

*Buckingham Palace,
November 19, 1929.*

This day had Audience of the Prince of Wales, acting on behalf of The KING:—

His Excellency Monsieur Constantin Skirmunt, to present his letters of credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Poland;

Mirza Seyed Hassan Taqizadeh, to present the letters of recall of his predecessor, Hovhannes Khan Mossaed, and his own letters of credence, as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Imperial Majesty the Shah of Persia;

Nagadras Makonnen Indalkatcho, to present his letters of credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Court of Ethiopia; and

Monsieur Sao-Ke Alfred Sze, to present the letters of recall of his predecessor, Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, and his own letters of credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of China.

Whitehall, November 16, 1929.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal in Silver to Robert Glendenning, and the Edward Medal to John Thomas Baker, Samuel Hughff, John Kenny and James Sidney Purvis, in recognition of their gallantry in the following circumstances:—

On Friday, 17th May 1929, about 4.30 p.m., a telephone message was received at the office of the South Garefield Colliery, Durham, that Richard Lowes, one of the Colliery deputies, had been injured during blasting operations. Robert Glendenning, an overman, 55 years of age, who was in the office, at once set off down the pit and collecting two lads, James Sidney Purvis and John Thomas Baker, at the bottom of the shaft, and a tram and stretcher, went in search of Lowes. They were joined by two hewers, John Kenny and Samuel Hughff.

Meanwhile, five other men had been trying to rescue Lowes. Four of them were over-

come by carbon monoxide gas, while the fifth managed to crawl out just in time. It was on meeting this man some quarter of a mile from the scene of the accident that Glendenning realised the serious nature of the occurrence. He hurriedly organised his party and, by repeated efforts, they succeeded in extricating the five men who had been gassed. They were fortunately able to save the lives of two but the other three were found to be dead.

The rescue party took such precautions as were possible at the time but first Kenny and then Hughff were rendered unconscious. After they had, with difficulty, been removed from the danger area Glendenning sent Purvis for further help and continued the rescue work with the assistance of Baker. Baker was next overcome, and Glendenning was also affected by the fumes, but he continued his efforts until, when further help had arrived, he was able to bring out the last of the victims of the accident. He then collapsed and had to be carried out from the pit.

For an hour, during the whole of which time the atmosphere was thick with smoke and carbon monoxide gas, Glendenning showed great courage and resource and displayed high qualities of organisation in directing the rescue operations. He himself and Baker, Hughff, Kenny and Purvis under his leadership, knowingly and repeatedly risked their lives in determined and sustained efforts to save the lives of their fellows, and there is no doubt that, but for their courageous action the death roll would have been heavier than it was.

Whitehall, November 20, 1929.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Lieutenant Charles Alfred Kingsley-Rowe, R.N., of the British Naval Aircraft Carrier "Eagle," His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Cross of the First Class of the Order of Naval Merit, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Spain, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

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