

*Whitehall, August 5, 1910.*

The KING has been pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to

Archer Cartwright, Under Manager, Russell Colliery.

Isaiah Walker, Miner, Russell Colliery.

Samuel Slater, Miner, Russell Colliery.

Anthony Willets, Miner, Russell Colliery.

On the 17th April, 1910, an underground fire, in which the lives of two workmen were lost, occurred at the Russell Colliery, near Dudley, Staffs—a district where the workings are peculiarly liable to spontaneous combustion.

The fire broke out at a point about 114 yards from the bottom of the downcast shaft, and when it was discovered by smoke issuing from the upcast shaft, the Manager of the mine, accompanied by several workmen, proceeded to the spot to try and put the fire out. After working for a considerable time in the heat and smoke, two of the party, Archer Cartwright (Under Manager) and Anthony Willets, were sent to the surface for tools, leaving the Manager and two workmen to proceed with the work of fighting the fire. In their absence, both the Manager, who, feeling the effects of the smoke, had walked back a short distance, and the two workmen were overcome by the noxious atmosphere. Willets, on his return, found the Manager unconscious and dragging him, in spite of his very heavy weight, to the bottom of the shaft, brought him safely to the surface. Willets and Cartwright and a third man named Samuel Slater then descended the shaft in order to try and rescue the two workmen who had succumbed. They found them and attempted to carry them back; but Willets, who was already exhausted by his previous efforts, gave signs of giving way, and Cartwright and Slater also feeling ill-effects, they were all compelled to return and leave the two unfortunate workmen. On their way back, Willets fell down unconscious, and Cartwright and Slater, being unable to help him, made their way with difficulty to the surface. They were able, however, to tell Isaiah Walker of Willets' condition, and he volunteered to try and bring Willets out. Descending the mine alone, and crawling on his hands and knees under the smoke, Walker managed to reach Willets, whom he found lying on his face about 27 yards from the shaft. Seizing him by the shoulders, Walker managed to drag Willets to the shaft bottom, and then took him up in the cage. Walker again went down the shaft in the hope of reaching the two workmen left in the mine; but this time he was unsuccessful, and was forced to come back.

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In addition to the names which appeared in the London Gazette of the 22nd July, the King has been pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class for gallant conduct in connection with the Whitehaven Colliery disaster to—

William James Mullholland, Hewer, Wellington Pit.

Joseph Lucas, Hewer, William Pit.

James Taylor, Deputy, Ladysmith Pit.

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The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto William Rice, Esq., formerly British Consul for the Cape Verde Islands, His Majesty's Royal

licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of Chevalier of the Order of Orange-Nassau, conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

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The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto George Robb, Esq., Professor at the Khedivial Normal School, Cairo, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, conferred upon him by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

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The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear Decorations (as stated against their respective names), which have been conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of Siam, in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

*Order of the Crown of Siam, Second Class.*

Eric St. John Lawson, Esq., Commissioner of Police at Bangkok.

*Order of the White Elephant, Third Class.*

Ronald Worthy Giblin, Esq., late Director of the Royal Survey Department of the Siamese Government.

Hugh Campbell Highet, Esq., M.D., C.M., Medical Officer of Health at Bangkok.

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The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear Decorations (as stated against their respective names) which have been conferred upon them by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

*Order of the Sacred Treasure, Fifth Class.*

Isaac Raymond Michael, Esq.

*Order of the Rising Sun, Fifth Class.*

James Galloway Thomson, Esq.

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