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 and Hanaper, and Permanent Secretary
 to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 340 to 344 of the year 1898.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning
 the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 340.—JAPAN—SETO UCHI.

(1) *Harima Nada—Rocks South-Westward of Shika Sima.*

THE Japanese Government has given notice,
 dated 16th April, 1898, of the existence of a
 sunken rock, locally named *Toishi*, about a cable
 in extent, with a least depth of $1\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms on its
 western end, situated in a position with *Kuro
 Saki* bearing S. 64° E., distant $8\frac{1}{2}$ cables; and
 remarkable stone on *Shika Sima* N. 45° E.

Approximate position, lat. $34^{\circ} 27' 55''$ N., long.
 $134^{\circ} 7' 45''$ E.

An isolated rock, which dries 2 feet at low
 water, is situated N. 30° E., distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables,
 from the above rock.

(2) *Takamatsu Approach—Sunken Rock West- ward of O Sima.*

Also, of the existence of a rock, locally named
Ozuchi Dashi, about a quarter of a cable long east
 and west, with a depth of 3 fathoms on it and 4 to
 5 fathoms close to, in a position with the south-
 west point of *O-Sima* bearing S. 47° E., distant
 about 5 cables; and the north point of *O Sima*
 N. 60° E.

Approximate position, lat. $34^{\circ} 24' 25''$ N., long.
 $134^{\circ} 5' 0''$ E.

[Variation 4° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty
 Charts:—*Seto Uchi* or *Inland Sea*, No. 2875;
Ozuchi Sima to *Funoko Sima*, No. 1969. Also,
China Sea Directory, Vol. IV, 1894, pages 366,
 379.

No. 341.—JAPAN—SETO UCHI.

St. Vincent Channel—Dangers Southward of Shiaku Sima.

THE Japanese Government has given notice,
 dated 16th April, 1898, of the existence of a
 sunken rock, with a least depth of $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms on
 it, and steep to all round, situated in a position
 with the *Clump* (340) on *Usi Sima* bearing S. 75°
 E., distant 7 cables; and summit (696) at
 south end of *Shiaku Sima* N. 16° E.

Approximate position, lat. $34^{\circ} 21' 55''$ N.,
 long. $133^{\circ} 45' 30''$ E.

Also that an exhaustive, but unsuccessful, search
 was made for the rock, with a depth of one fathom
 on it, hitherto shown on the Charts about a cable
 northward of the above position. This rock is
 also unknown to the local fishermen. It has con-
 sequently been expunged from the Charts.

[Variation 4° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty
 Charts:—*Seto Uchi* or *Inland Sea*, No. 2875;

Channels between *Bingo Nada* and *Ozuchi Sima*,
 No. 128. Also, *China Sea Directory*, Vol. IV,
 1894, page 384.

No. 342.—NORTH SEA—NETHERLANDS SHORE.

Sunken Wreck Northward of Friesche Gut.

THE Netherlands Government has given
 notice that a small steam-vessel recently foundered
 in a depth of 12 fathoms, about 8 miles N. 11° W.
 from *Schiermonnikoog* north-west Lighthouse,
 after having struck some obstruction, probably a
 wreck, the position of which is very doubtful.

A wreck has been placed on the Charts in
 approximately lat. $53^{\circ} 36\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $6^{\circ} 3'$ E.

[Variation 14° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice temporarily affects the following
 Admiralty Charts:—*North Sea*, No. 2182a, *Ame-
 land* to *Jade River*, No. 2593. Also, *North Sea
 Pilot*, Part IV, 1892, page 168.

No. 343.—JAPAN.

Simonoseki Strait—Sunken Wreck in Moji Bay.

THE Japanese Government has given notice,
 dated 11th April, 1898, that the wreck of the
 steam-vessel "*Toshima Maru*" lies sunk, with
 two masts and funnel showing above water, in a
 position with *Moji Hill Summit* (583) bearing N.
 60° E., distant $4\frac{1}{2}$ cables; and Δ summit (803)
 S. 44° E.

Approximate position, lat. $33^{\circ} 57' 20''$ N.,
 long. $130^{\circ} 57' 20''$ E.

[Variation 4° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice temporarily affects the following
 Admiralty Chart:—*Simonoseki Strait*, No. 532.
 Also, *China Sea Directory*, Vol. IV, 1894, page
 429.

No. 344.—MEDITERRANEAN—SICILY.

Syracuse Harbour—New Leading Marks and Intended Lights.

INFORMATION has been received from
 Captain Sir A. B. Milne, Bart., Her Majesty's
 ship "*Venus*," that two towers of masonry, each
 painted red and white in chequers on the seaward
 side, have been erected as leading marks on the
 western side of *Syracuse Harbour*:—

The front tower is situated near the coast in a
 position with *Maniaci Castle Lighthouse* bearing
 N. 81° E., distant 11 cables; and *La Maddalena*,
 S. 16° E.

Approximate position, lat. $37^{\circ} 2' 45''$ N.,
 long. $15^{\circ} 16' 35''$ E.

The rear tower is situated in a position bearing
 N. 86° W., distant $5\frac{1}{4}$ cables, from the front
 tower.

NOTE.—The above towers in line, bearing N.
 86° W., lead into *Syracuse Harbour* in mid-
 channel between *Maniaci Castle* and the *Plem-
 myrium Shoals*.

It is also proposed to eventually exhibit lights
 from these towers.

[Variation 9° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty
 Plan:—*Syracuse Harbour*, No. 182. Also, *List
 of Lights*, Part V, 1898, page 86; *Mediterranean
 Pilot*, Vol. I, 1894, pages 386, 387; and *Supple-
 ment*, 1898, relating to that work, page 18.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.
 Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
 20th to 21st June, 1898.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of
 the provisions of the twenty-first section of an Ac-
 passed in the thirty-eighth year of the reign o