

notice, whilst repairs to the tower are being carried out, the light (white flashing) on the S.W. point of Urk Island will be discontinued, and that temporary lights consisting of three white fixed lights, about 50 feet above the ground, arranged in the form of a triangle, apex upward, in a N.W. and S.E. direction, and visible all round the horizon, will be established to the north-westward of its position.

Approximate position, lat. 52° 40' N., long. 5° 35' E.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Scheveningen to Ameland, No. 2322. Also, List of Lights, Part II, 1901, No. 272.

No. 402.—SUMATRA—WEST COAST.

Toran and Niamuk Islands—Beacons Abolished.
THE Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 24th May, 1901, that the stone beacons on the Islands Toran and Niamuk have fallen down and will not again be rebuilt, they should therefore be expunged from the Chart.

Approximate position, Toran Island, lat. 1° 2' S., long. 100° 10' E.

Approximate position, Niamuk Island, lat. 1° 16' S., long. 100° 17' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Ujong Masang to Ujong Indrapura, No. 709. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, pages 296 and 300.

No. 403.—CHINA SEA.

Strait of Durian—Reef near Little Durian Island.

THE Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 24th May, 1901, that a reef with 2 fathoms over it, and about 55 yards in diameter, has been reported by the Master of the Netherlands steamship "Reynst" to exist in the Strait of Durian.

It is situated with the south point of South Passage Island bearing S. 88° W., distant 7 cables, and the south point of Little Durian Island S. 53° E.

Approximate position, lat. 0° 43' N., long. 103° 40' E.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Durian, Sugi and Chombol Straits, No. 2402. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 557; and Supplement, 1899, page 42.

No. 404.—UNITED STATES, PACIFIC COAST—CALIFORNIA.

San Pedro Bay—Breakwater Extended, Light Moved.

THE United States Government has given notice, dated April, 1901, that the breakwater under construction on the south-western side of San Pedro Bay having been extended seaward, the red fixed light marking its outer end has been moved about 2½ cables in an E. by S. ¼ S. direction, and is now situated with Point Fermin Lighthouse bearing W. by S., distant 1½ miles.

From the western end of the breakwater a trestle structure extends to the shore.

Approximate position, lat. 33° 42' N., long. 118° 16' W.

[Variation 14° Easterly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Wilmington and San Pedro Harbour, No. 1082. Also, List of Lights, Part VII, 1901, page 50; and Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of Central America and the United States, 1896, page 295.

No. 405.—BAY OF BENGAL—MOULMEIN RIVER APPROACH.

Double Island Light—Amended Arc of Visibility.

THE following information, dated 23rd March, 1901, has been received from Commander T. H. Heming, R.N.; in charge of the Marine Survey of India, respecting the arc of visibility of Double Island Light, Moulmein River Approach:—

Double Island Light is visible from the bearing N. 8° W., through east, to S. 26° E., it is obscured from S. 26° E. to S. 17° E., and is again visible between S. 17° E. and Amherst Point.

Approximate position, lat. 15° 52' N., long. 97° 34' E.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Koronge Island to White Point, No. 823. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1901, No. 373; and Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1892, page 352.

No. 406.—UNITED STATES, ATLANTIC COAST—MAINE.

West Penobscot Bay, Shoal off Long Island—Caution.

THE United States Government has given notice, dated April, 1901, that the schooner "St. Leon" grounded on a rocky ledge, having a depth over it of about 9 feet at low water, situated about one-quarter of a mile from the north-western coast of Long Island, and about 1¼ miles N. 32° E. from Grindel Point Lighthouse.

Approximate position, lat. 43° 18' N., long. 68° 56' W.

CAUTION.—The position of this ledge, as given above, is only approximate, and until a careful examination of the locality has been made vessels are recommended to give it a good berth.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Penobscot Bays, No. 620. Also, Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, page 149.

No. 407.—ENGLAND—RIVER THAMES APPROACH.

Elbow Shoal—Buoy Moved.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 100 of 1901:—

The Trinity House, London, has given further notice, dated 4th April, 1901, that the Elbow Buoy has been moved 5 cables, N.E. ½ E., from the position therein given, and now lies in 36 feet at low water, with North Foreland Lighthouse bearing N. 72° W.; distant 3½ miles, and the Eastern Pier Lighthouse, Ramsgate, S. 73° W.

Approximate position, lat. 51° 22½' N., long. 1° 32½' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Dover and Calais, &c., No. 1406; North Foreland to Ofordness, No. 1610; Dungeness to the Thames, No. 1895; The Downs, No. 1828. Also, Channel Pilot, Part I, 1900, page 348.

By command of their Lordships,
W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer,
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
6th to 7th June, 1901.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of the provisions of the twenty-first section of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Her late Majesty, intituled "The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874," I, Reginald MacLeod, C.B., Registrar-General of Births,