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TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1931.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W. 1. 17th October, 1931.

Days and places fixed for holding the Autumn Assizes 1931:—

> WESTERN CIRCUIT. (2nd Portion.)

Mr. Justice Acton. Mr. Justice Charles.

Wednesday, November 11th, at Bristol.

Mr. Justice Acton.

Wednesday, November 18th, at Winchester.

NICARAGUAN CLAIMS COMMISSION.

In accordance with the terms of a Presidential Decree published in "La Gaceta" on the 3rd of September, Nicaraguans and foreigners domiciled in Nicaragua will be given sixty days in which to refile their claims and foreign claimants residing outside Nicaragua will be given one hundred and twenty days, these periods to count from the date of the opening of the office of the Claims Commission to the public. It is the intention that fresh claims should be filed only in those cases which were not adjudicated before the earthquake or those in which the claimant was not notified of the decision of the Commission.

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It is understood that the Commission hopes to issue the necessary instructions for the proper filing of claims very shortly and that the periods of sixty and one hundred and twenty days mentioned above will begin to take effect as from the date of the issue of such instructions.

Whitehall, October 9, 1931.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal in Silver to William Davies in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:—

At about 9.30 a.m. on 19th June, 1931, a diver named Milton was working in a twelvefoot cylinder which was being sunk in the Dagenham Dock, Essex. The water was standing considerably higher in the cylinder than in the river and suddenly a rush of water occurred, which carried Milton under the cutting edge of the cylinder and left him buried in the river bottom under mud and clay to a depth of about sixteen feet. Fortunately his life line and air pipes remained intact. Diver Scannell, who was on the spot, immediately went down inside the cylinder to try to reach Milton, but found it impossible. In the meantime a request had been sent to Battersea Jetty summoning Diver William Davies and Diver Smith to assist in the work of rescue.