

FOREIGN OFFICE, March 10, 1913.

The King has been pleased to approve of—
Mr. Alfred S. Chovil as Consul of Paraguay at Birmingham ;
Monsieur V. Ernest as Consul of Belgium at Entebbe for the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates ; and
Herr Ernest Neuenhofer as German Consul at Karachi.

FOREIGN OFFICE, March 12, 1913.

The King has been pleased to approve of—
Mr. H. A. Lerchen as German Consul at East London for British Kaffraria, Griqualand East, and the Transkei.

WHITEHALL, March 13, 1913.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to Albert Benstead under the following circumstances :—

On the 14th January 1913, Charles Jex was cleaning the roof over the smelting furnaces at Messrs. Bolckow, Vaughan, and Co.'s steel works, and, while he was making his way along an iron beam thirty-two feet from the ground and immediately above a fifty-ton ladle, which was being filled with molten metal, a column of flame and smoke shot up from the ladle to a height of thirty or forty feet. The flames enveloped Jex, burning him so badly that he was rendered helpless and barely able to retain his foothold on the beam. Had he slipped, he would have fallen into the ladle. Benstead was standing near the foot of an iron ladder twenty-five feet long, leading to the beam, and immediately climbed up and took hold of Jex, whose hands were so badly burnt that he could not assist himself in descending the ladder. Benstead placed him across his back and carried him down to the floor, the iron ladder being so hot that he had to use his cap to take hold of it, and so steady himself as he came down. There is no doubt that Benstead saved Jex from falling into the ladle, and that he ran a very serious risk of falling in himself.

WHITEHALL, March 13, 1913.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to Robert Ward and James Jones under the following circumstances :—

On the 21st November 1912, two workmen, named John Lloyd and Morris Edwards, were employed in excavating a deep sewer trench at Old Colwyn, when the sides of the trench suddenly gave way. There was a heavy fall of earth and timbering, and both men were buried at the bottom. Robert Ward and James Jones promptly set to work to rescue

them. The trench was fourteen feet deep, and the two men had been working separate sections seven feet long by three and a half wide. Soil and timber fell in to the depth of about four feet, and Ward and Jones had to begin their work of rescue at a depth of about ten feet. They had to remove practically all the fallen material in order to reach the two men. The soil was sand and gravel, and the danger of working was largely increased by the presence of water at the bottom, and, as they dug further down, the risk increased. They persisted in their efforts for three and a quarter hours, and, though John Lloyd was dead when they reached his body, they succeeded in saving the life of Morris Edwards. There is no doubt that the two men ran a great risk of a further fall of earth and timber, and of being buried themselves.

DOWNING STREET, March 15, 1913.

The King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Alexander Livingstone Bruce, Esq., James Fiddes, Esq., and the Reverend Robert Laws, D.D., to be Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council of the Nyasaland Protectorate.

DOWNING STREET, March 17, 1913.

The King has been pleased to appoint Reginald Barton Wright, Esq. (Land Officer), to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council of the East Africa Protectorate.

DOWNING STREET, March 17, 1913.

The King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Charles Pitcher Clark, Esq., K.C. (Solicitor-General), to be Attorney-General of the Island of Barbados.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy
Admiralty, S.W., 15th March 1913.*

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the award for the salvage services rendered to the s.s. "Lord Dufferin" by His Majesty's ship "Hermione" between the 17th and 22nd July 1912, will commence on Wednesday the 26th instant, in the prize branch of the Department of the "Accountant General of the Navy, Admiralty S.W."

Agents and other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other instruments, by virtue of which they may be legally entitled to claim the share of any other