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## DECREE SUPPLEMENTING THE LAW OF THE 25TH JANUARY, 1929, RESPECTING THE INTERNAL PUBLIC DEBT.

Signed on the 21st January, 1932, and published on the 30th January, 1932.

The Congress of the United Mexican States decrees:

## ARTICLE 1.

Base II of Article 1 of the Law of the 25th January, 1929, is supplemented by the following paragraphs:

(M) Mortgage liabilities (créditos hipotecarios) guaranteed by real estate, the property of the Federation. The payment of these liabilities shall be made provided that the creditors agree to their liquidation in the course of two years, as from 1932, and in addition, forgo the payment of interest due but not paid as from the 1st January, 1929, and also interest falling due in the future until the final liquidation of the liabilities.

(N) Liabilities of less than \$100.00 pesos of whatever nature.

(Ñ) Liabilities in respect of contributions collected in conformity with the Decree of the 21st September, 1927, for the constitution of the capital of the Single Bank (Banco Unico).

## ARTICLE 2.

The ending of the state of suspension of payment in regard to the liabilities mentioned in these supplementary paragraphs and in those contained in the Law of the 10th January, 1930, does not imply, in respect of these liabilities, the waiving of the obligation that they must, in the first instance, be approved by the Adjusting Commission and in consequence of the obligation to have had recourse to this Commission in proper time and form; therefore, payments to be made in conformity with the laws set forth shall invariably be based on awards of that Commission without any further revision by any other authority being necessary.

There are excepted from the provisions of the preceding paragraph liabilities which may be considered as admitted (depuradas) under the provisions of Fraction XII of Article 2 of the regulating law of the 20th of February, 1929.

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*Whitehall, May 6, 1932.*

The KING was pleased on Thursday, the 5th instant, at Buckingham Palace, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Mr. Justice (Geoffrey) Lawrence.

*Whitehall, April 22, 1932.*

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Edward Medal to the late John Birks, in recognition of his gallantry in endeavouring to save life at the cost of his own life in the following circumstances:—

On the 7th January, 1932, at 6.45 a.m., Birks and another washerman, Harry Perkins, were

changing their shoes in a messroom on the premises of the Co-operative Laundries Association, Manchester. The messroom was formed by two partitions in a corner of the Boiler Room, and the floor was three feet below the general floor level. Suddenly a large water tank above the messroom burst and volumes of scalding water cascaded through a skylight into the messroom between the two men from the only door through which they could have escaped. The lights went out, and the room was dark and full of steam. Birks immediately placed himself between Perkins and the cascade of scalding water, and helped Perkins on to a table, whence he was helped over the partition by other men outside. Birks who was probably unable to reach the top of the partition unaided, finally escaped from the messroom through the door. Both men unfortunately died as a result of the scalds which they sustained.

Perkins was only 18 years of age, and there can be no doubt that Birks, who was only 6 years older, deliberately gave up his own chance of escape in attempting to save Perkins.

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1925.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department has appointed Arthur Dodsworth Haydon, Esq., F.R.C.S., M.B., of The Castle Gates, Shrewsbury, and Cuthbert Lawson Stote, Esq., M.R.C.P., B.Ch., of 28, Town Walls, Shrewsbury, to be Medical Referees under the above Act for the Bishop's Castle, Bridgnorth, Llanfyllin, Ludlow, Madeley, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Wellington, Welshpool and Whitchurch County Court Districts (Circuit No. 28), in place of Colonel E. Cureton, M.D. (deceased).

Whitehall,  
5th May, 1932.

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1925.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that in consequence of the death of F. M. Rowland, Esq., C.B.E., M.D., he is considering the appointment of a Medical Referee under the above Act for the Atherstone (Circuit No. 23), Lichfield, Stafford, Tamworth and Uttoxeter (Circuit No. 26) County Court Districts.

Applications for the post should be addressed to the Private Secretary, Home Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, and should reach him not later than 28th May, 1932.

Whitehall,  
5th May, 1932.

## NATURALIZATION.

List of Aliens to whom Certificates of Naturalization have been granted by the Secretary of State, and whose Oaths of Allegiance have been registered in the Home Office during the month of April, 1932.

The date shown in each case is the date on which the Oath of Allegiance was taken.

Alexandroff, Nicholas; Russia; Managing Director; 13, Callcott Road, Brondesbury, Middlesex. 25 April, 1932.