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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1909.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

EDWARD, R. & I.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the ninth year of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to constitute the Union of South Africa," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the King, with the advice of the Privy Council, to declare by Proclamation that, on and after a day therein appointed, not being later than one year after the passing of the Act, the Colonies of the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, the Transvaal, and the Orange River Colony shall be united in a Legislative Union under one Government under the name of the Union of South Africa.

We, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, have thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby declare that on and after the thirty-first day of May one thousand nine hundred and ten, the Colonies of the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, the Transvaal, and the Orange River Colony shall be united in a Legislative Union under one Government under the name of the Union of South Africa.

Given at Our Court at Sandringham, this second day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and in the ninth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

WHITEHALL, December 2, 1909.

The King has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

EDWARD R. & I.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting!

Whereas We, by a Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the thirteenth day of July one thousand nine hundred and seven, in the seventh year of Our Reign, did institute and create a new Medal to be entitled the Edward Medal, to be awarded for heroic acts performed by Miners and Quarrymen and others who endanger their own lives in saving or endeavouring to save the lives of others from perils in Mines and Quarries within Our Dominions, and Territories under Our protection and jurisdiction:

And whereas We are desirous of extending the scope of this decoration:

It is ordained that the Edward Medal of the First Class and the Edward Medal of the Second Class shall be awarded to those of Our faithful subjects who in course of Industrial Employment endanger their own lives in saving or endeavouring to save the lives of others from perils incurred in connection with such Industrial Employment in these Our Dominions, and in Territories under Our protection or jurisdiction, and such awards shall be made only on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Where the said Medal is granted otherwise than for acts performed in Mines, the Medal shall bear Our effigy on the obverse, and on