

No. S. 109.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

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CAUTION.

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All junks and other Chinese craft are warned against crossing or passing close to any Submarine Boat when under weigh as these Submarines have a large part of their hull submerged so to avoid collision which would be fatal to any junk colliding. A safe distance from them must be kept.

C. W. BECKWITH, Commander, R.N.,  
*Harbour Master, &c.*

HONGKONG, *1st May, 1911.*

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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No. 9 of 1911.

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SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.

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MASTERS of vessels and others are hereby informed that a report has been received from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia that the master of the S.S. *Providence*, when on a voyage from Newcastle, New South Wales, to Suva, passed over discolored water, which he believes covers an uncharted bank, in lat. 21° 31' S., long. 176° 36' E. The supposed bank seemed to run in an E.N.E. and W.S.W. direction.

This affects Admiralty Chart 2683.

ARTHUR SEARCY,  
*President of the Marine Board.*

Marine Board Offices, Port Adelaide, *March 25th, 1911.*

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HARBOUR NOTIFICATION.

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No. 4 of 1911.

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REFERRING to Harbour Notification No. 2 of 1911, notice is hereby given that the Superintendent of Customs and the Treaty Power Consuls having withdrawn the declaration of infection as regards Newchwang, Chinwantao, Tientsin, Dairen and Chefoo, the General Medical Inspection of vessels arriving from these ports is to be discontinued from the 29th April, 1911.

The importation, however, of the following articles from the above named ports is still provisionally prohibited:—

Rags, old paper, old gunny bags, earth, mould, and coffins containing corpses.

ARNOLD HOTSON,  
*Acting Harbour Master.*

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,  
HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,  
CANTON, *26th April, 1911.*

Approved :

F. W. MAZE,  
*Commissioner.*

HARBOUR NOTIFICATION.

No. 3 of 1911.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following further measures and modifications, concerning precautions against the introduction of plague, have been sanctioned and are now published for general information :—

1. *Dairen*.—Official reports having been received from Dairen, showing that that port is at present free from Plague, and that the strictest measures are taken against its introduction there, the declaration of infection with regard to that port is withdrawn; considering however, its close proximity to the Plague-infected Area, of which it is an outlet, the precautions taken in the case of vessels from Dairen cannot be completely relaxed, but the following modified procedure is adopted :—

Vessels from Dairen bringing no passengers, or for whose passengers certificates from the Dairen Authorities are presented, showing that they have been detained for at least five days under supervision of the Sanitary Officers of that Port and are free from disease on embarkation, and amongst whose passengers no disease is found on arrival at the quarantine anchorage at Amoy, shall be admitted to pratique after inspection by the Port Health Officer, without further detention in quarantine. Such vessels shall still, however, be subject to the regulations imposed on vessels from Plague-infected Ports with regard to discharge and shipment of cargo, fumigation, and other precautions against the landing of rats.

*Tientsin and Chinwangtao*.—Vessels coming from Tientsin (including Tong Ku) and Chinwangtao will be subject to the same procedure laid down for vessels from Dairen, with the provision that certificates concerning the detention under supervision of passengers must be endorsed as satisfactory by the Commissioner of Customs at those places and that the Master of each vessel shall give a certificate, concerning his Officers and Crew, that none of them has, while at these ports, gone into a Plague-infected Section. Vessels not complying with these regulations will be subjected to detention in quarantine as if from a Plague-infected Port.

EDWARD STEVENS,  
*Harbour Master.*

Approved :

W. R. M'D. PARR,  
*Commissioner of Customs.*

CUSTOM HOUSE, AMOY, 15th March, 1911.

HARBOUR NOTIFICATION.

No. 4 of 1911.

WITH reference to Harbour Notifications Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of 1911, concerning precautions against the introduction of Plague, Notice is hereby given that the following further measures and modifications have been sanctioned and are now published for general information :—

1. *Port Arthur*.—Vessels from Port Arthur are put on the same status as vessels from Dairen with regard to detention in quarantine and other precautions against the introduction of Plague (Harbour Notification No. 3).

2. *Newchwang and Antung*.—Vessels from Newchwang and Antung are given the same status as vessels from Tientsin and Chinwangtao (Harbour Notification No. 3).

3. *Chefoo*.—Vessels from Chefoo which bring no passengers, or which bring only first class passengers having certificates issued by the Port Health Officer and endorsed by the Commissioner of Customs at that Port, that they have not been exposed to possible plague infection for five days before embarkation at Chefoo, and whose Officers and Crew have not been on shore at that Port, as certified by the written declaration of their Commanders, may be admitted to pratique without detention in quarantine, after inspection by the Port Health Officer at the Quarantine Anchorage of Amoy. Such vessels shall still be subject to the regulations imposed on vessels from plague-infected Ports with regard to the precautions against the landing of rats. (Harbour Notification No. 2.)

J. H. BARTON,  
*Harbour Master.*

Approved :

W. R. M'D. PARR,  
*Commissioner of Customs.*

CUSTOM HOUSE, AMOY, 17th April, 1911.

No. 508.

CHINA SEA.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

*Entrance to Pagoda Anchorage.*

REFERRING to Notice to Mariners No. 504, notice is hereby given that the channel in the neighbourhood of Spiteful Island, at the entrance to Pagoda Anchorage, has improved. The available depth in this channel on the 8th instant was 13 feet at low water of spring tides.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

W. FERD. TYLER,  
*Coast Inspector.*

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,  
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,  
SHANGHAI, 24th April, 1911.

No. 509.

CHINA SEA.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

*Entrance to Min River.*

NOTICE is hereby given that a recent survey of the Middle Ground, immediately above Kimpai Pass, shows that the available depth in that neighbourhood is 14 feet at low water of spring tides.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

W. FERD. TYLER,  
*Coast Inspector.*

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,  
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,  
SHANGHAI, 25th April, 1911.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 351.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

*Wreck of the S.S. "Meifoo" : Masts Removed.*

NOTICE is hereby given that the masts of the S.S. *Meifoo* (which vessel was, on the 23rd April, sunk in collision,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles N.  $9^{\circ}$  E. from Elgar Island, in 13 fathoms of water at low water of spring tides) have been removed. The wreck is no longer a danger to navigation.

W. FERD. TYLER,  
*Coast Inspector.*

COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,  
SHANGHAI, 27th April, 1911.