

gap in the track between 50 and 100 feet wide and over 20 feet deep caused by thaws and rain. The fireman jumped off the engine, but McFall put on the emergency brakes and sticking to his engine managed to bring the train to a standstill. The engine, however, fell into the gap; and McFall received terrible injuries, from which he died. There were forty passengers in the train, and had it not been for McFall's heroic devotion to his duty serious loss of life would probably have occurred.

Whitehall, September 21, 1911.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to Walter Cullen and Thomas Macfarlane, miners working at the Loanend Colliery, under the following circumstances:—

On the 21st of April, 1911, Mr. Robert Edgar, the under manager of the Loanend Colliery, Cambuslang, went up a highly inclined road to tear down a screen so as to disperse an accumulation of firedamp, and was overcome suddenly by firedamp. Macfarlane at once went to his assistance, but was in turn overcome and rolled down the road. Cullen, who is 60 years of age, then made two attempts to rescue the under manager, and on both occasions was helped back by Macfarlane, who had recovered, though still suffering from the effects of firedamp. The under manager's body was not recovered until three and a half hours afterwards.

Whitehall, September 21, 1911.

His Majesty the KING has been pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to:—

Alfred Joseph Tonge,
James Henry Polley,
James Moss,
John Hilton,
William Markland,
John Hardman,
Robert Roberts,
John Herring, and
James Hartley.

On the 21st December, 1910, a terrible explosion occurred at the No. 3 Bank Pit at the Hulton Colliery, near Allerton, by which a portion of the casting of the upcast shaft was wrecked. Various miners were shut off from escape by the fall of earth, and suffered from the effects of poisonous gases. Many miners used their utmost endeavours to rescue their fellow workmen under circumstances of great danger, and the above showed specially conspicuous courage.

Whitehall, September 21, 1911.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to Mr. Charles Samuel Vassar Cudbird, Station Master at George Lane, South Woodford.

On the 30th June, 1911, as the 9.30 train from Epping was about to enter the station at George Lane, Miss Tremlett, now Mrs.

Wells, accidentally fell on the line about 70 yards in front of the train, which usually enters the station at 30 or 40 miles an hour, and Mr. Cudbird jumped down and pulled her clear on to the 6-foot way. Had not the driver seen what was happening and applied the brakes, both would certainly have been cut to pieces, and the risk involved in Mr. Cudbird's action was very great.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, hereby gives notice that the following situations under the Home Office are added to Schedule B of the Order in Council of the 10th of January, 1910:—

The temporary situation of Principal Chemist at the Home Office Station for Coal Dust Experiments;

The temporary situation of Assistant Chemist at the Home Office Station for Coal Dust Experiments.

Whitehall, 21st September, 1911.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, September 21, 1911.*

H. 11978.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated the 19th September, from His Majesty's Minister at the Hague:—Rostoff-on-Don officially declared infected with Asiatic cholera. Sanitary measures for cholera will be applied to any vessel having left Rostoff five days or less before September 18.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, September 21, 1911.*

H. 12027.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated the 19th September, from His Majesty's Consul at Rouen, stating that in accordance with instructions received by the Health Authorities at the port of Rouen, all vessels from Oporto and from Italian, Austrian and Turkish ports in the Adriatic must stop at the port of Havre, and there be subjected to quarantine inspection before proceeding to Rouen.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, September 21, 1911.*

H. 12028.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Notice, dated the 12th September, issued by the Swedish Board of Trade, stating that they have declared the town of Salonika in Turkey to be infected with cholera.