No. 1247.—WEST INDIES—CUBA, SOUTH COAST.

Point Macurije-Shoal North-westward of.

The United States Government has given notice, dated 13th October, 1906, that the Master of the steamship Myrtledene reports that his vessel, drawing 18 feet, when north-westward of Point Macurije, struck on a reef, situated at a distance of 11 miles, N. 29° W., from Malabigo Cay off the south coast of Cuba.

Approximate position, lat. 21° $4\frac{1}{4}$ ′ N., long. 78° $35\frac{1}{4}$ ′ W.

A depth of 3 fathoms has been placed on the chart in this position.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1906.]

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulf of Mexico, No. 392; West Indies, No. 761; Cuba, Eastern Portion, No. 2580. Also, West Iudia Pilot, Vol. II, 1899, page 436.

No. 1248.—UNITED STATES, ATLANTIC COAST—DELAWARE BAY APPROACH.

Five Futhom Bank Light-Vessel—Submarine Fog Bell Established.

The United States Government has given notice that, on and after 15th October, 1906, a submarine fog bell would be established on board the Five Fathom Bank Light-vessel, in the approach to Delaware Bay. During thick or foggy weather, the number 5 will be indicated by this bell being struck five times in succession about every three seconds, thus:—five strokes, silent interval, three seconds.

Approximate position, lat. 38° $47\frac{1}{4}$ ′ N, long. 74° $34\frac{1}{2}$ ′ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Halifax to Delaware, No. 2670; Great Egg Harbour to Albemarle Sound, No. 266; Delaware River, No. 2563. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1906, No. 981; and Sailing Directions for the East coast of the United States, 1899, page 538.

No. 1249.—CEYLON—TRINCOMALI APPROACH.

Back Bay-Shoal in.

Information, dated 25th September, 1906, has been received from Captain D. R. L. Nicholson, His Majesty's ship Hermes, of the existence of a rock with a depth of $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms over it in Back Bay, Trincomali Approach, situated in a position from which Elizabeth Point bears S. 55° W., distant $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles, and Flagstaff Point S. 1° E. This danger, named Flat Rock, about 30 feet in diameter, has a depth of 5 fathoms close around, outside which the water deepens suddenly to 10 fathoms.

Approximate position, lat. 8° $38\frac{3}{4}$ ′ N., long. $81^{\circ} 14\frac{1}{2}$ ′ E.

[Variation Nil in 1906.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Ceylon, No. 2031; Trincomali, No. 815. Also, Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1901, page 117.

No. 1250.—CHINA SEA—NATUNA ISLANDS.

Midai (Low) Island and Elphinstone Rock— Dangers between.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 1067 of 1906:—

The Netherlands Government has given further notice, dated 19th October, 1906, that a line of dangers, more or less connected together, extends for a distance of about 11 miles to the northward of Low Island, which is now known as Midai Island. The eastern limit of these dangers is fairly well defined by a line joining the east point of Midai Island to Elphiustone or Postillon Rocks.

The 3-fathom shoal given in the above notice is detached from this line of dangers.

Approximate position, north point of Midai Island, lat. 3° 1′ N., long. 107° 48′ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China Sea, No. 2660a; Natura Islands, No. 1348. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1906, page 92.

No. 1251.—NORWAY, NORTH-WEST COAST—KVAL SUND AND APPROACH.

Lyngö, Simabak, Klokkerholmen, Kaarvik—Lights Established.

The Norvegian Government has given notice, that on 25th October, 1906, the undermentioned lights in the approach to, and in Kval Sund, would be established:—

1. Lille Lyngö. A light showing fixed and flashing sectors, elevated 90 feet above high water, is established in a white wooden house surmounted by a low tower 42 feet high erected on Lille Lyngö; it shows the following sectors:—white fixed from the bearing of N. 83° W. to N. 75° W.; green fixed from N. 75° W. to N. 51° W.; white fixed from N. 51° W. to N. 44° W.; red fixed from N. 44° W., through north, to N. 77° E.; white flashing from N. 77° E., through east, to S. 68° E.; white fixed from S. 68° E. to S. 65° E. to S. 49° E., red fixed from S. 49° E., through south, to S. 63° W.; and white fixed from S. 63° W. to S. 67° W., being obscured from S. 63° W., through west, to N. 83° W.; the white, red, and green lights are visible from distances of 15, 11, and 9 miles respectively, the corresponding light powers being 1600, 400, and 200 candles.

Approximate position, lat. 69° 55′ 40" N., long. 18° 28′ 0" E.

2. Simabak leading lights: Lights have been established to guide through Simabak Leden as follows:—

a. The low light is white occulting, elevated 49 feet above high water, and visible from a distance of 10 miles between the bearings of S. 48° E. and S. 54° E., being strongest on a S. 51° E. bearing; but obscured in other directions; the light power is 800 candles; it is shown from a small iron house on pillars erected on Kvitholmen.

Approximate position, lat. 69° 55′ 45″ N., long 18° 29′ 0″ E.

b. The high light is occulting, elevated 91 feet above high water, and established in a small iron house erected on Lyngö in a S. 51° E. direction from the low light; it shows the following sectors:—white from the bearing of