

## MIDLAND CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice ACTON.

Saturday, May 19th, at Aylesbury.  
 Thursday, May 24th, at Bedford.  
 Tuesday, May 29th, at Northampton.  
 Saturday, June 2nd, at Leicester.  
 Saturday, June 9th, at Oakham.  
 Monday, June 11th, at Lincoln.  
 Tuesday, June 19th, at Nottingham.  
 Wednesday, June 27th, at Derby.

Mr. Justice CHARLES.

Thursday, July 5th, at Warwick.

Mr. Justice McCARDIE.

Mr. Justice CHARLES.

Tuesday, July 10th, at Birmingham.

## NORTH WALES AND CHESTER CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice SHEARMAN.

Mr. Justice HUMPHREYS.

Tuesday, May 22nd, at Newtown.  
 Saturday, May 26th, at Dolgelly.  
 Thursday, May 31st, at Carnarvon.  
 Tuesday, June 5th, at Beaumaris.  
 Friday, June 8th, at Ruthin.  
 Wednesday, June 13th, at Mold.  
 Saturday, June 16th, at Chester.

## NORTHERN CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice TALBOT.

Mr. Justice FINLAY.

Wednesday, May 30th, at Appleby.  
 Friday, June 1st, at Carlisle.  
 Wednesday, June 6th, at Lancaster.  
 Monday, June 11th, at Liverpool.  
 Monday, July 2nd, at Manchester.

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Whitehall, April 25, 1928.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal to Mr. Coert Hattingh Van Straate, in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:—

On the 31st of May, 1927, a bag of explosives caught fire in one of the workings of a mine belonging to the Randfontein Estates Gold Mining Company. The miner who was in charge of the explosives reported the occurrence to Mr. Van Straate who was working on the level below that in which the fire occurred. Mr. Van Straate at once realised that the air current proceeding up the stope would carry the poisonous fumes engendered by the fire through the working places on the level above, and would thus endanger the lives of those working on the higher level. Without any hesitation, Mr. Van Straate ran up the stope past the burning explosive and up the raise for 170 feet to the level above. In passing through the raise he was enveloped in the poisonous fumes from the burning explosive.

The air current on reaching the higher level split into two—one current proceeding up a south stope and one up a north stope. Mr. Van Straate proceeded first to the south stope and there warned a miner to leave at once, together with the other workers. He then

proceeded towards the north stope and met the miner in charge of that stope on his way out. The miner was already overcome by the fumes and on the point of collapse. He was, however, able to tell Mr. Van Straate that there were still two natives in the north stope and a third in another part of the workings who was in danger. Mr. Van Straate continued to the north stope and fetched out the two natives. By this time he was feeling the effect of the fumes and instead of looking for the third native with the chance that he himself might be overcome and unable to convey the warning, reported the native's danger to the shift boss.

Mr. Van Straate then took personal charge of the rescued persons and conducted them to the surface.

Mr. Van Straate's prompt and courageous action, in the course of which he put his own life in peril, undoubtedly saved the lives of a number of persons. The Government Inspector of Mines for the district described the risk which Mr. Van Straate took as appalling and as Mr. Van Straate is a man with many years' experience of mining and its dangers, the risk must have been well known to him.

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 FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS,  
 1901 TO 1920.

In pursuance of Section 118 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, the Right Honourable Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Bart., one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been pleased to appoint Harold Entwistle, Esq., to be an Inspector of Factories and Workshops.

Whitehall,  
 27th April, 1928.

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The Home Secretary gives notice that in pursuance of Section 2 (1) of the Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act, 1920, he has made an Order authorising the employment on two day-shifts of women of 18 years of age and over in inspecting and packing glass bulbs and glass tubing at the Glass Works of Messrs. The British Thomson-Houston Company Limited, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, subject to the conditions that a worker shall not be employed in the afternoon shift in consecutive weeks and that suitable messroom accommodation and accommodation for clothing shall be provided.

Whitehall,  
 27th April, 1928.

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Factory Department, Home Office,  
 April 24, 1928.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. J. L. C. Doyle to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts for the Fakenham District of the County of Norfolk.