

The State Goes to War:
The Growth of British Government
1914–1918

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The pre-war state



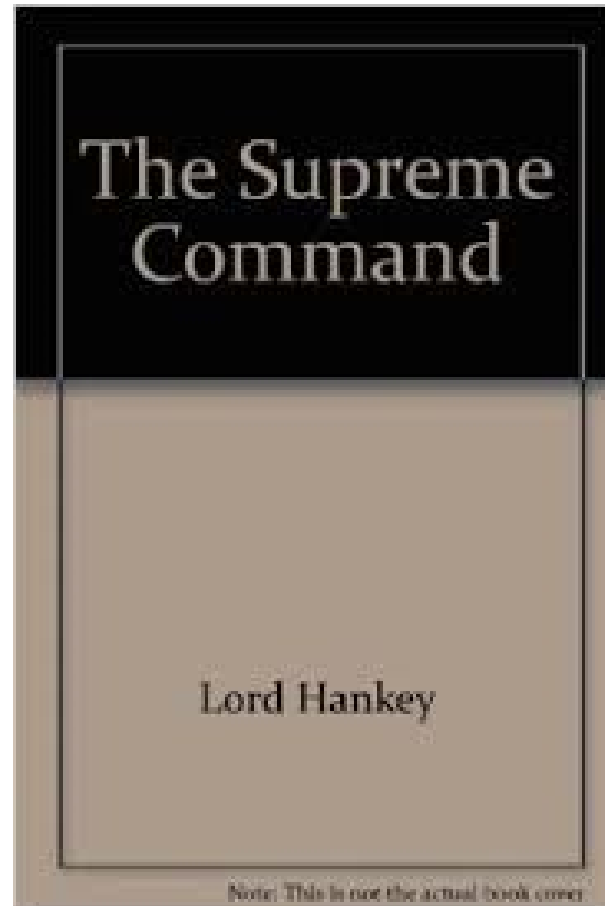


DEFENCE OF THE REALM

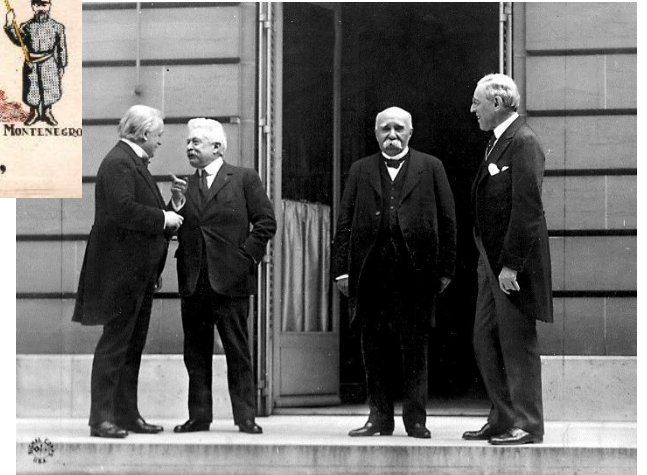
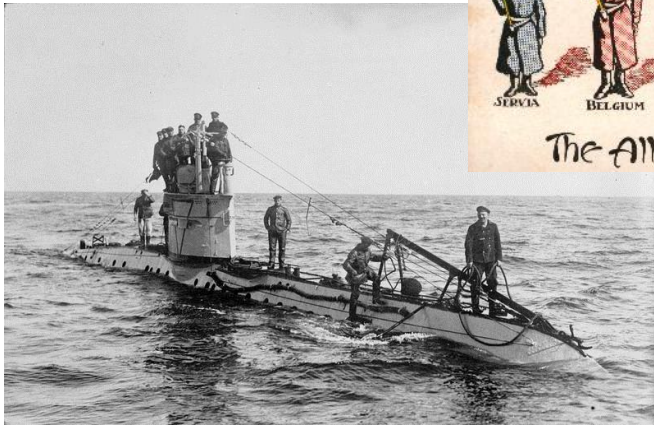
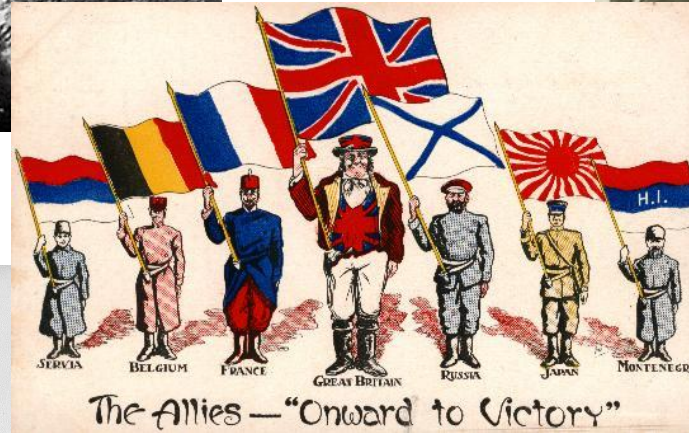
THE KING has made a Proclamation declaring that a state of imminent national danger exists and enjoining compliance with any regulations, orders, directions and instructions which may be issued by, or on behalf of, His Majesty for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm.

It is therefore the duty of all persons concerned to comply with any such regulations, orders, directions and instructions; and to give every assistance within their power to persons acting on behalf of His Majesty in carrying out measures of national defence.

Lt. Col. Maurice Hankey



A Five Front War of Attrition



Mobilization & Munitions



Wartime Expansion of the State

Prime Minister	Ministry	Minister
Herbert Asquith (1908–December 1916)	Ministry of Munitions (May 1915)	David Lloyd George
	Minister of Blockade (Feb. 1916)	Sir Robert Cecil
David Lloyd George (December 1916–1922)	Shipping (Dec. 1916)	Sir Joseph Maclay
	Food (Dec. 1916)	Lord Devonport/Rhondda
	National Service (Dec. 1916)	Sir Auckland Geddes
	Pensions (Dec. 1916)	George Barnes
	Labour (Dec. 1916)	John Hodge
	Reconstruction (July 1917)	Christopher Addison
	Information (Feb. 1918)	Lord Beaverbrook
(After re-election, Dec. 1918)	Supply (Jan. 1919)	Lord Inverforth
	Air (Jan. 1919)	Winston Churchill
	Transport (May. 1919)	Sir Eric Geddes
	Health (June 1919)	Christopher Addison

“Men of Push and Go”



Eric Geddes

**First Lord of the
Admiralty, 1917–
1919**



Auckland Geddes

**Director of
National Service,
1917–18**



Sir Joseph Maclay

**Shipping
Controller, 1916–
21**

Britain's Wartime Home Secretaries



**Reginald McKenna,
1911–May 1915**



**Sir John Simon,
May 1915–January
1916**



**Herbert Samuel,
Jan–Dec 1916**

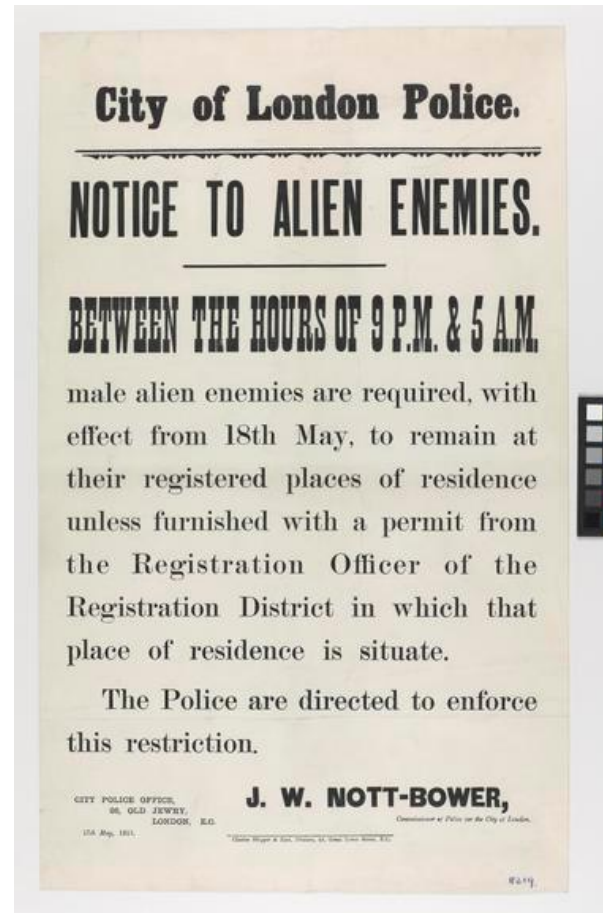


**Sir George Cave,
Dec 1916–
January 1919**

Licencing Laws



Sir Mansfield Cumming – ‘C’



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DEFENCE OF THE REALM.

MINISTRY OF FOOD.

BREACHES OF THE RATIONING ORDER

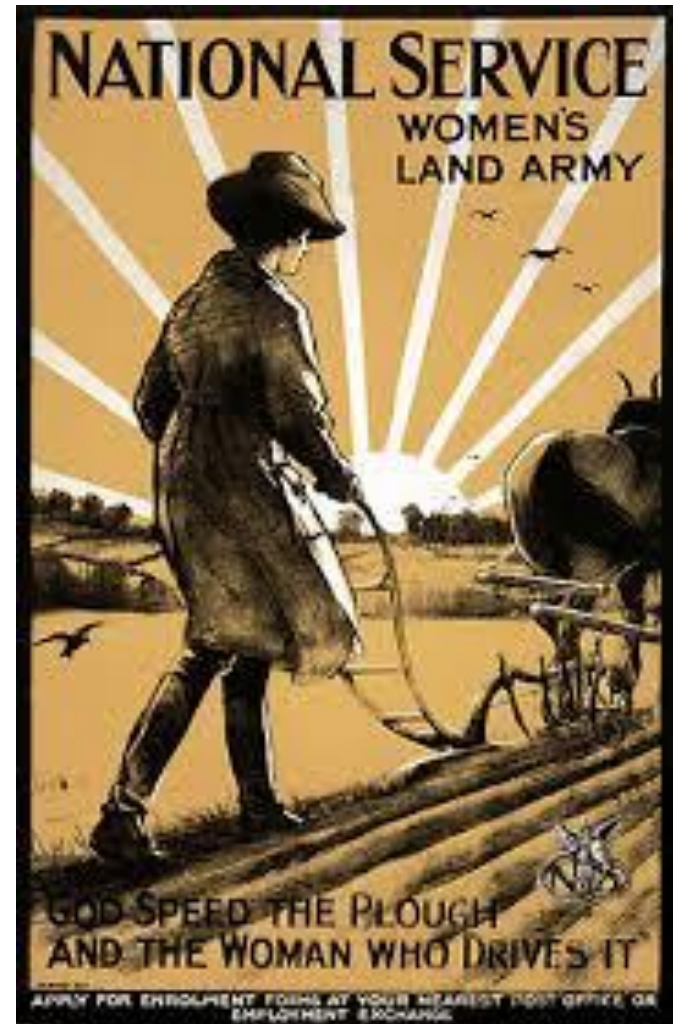
The undermentioned convictions have been recently obtained:—

Court	Date	Nature of Offence	Penalty
HENDON - -	29th Aug., 1918	Unlawfully obtaining and using ration books -	2 Months' imprisonment
WEST HAM -	29th Aug., 1918	Being a retailer & failing to detach proper number of coupons	Fine £50
SMETHWICK -	22nd July, 1918	Obtaining meat in excess quantities - - -	Fine £50 & £5 5s. costs
OLD STREET -	4th Sept., 1918	Being a retailer selling to unregistered customer	Fine £72 & £5 5s. costs
OLD STREET -	4th Sept., 1918	Not detaching sufficient coupons for meat sold -	Fine £35 & £3 2s. costs
OLD STREET -	4th Sept., 1918	Being a retailer returning number of registered customers in excess of counterfoils deposited - - -	Fine £50 & £3 2s. costs
OLD STREET -	7th Sept., 1918	Making false statement on application for and using Ration Books unlawfully - - -	Fine £50 & £5 5s. costs

Enforcement Branch, Local Authorities Division,
MINISTRY OF FOOD.
November, 1918.



The wartime state and its citizens



After the war

