

8. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

9. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same not later than the following day, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of Cash or a Banker's Draft on the Bank of England not later than 2 o'clock (Saturday 12 o'clock) on the day on which the relative Bills or Bonds are to be dated.

10. In virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (4) of the War Loan Act, 1919, Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills and Bonds.

11. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

12. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers,
6th July, 1923.

Foreign Office,
March 1, 1923.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Major William Follett Routley to be His Majesty's Consul at Ajaccio.

Foreign Office,
April 1, 1923.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Darrell Wilson, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul for the Dominican Republic, to reside at Santo Domingo.

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 the Wood Room at the works of The Barrow Paper Mills, Ltd., Salthouse Road, Barrow-in-Furness, subject to the conditions that a worker shall not be employed in the afternoon shift in consecutive weeks, and that suitable protective clothing, cloakroom and messroom accommodation and washing facilities shall be provided.

Whitehall,
5th July, 1923.

Whitehall, July, 4, 1923.

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal in recognition of the gallant conduct of Mr. Ernest Edward Mills Joyce, ex-Petty Officer, R.N., Mr. William Rayment Richards, Mr. Victor George Hayward (deceased) and Petty Officer Harry Ernest Wild, R.N. (deceased) in saving and endeavoring to save life while serving as members of the Ross Sea Party of the Shackleton Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914-17.

The Expedition had for its object the crossing of the Antarctic Continent from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea, via the South Pole, a distance of about seventeen hundred miles. Sufficient supplies for the journey could not be carried, and it was therefore necessary to establish a chain of depots on the Ross Sea side as far southwards as possible. With this end in view the ship "Aurora" was sent to McMurdo Sound at the southern extremity of the Ross Sea and, as it was intended that the vessel should winter there, a portion only of the stores and equipment was disembarked. McMurdo Sound was reached in January, 1915, but during a blizzard in May, the "Aurora" was blown out to sea and was unable to return, and the nine members of the Expedition who were on shore were left stranded. They recognised that failure to establish the depots would undoubtedly result in the loss of the main body and resolved, in spite of their grave shortage of equipment to carry out the allotted programme.

For this purpose a party under the command of Sub-Lieutenant A. L. Mackintosh, R.N.R., and consisting of the Reverend A. P. Spencer-Smith, Messrs. Joyce, Richards, Hayward and Wild and three other members who assisted for a part of the outward journey left Hut Point, Ross Island, on October 9th. They took with them two sledges and four dogs, and 162 days elapsed before the surviving members of the party were back at Hut Point, the total distance covered being approximately 950 miles.

Mr. Spencer-Smith had to be dragged on a sledge for 42 days, mainly by hand labour, the distance covered being over 350 miles. When more than 100 miles remained to be covered the collapse of Lieutenant Mackintosh imposed an additional burden on the active members of the party who were all suffering from scurvy and snow blindness and were so enfeebled by their labours that at times they were unable to cover more than 2 or 3 miles in 15 hours.

Mr. Spencer-Smith died when only 19 miles remained to be covered, but Lieutenant Mackintosh was brought in safely to the base.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE MINES DRAINAGE ACTS, 1873 to 1923.

THE Commissioners appointed under the above named Act of 1873 hereby give notice that the Arbitrators have made an award in triplicate for the Mines Drainage Rate in the Tipton district; and the said Commissioners hereby give further notice, that the above award has been deposited as prescribed by the Act of 1873; and the Commissioners hereby give further notice that the said award is, from and after the date of such deposit, binding upon the Commissioners and upon the owners and occupiers of the mines in the Tipton district.

Dated the 2nd day of July, 1923.

J. E. UNDERHILL,
HERBERT TAYLOR,

Law Clerks.