

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 145.

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"CENTURION" AT HONGKONG,
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HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMORANDUM No. 24.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

For the information of vessels using Gun-boats' moorings at Hongkong the following notice is given:—
The Dockyard extension works have commenced. Two wooden pile dolphins have been erected and are lit at night by one small red light each.

Positions of Dolphins:—E. Dolphin, Dockyard Sheers S. 3° W. (c.m.), Murray Pier S. 82° W. distant 880 feet.
W. Dolphin, Dockyard Sheers S. 32½ E. Murray Pier S. 31½ W. distant 400 feet.
No. 12 Buoy and the Sandpiper's buoy have been removed to enable dredging operations to commence; this part of the anchorage should therefore be approached with caution at night.
The dredger "Canton River" lies sunk keel up off the Murray pier approximately N. W. b N. 400 ft. from the end of the pier.

A new lot of light moorings have been laid down in the Kowloon Man-of-war anchorage between the Kowloon peninsula and the buoys marked "Midge," "Esk," and "Tweed," on Chart 1459. Four buoys 430 feet apart have at present been laid down.

Charts 1459, 1466.

From S. S. "Formosa."

PAK-SA POINT, FORMOSA.

The new light on Pak-sa Point was lit on the 15th January. The light is of the 3rd order, red and white revolving, and is visible 18 miles.

Charts 1968, 1760, 1761, 2412, 1262, 1263.

From Imperial Chinese Customs.

SUNKEN ROCK IN MIN RIVER.

This rock was marked on the 4th instant by a Red Spar Buoy. Approximate position of Buoy:—
Rocky Point Beacon, N.E. ¾ E. Kaului Head, S.E. ½ E. Quarry Mingan, S. by W.
The Buoy is moored in 25½ feet low water springs, 50 feet to the Eastward of the rock. Vessels are recommended not to pass closer than 80 feet to the Eastward of the Buoy.

CHEFOO DISTRICT, TELEGRAPH CABLES.

Telegraph cables have been laid between this Port and Taku, Port Arthur, Wei-hai-wei, Kiaochow and Shanghai. Vessels are requested not to anchor to the south of a line drawn from South East Island to Tower point. In the event of a vessel fouling the cables, the utmost care should be exercised to prevent damage to same. The direction of the cables are, for the first half mile from the South shore of the Harbour, N. 48° E., they then diverge as follows:—

Taku and Port Arthur cables, S. 83° 30 E.
Shanghai cable, S. 78° 40 E.
Wei-hai-wei cable, S. 78° 00 E.
Kiaochow Cable, S. 76° 00 E.

The line taken by the Shore end of the cables is marked by two triangles on poles about 40 feet high and painted white. All bearings are magnetic.

From S.S. "Euplectela."

LU-KOU ISLANDS.

The S.S. "Euplectela" reports having obtained shoaler soundings S.E. of Lu-Kou Islands than shewn on Admiralty charts viz:—

Latitude 30° 18' 45" N.	Longitude 123° 8' E.,.....	29 fathoms, f.s.m.
" 30° 23' N.	" 123° 5' 45" E.,.....	29 fathoms, f.s.m.
" 30° 24' 45" N.	" 123° 5' 15" E.,.....	30 fathoms, f.s.m.

Charts 1199, 1124, 2412.

From Imperial Chinese Customs.

SOUTH CHANNEL ENTRANCE TO YANGTSE.

The Masters of the Lightships "Tungsha" and "Kiutoan" complain that the safety of these vessels and of the lives of all on board them are frequently endangered by both Men-of-War and Merchant Steamers passing recklessly near them. All vessels are therefore hereby cautioned against attempting to cross the bows of these Lightships on the strength of the ebb or flood tide at any distance under half a mile, and not to pass them nearer than 150 yards under any circumstances.

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