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WHITEHALL, January 18, 1908.

THE King has been pleased to award the Edward Medal of the First Class to Mr. Francis Chandler for his great bravery in saving life in a disaster which took place at the Hoyland Silkstone Colliery, on the 23rd November last.

Chandler, who is sixty years of age, was engaged with five others in repairing an underground boiler house, when a fall of roof took place which broke an iron girder and damaged the boiler, from which a rush of steam took place. All the men were scalded and hurt; one was killed on the spot and three others died afterwards. The lamps were extinguished. Although badly burnt and hurt, Chandler crept in the dark three times through the steam to the boiler top, to rescue others who could not move, at the risk of his own life. Being then unable to do more alone, he signalled to the pit top and was drawn up. Although almost exhausted he insisted on again descending the pit to assist in the rescue. His son was one of the victims of the disaster.

WHITEHALL, February 26, 1908.

The King has been pleased to award the Edward Medal of the First Class to Mr. Henry Everson, on account of his gallant action in saving the life of a fellow workman in an accident which occurred in sinking the shaft of the Penallta Colliery on the 12th September 1907.

Water was being raised from a depth of 345 feet, and a scaffold was suspended in the shaft

for the purpose of walling the sides. The barrel containing the water came in contact with the scaffold and broke it from its chains, precipitating it with two men thirty feet into twelve feet of water. Henry Everson, who was at the top of the shaft, heard one of the men calling for help. He also called for assistance, but seeing the urgency of the case descended the pit at once by a four inch pipe a distance of 270 feet. He then found the barrel, which he was able to pull towards him, got into it and was lowered till he found one the men hanging on a thin wire, up to his neck in water and almost exhausted, his hands wounded. He jumped into the water, holding the barrel with one hand, and was able to grip the man by the collar and pull him into the barrel. They were then raised to the surface. The second man was drowned.

DOWNING STREET, February 26, 1908.

The King has been pleased by Letters Patent, dated the 10th February 1908, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to provide for the provisional appointment of Members of the Executive Council of the Island of Malta.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
February 28, 1908.

Notice is hereby given, that upon a special recommendation from the Paymaster-General,