Singapore, Straits Settlements, that on the 1st May next the arc of obscuration of Raffles Light (white group flashing) will be abolished, and it will in future be visible from all directions, when not obscured by the land.

Approximate position, lat. 1° 10′ N., long. 103° $44\frac{1}{2}$ ′ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Singapore Strait, Nos. 2403, 2404. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1907, No. 437; and China Sea Directory, Vol I, 1906, page 224.

No. 573.—CHINA SEA—SINGAPORE STRAIT.

Keppel Harbour-Extension of Shoal in, Buoy.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 435 of 1907:—

The Master Attendant, Singapore, has given further notice, dated 25th March, 1907, that the shoal, with a depth of 9 feet over it at low-water springs, in Salat Sinki, Keppel Harbour, situated at a distance of one cable S. 52° W. from the Government workshop sheers, on the southern side of Pulo Brani, has extended to the southward. A buoy has been placed on the northern edge of the shoal. The channel to the southward of the buoy is closed to all vessels exceeding 8 feet draught.

Approximate position, lat. 1° $15\frac{1}{4}$ ′ N., long. $103^{\circ} 49\frac{3}{4}$ ′ E.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1907.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Keppel Harbour, No. 2023. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1906, page 238.

No. 574.—NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN.

Cable Ship Repairing Telegraph Cables-Caution.

Information, dated 23rd April, 1907, has been received through the Board of Trade that, on or about 1st May next, the cable steamship Faraday will leave to effect repairs to one of the transatlantic telegraph cables in approximately lat. 48° 0° N., long. 40° 0′ W.

When engaged in this work, this vessel will carry during daylight three shapes vertically, the highest and lowest being red globes, and the central a white diamond. At night the white masthead light will be replaced by three vertical lights, the upper and lower being red, and the centre light white, and during thick or foggy weather three blasts in succession, viz., one prolonged blast, followed by two short blasts, will be given by a whistle or siren at intervals of not less than 2 minutes in place of one (or two) prolonged blasts.

Mariners are warned to keep clear of this vessel.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—North Atlantic Route Chart, No. 2058.

No. 575.—NORTH SEA, GERMANY—RIVER WESER.

Grosser Knechtsand-Surveying Beacon erected on.

The German Government has given notice, dated 20th April, 1907, that a black rectangular

beacon, 52 feet high, on four legs, surmounted by a staff and square black topmark, 85 feet above the ground, has been erected on Grosser Knechtsand, River Weser entrance, in approximately lat. 53° 49' N., long. 8° 21' E., in connection with surveying operations in progress.

About one-third of the upper part of this beacon is covered with black boards.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Jade and Weser Rivers, Nos. 1875 and 3346. Also, North Sea Pilot, Vol. IV, 1901, page 189.

No. 576.—SOUTH AMERICA—ARGENTINA.

Bahia Blanca (Port Belgrano)—Shoal Marked by Buoy.

The Argentine Government has given notice, dated January, 1907, of the existence of a shoal, with a depth of 3 fathoms over it off Punta Pipa, Bahia Blanca approach. This shoal has been marked by a buoy, painted in red and white horizontal bands, situated at a distance of $4\frac{3}{10}$ cables N. 45° E. from Punta Pipa Beacon.

Approximate position on Chart. No. 1331, lat. 38° 53′ S., long. 62° 10¾′ W.

[Variation 11° Easterly in 1907.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Port Belgrano, No. 1331. Also, South America Pilot, Part I, 1902, page 343; and Supplement, 1906, page 39.

No. 577.—SPAIN—WEST COAST.

Corcubion Bay—Lights Established on Beacons Erected.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 420 of 1907:—

Further information, dated 20th April, 1907, has been received from His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Coruñna that a white fixed light has been established on each of the undermentioned beacons in Corcubion Bay:—

a. Carrumeiro Viejo. On the white stone conical beacon, 36 feet high, erected on this island.

Approximate position, lat. 42° 53½' N., long. 9° 9' W.

b. Pindo Point. On the white stone conical beacon, 46 feet high, erected on this point at a distance now ascertained to be 8 cables S. 73° E. from Carrumeiro Viejo Beacon.

[Variation 17° Westerly in 1907.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cape Finisterre to Vigo Bay, No. 1756; Cape Peñas to Pontevedra Bay with plan of Corcubion Bay, No. 1053; San Cyprian Bay to Cape Finisterre with plan of Corcubion Bay, No. 1755. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, 1907, Nos. 538a, b; and Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, Spain, &c., 1901, page 421.

By command of their Lordships,

A. Mostyn Field, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 30th April to 1st May, 1907.