

Ferdinand Miliezek, Inspector of the Railway.
Captain Julius Scazigino, 4th Tyrolese Kaiser
jäger Regiment.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER,
ST. JAMES' PALACE, September 6, 1907.

The King has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order, on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Marienbad :—

To be Honorary Knight Grand Cross.

His Excellency Alexander Isvolsky, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Russia.

To be Honorary Commanders.

His Serene Highness Prince Edward Victor von and zu Leichtenstein, Prefect of Marienbad.

Count Peter Pahlen, Chamberlain to His Imperial Majesty The Emperor of Russia, attached to the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

To be Honorary Member of the Fourth Class.

Carl Zellner, Member of Her late Imperial Majesty The Empress of Austria's Memorial Committee.

To be Honorary Member of the Fifth Class.

Ludwig Reidl, Member of Her late Imperial Majesty The Empress of Austria's Memorial Committee.

To be Member of the Fourth Class.

Henry James Bruce, Esq., Third Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

WHITEHALL, September 9, 1907.

The King has been pleased to confer the Albert Medal of the First Class upon Mr. William Henry Pearce, of Islington, near Newcastle, New South Wales, for conspicuous gallantry in saving life on the railway between Maitland and Newcastle, on the 4th December 1905, as detailed below :—

On the morning of the day mentioned, while the passenger train running between Maitland and Sydney was approaching Thornton Railway Station, at the rate of 45 miles an hour, a boiler plate of the engine collapsed, and through the opening, about 12 inches square, steam and boiling water were ejected with great force. Both the driver of the engine, James Pead, who has since succumbed to his injuries, and the fireman, Pearce, were severely scalded. Pead was quite incapacitated, and was still exposed to the full force of the escaping steam when Pearce, at great personal risk, lifted him to a place of safety behind the bunker tank.

Pearce having endeavoured, without success, to close the throttle valve, climbed over the cab of the engine, along the boiler, to the front of the engine, exposing himself again to the escaping water and steam, and having reached the footplate of the engine, and placed one leg in the draw hook for support, he reached under the buffer plank for

a distance of about 18 inches, and opened the cock of the air pipe, thus applying the automatic brake and bringing the train to a standstill.

The presentation of the medal in the name of His Majesty, was performed by His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia, at Government House, Sydney, on the 16th July.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE,
September 10, 1907.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Newcastleton, in the County of Roxburgh, is vacant.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
September 10, 1907.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an Open Competitive Examination, commencing on the 5th November 1907, will be held in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, under the Regulations dated the 10th July 1906, and published in the London Gazette of the same date, respecting Open Competitive Examinations for Junior Appointments in the Supply and Accounting Departments of the Admiralty, Junior Appointments in the Royal Ordnance Factories of the War Office, Appointments as Second-Class Assistant Accountant in the Army Accounts Department, and Appointments as Examiner in the Exchequer and Audit Department.

Not fewer than two situations will be filled on the result of this Examination, if so many candidates should be found qualified, viz., not fewer than two situations in the Exchequer and Audit Department.

No person will be admitted to the Examination from whom the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, has not received, on or before the 8th October, an application, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOCAL LOANS.
NOTICE.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict., cap. 51, section 1), they have been pleased to direct, by their Minute of the 9th September 1907, that on loans advanced out of the Local Loans Fund, on the security of local rates, subsequently to the date of that Minute, there shall be chargeable, in lieu of the rates of interest fixed by the Treasury Minute of the 3rd March 1904, the following rates of interest, viz. :—

Period of Repayment.	Rate of Interest.
Not exceeding 30 years...	3½ per cent, per annum.
" " 50 " ...	3¼ " "