

be placed, the mark in every case carrying a flag or flags.

Mariners are warned not to mistake any of these temporary beacons or buoys for the permanent navigational marks.

This Notice temporarily affects the Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1888, pages 288-290, 332-339.

No. 204.—UNITED STATES—ALABAMA.

Mobile Bay—Alterations in Lights of Ship Channel.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 195 of 1896:—

The United States Government has given further notice, that, as far as regards the lights in that Notice the alterations were not carried out, but that, on 21st March, 1896, the undermentioned alterations were made in the lights of Ship Channel, Mobile Bay:—

1. The fixed white lantern lights on beacons Nos. 47, 43, 39, 37, 33, 25, 23, 19, 17, 13, 10, 8, and 3 (S.S.E. (S. 22° E.), distant $1\frac{1}{5}$ miles from Choctaw Point), and the two fixed red lantern lights shown from the beacons on the west side of the dredged channel, bearing about E.S.E. distant $5\frac{1}{2}$ and $3\frac{1}{2}$ cables from Choctaw Point, were discontinued;

2. On the same date fixed white lantern lights were exhibited from each of beacons Nos. 38, 32, 24, 18, 12, 9.

3. Consequently, fixed white lantern lights are now shown on the starboard side of the channel from beacons Nos. 51, 49, 45, 41, 38, 35, 32, 29, 27, 24, 21, 18, 12, 9, 6, 5, and on several beacons beyond to Mobile; and fixed red lantern lights from the beacons on the port side of the channel at the first, second, third, and fourth bends.

Approximate position No. 51 beacon, lat. $30^{\circ} 17' 30''$ N., long. $88^{\circ} 2' 0''$ W.

[Variation 5° Easterly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan:—Mobile Bay, No. 2344. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1896, No. 940 (Remarks); and West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1893, pages 542-544.

No. 205.—FRANCE—WEST COAST.

Gironde River Entrance—Intended Alteration in Light and Buoyage.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 378 of 1895 on the establishment of an auxiliary light on Coubre Point:—

The French Government has given notice that the said auxiliary light shown from Coubre Point Lighthouse will shortly be altered to show white from S. 57° E. to S. 64° E.; red from S. 64° E., through east, to N. 62° E.; and white (as previously) from N. 62° E. to N. 47° E.

The southern limit of the northern sector of white light, viz., S. 64° E., will then be on the same line as Coubre Light in line with the old discontinued Pte. de la Palmyre Light.

Also light buoys No. 4 (red, conical and showing a fixed green light) and No. 5 (black, conical and showing a fixed white light), both previously moored with Coubre Light bearing S. 66° E., will be moved to positions on the line of Coubre Auxiliary Light bearing S. 64° E.; No. 4 buoy to approximately lat. $45^{\circ} 42' 15''$ N., long. $1^{\circ} 20' 0''$ W.; No. 5 buoy to lat. $45^{\circ} 42' 0''$ N., long. $1^{\circ} 17' 50''$ W.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1896.]

Further notice will be given when the date of the alterations is known.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Pte. d'Arcachon to Pte. de la Coubre, No. 2664. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, 1896,

No. 311; and Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, &c., 1891, pages 121, 126.

No. 206.—PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

MINDANAO—NORTH-WEST COAST.

Shoal Southward of Alikai Island.

THE Spanish Government has given notice, dated 9th April, 1896, that the Master of the steam-vessel "Butuan" reports having obtained a sounding of 23 feet on a coral shoal, circular in shape, about 2 cables in diameter, and situated about 2 miles S.S.E. from Alikai Island; or approximately in lat. $8^{\circ} 43\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $123^{\circ} 13\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Philippine Islands, No. 943; eastern part of the Sulu or Mindoro Sea, No. 2578. Also, Sailing Directions for the Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1890, page 291.

No. 207.—CHINA SEA.—PALAWAN ISLAND—WEST COAST.

Breakers North of Apurawan Head.

THE Spanish Government has given notice, dated 9th April, 1896, that the commander of the vessel-of-war "Albay" reports having observed breakers on 21st January, 1896, in a position with South Reef bearing S. 29° E., distant about 7 miles; or approximately in lat. $9^{\circ} 48'$ N., long. $118^{\circ} 19'$ E.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Palawan Island, No. 967. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1889, page 248.

No. 208.—JAPAN.

Yokohama Bay—Alterations in Lights of Harbour Works.

THE Japanese Government has given notice, that on 1st April, 1896, the undermentioned alterations would be made in the lighting of the harbour works, Yokohama Bay:—

1. The light-vessels (2) marking the North and East Breakwater Heads, and showing respectively a fixed red and a fixed green light, have been withdrawn.

2. A fixed white light, elevated 41 feet above the sea, and visible from a distance of 6 miles in clear weather, is shown from an iron lighthouse, hexagonal in shape, painted white, and 40 feet high, situated on the head of the East Breakwater.

Approximate position, lat. $35^{\circ} 27' 15''$ N., long. $139^{\circ} 38' 50''$ E.

3. A fixed red light, elevated 41 feet above the sea, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 6 miles, is temporarily shown from the scaffolding erected for the construction of the permanent lighthouse on the head of the North Breakwater, pending the completion of that lighthouse.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Gulf of Tokyo or Yedo, No. 2657. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1896, page 134, No. 540 (Remarks); and China Sea Directory, Vol. IV, 1894, pages 304, 305.

No. 209.—SOUTH AMERICA—CHILE.

Destruction of Curauilla Point Lighthouse and Exhibition of Temporary Light.

INFORMATION has been received, that, on 18th March, 1896, the lighthouse at Curauilla Point (fixed and flashing white light) was partially destroyed by an earthquake, after which it was impossible to exhibit the light.

A sixth order, flashing white light is temporarily