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TUESDAY, 6 MAY, 1924.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE,

The 2nd day of May, 1924.

THIS day, in the presence of the Lord President of the Council, Harry Gosling, Esquire, C.H., M.P., was sworn Paymaster-General.

M. P. A. Hankey.

5—15 YEAR TREASURY BONDS.

The Treasury give notice that, the Bank of England having certified that the average rate of discount at which Treasury Bills were issued to the Public during the half year ended the 1st instant did not exceed 5½ per cent. per annum, no additional interest will be payable upon Treasury Bonds, 1935, on the next interest date, viz., 1st November, 1924.

Buckingham Palace,
May 5, 1924.

This day had Audience of The King :—
Senhor Augusto de Castro, to present his letters of credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Portuguese Republic.

Whitehall, 24th April, 1924.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal to John Jones, of Newport (Mon.), in the following circumstances :—

Shortly after midnight on January 2nd, 1924, the steamship "Imanol" had just finished unloading at a wharf in the River Usk at Newport. As the last man of the unloading gang was coming ashore the ship swung from her moorings and lifted the gangway, throwing the man into the water, which was some 15 feet below the wharf. Jones, who was one of the gang, had left the ship, but hearing the cry "Man overboard," he ran to the wharf's edge, and, looking down, thought he saw a cap floating below. He plunged into the water between the ship and the wharf, but after swimming for over ten minutes he became exhausted and had to be hauled out by a rope.

There is no doubt that Jones was fully aware of the danger involved in jumping into the water between the moving ship and the wharf on a dark and cold night, with the tide running strongly. He is 50 years of age, and his action was a very brave one.

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