

ground continuing to burn fiercely, and large quantities of gas were pouring out of the workings, a second explosion was deemed to be inevitable, which, had it occurred, would assuredly have killed every man below ground. Henry Davies, after being deserted by two men who refused to accompany him further, and when he must have felt that there was little or no chance of his coming alive out of the pit, pursued his course alone for five or six hundred yards, and heroically accomplished the object of his mission.

John Harris went down the pit with those recommended for the Second Class Medal.

Having descended to a depth of about 295 yards, the progress of the cage was stayed by the damaged state of the shaft.

John Harris got off the cage, and sliding down a guide-rope, reached the bottom, where, although he knew well that any moment might be his last, he remained for many hours, until all who were alive (some of whom were badly burnt and otherwise injured) reached the cage by his assistance, and were taken to the surface in safety.

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Foreign Office, July 23, 1879.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Charles Boyd Robertson, Esq., of the Foreign Office, to be an Acting Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service while employed abroad.

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Marlborough House, August 18, 1879.

THE Prince of Wales has been pleased to appoint Francis Henry Laking, Esq., M.D., to be Surgeon Apothecary to His Royal Highness's Household.

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Westminster, August 15, 1879.

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Exchequer Bills and Bonds Act, 1879.

East Indian Loan (Annuities) Act, 1879.

Appropriation Act, 1879.

An Act to appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other rates and taxes.

Municipal Elections (Ireland) Act, 1879.

Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Act, 1879.

Commissioners of Woods (Thames Piers) Act, 1879.

University Education (Ireland) Act, 1879.

Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1879.

Prevention of Crime Act, 1879.

Regulation of Railways Acts, 1873 and 1874 Continuance Act, 1879.

Public Health (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1879.

Public Offices Fees Act, 1879.

Registry Courts (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1879.

Shipping Casualties Investigations Act, 1879.

Poor Law Act, 1879.

National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Act, 1879.

Companies Act, 1879.

Public Works Loans Act, 1879.

An Act to enable the Secretary of State in Council of India to raise Money in the United Kingdom for the Service of the Government of India.

Artizans' and Labourers' Dwelling Act (1863) Amendment Act, 1879.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Act, 1879.

Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1879.

Metropolitan Board of Works Indemnity Act, 1879.

Vaccination Amendment (Ireland) Act, 1879.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Act, 1879.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Act, 1879.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Act, 1879.

An Act to enable the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, with the assent of Her Majesty's Treasury, to vary the Trusts of the Mungret Agricultural School and Model Farm, in the county of Limerick.

An Act to make provision in regard to the restoration of the ancient church of St. Giles, in the city of Edinburgh.

Erne Lough and River Act, 1879.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roadé, and Olney Junction Railway Act, 1879.

Enniskillen, Bundoran, and Sligo Railway (Donegal Extension), and Enniskillen and Bundoran Extension Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1879.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Act, 1879.

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Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

Whitehall Gardens, August 16, 1879.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of certain rules and regulations in reference to quarantine which have been prepared by the National Board of Health of the United States of America, and which are as follows:—

RULES and REGULATIONS for securing the best sanitary condition of Vessels, including their cargoes, passengers, and crews, coming to the United States from any Foreign Port where any contagious or infectious disease exists.

Prepared by the National Board of Health, in accordance with the provisions of an Act approved June 2, 1879, entitled "An Act to prevent the introduction of infectious or contagious diseases into the United States."

Explanations.

1. The object of the following rules and regulations is to prevent the introduction into the United States of "contagious or infectious diseases."

2. The following diseases are recognized as "contagious or infectious diseases" for the purposes of these rules and regulations, viz.: Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, plague, small-pox, and typhus fever.

3. An "infected" port or place in the sense of these rules is a port or place at which either Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, or plague exists, or at which either small-pox or typhus fever exists as an epidemic.