamber of Deputies.

2. Copies of the signed treaty have not yet been received, but the enclosed text may be regarded as substantially accurate.

I have, &c.,
L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,
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