

WHITEHALL, March 6, 1903.

THE King has been pleased to give and grant unto the Right Honourable Sir Ernest Joseph Cassel, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Grand Cordon of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Osmanieh, conferred upon him by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorised by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to His Highness.

WHITEHALL, March 6, 1903.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto William Woodward, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Sixth Class of the Imperial Japanese Order of the Rising Sun, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of services rendered to His Imperial Majesty.

WHITEHALL, March 6, 1903.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto John Alexander Summers, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class, Third Division, of the Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China, in recognition of his services as Professor of English at the Chinese College at Shanghai.

BOARD OF TRADE, March 9, 1903.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Albert Medal of the Second Class upon Captain Herbert C. French, Royal Army Medical Corps.

The following is an account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred:—

While His Majesty's transport "Wakool" was steaming, at the rate of about 12 knots an hour, through the Straits of Malacca, on the 17th November 1902, a native fireman jumped overboard. Captain French, who was a passenger on board, immediately dived off the promenade deck, a height of about 36 feet from the water, and swam to the place where he had observed the man. Before he reached the spot the man had disappeared, and Captain French was obliged to make for a lifebuoy, as he was exhausted with the weight of his clothing. Subsequently both were rescued by the ship's lifeboat.

Captain French incurred considerable risk, as a strong current was running at the time, and he might have been drawn under the propellers of the ship. He was also in danger of sharks and water snakes, which are known to frequent the Straits of Malacca.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

March 10, 1903.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an Open Competitive Examination for Eastern Cadetships will be held in London, commencing on the 3rd August 1903, under the Regulations dated 10th March 1902.

No person will be admitted to compete from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 1st July, an application, in the handwriting of the Candidate, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

March 10, 1903.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an Open Competitive Examination for Clerkships (Class 1.) in the Civil Service will be held in London, commencing on the 3rd August 1903, under the Regulations dated the 14th March 1902, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 1st July, an application, in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that, for Examinations to be held *after* the Examination referred to above, the following clause will be substituted for clause 1 of the above-mentioned Regulations, viz. :—

1. Candidates must have attained the age of 22 and must not have attained the age of 24 on the *first day of August* of the year in which the Examination is held.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

March 10, 1903.

The following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names:—

March 5, 1903.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Second Division: Clerk—Henry Newman Bride.  
Post Office: Female Learner, London—Rose-Miriam Hayes.  
Female Sorter, London—Bessie Gamble.

AFTER LIMITED COMPETITION.

Post Office: Female Telegraphist, London — Emily Alice Duncombe.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum: Assistant Attendant—Thomas Pearce.  
Post Office: Telegraphist, London—Alfred Henry Bartlett.