

On the 31st at 11.45 a.—“The barometer has risen slightly in S China, fallen a little on the E coast. The low area probably lies in the neighbourhood of the Loochoos. Pressure is high over Manchuria.” Forecast :—“moderate W winds ; mostly fine, but possibly a thunderstorm.”

On the 1st September at 11.50 a.—“The barometer has risen moderately on the S and SE coasts of China, and remains almost steady on the E coast. The low area, moving NE, passed into W Japan yesterday afternoon ; but pressure seems to be low still between the E coast of China and the Loochoos. Pressure continues high in Manchuria.” Forecast :—“moderate or light W winds ; fair.”

On the 2nd at 11.55 a.—“The barometer has risen on the China coast, fallen in the Sea of Japan. The depression, lying near the Loochoos yesterday, has probably reached the S coast of Japan. Gradients slight on the China coast.” Forecast :—“moderate or light W winds ; showery to fair.”

On the 3rd at 11.30 a.—“Barometric changes are slight. The depression is probably moving NE over E Japan. Pressure is high over the S coast of China and the N part of China Sea, with slight gradients on the coast generally.” Forecast :—“light or moderate SW winds ; fair to showery.”

W. DOBERCK,  
*Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, 9th September, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 400.

The following are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th September, 1898.

ASIATIC STATION.

SQUADRON NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 1.

U. S. FLAGSHIP OLYMPIA.  
MANILA, P. I. August 26, 1898.

(1) PHILIPPINE ISLANDS--Luzon--Corregidor Island light re-established.--The 2nd order light on the highest part of Corregidor Island, Manila Bay, which was extinguished about April 23, 1898, has been re-established.

The light is flashing white and red ; alternate flashes every ten seconds, separated by total eclipses.

(2) PHILIPPINE ISLANDS--Luzon--Manila light re-established.--The 6th order fixed red light at the mouth of Pasig River, North side of quay, which was extinguished about April 23, 1898, has been re-established.

(3) PHILIPPINE ISLANDS--Luzon--Pasig River open to Navigation.--The obstructions in the Pasig River have been so far removed as to give a practicable channel of 15 feet depth at high water. Pilots must be employed. Work will be continued in removing the remaining wrecks at such times as not to interfere with navigation.

GEORGE DEWEY,  
*Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy,*  
*Commanding U. S. Naval Force on Asiatic Station.*

*Government of China.*

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 69.

Whistling Buoy,  
replaced in position.

Notice is hereby given that the Whistling Buoy, having been painted, was replaced in position on the 27th August.

EDWARD STEVENS,  
*Tidesurveyor.*

Approved :

P. von TANNER,  
*Deputy Commissioner-in-charge.*

Custom House, Foochow, 1st September, 1898.