

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 378.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 30th June, 1901, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd July, 1901.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	2,808,495	1,600,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	7,905,367	5,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	442,272	150,000
TOTAL,	\$ 11,156,134	6,750,000

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"ALACRITY" AT SHANGHAI,
12th June, 1901.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMORANDUM No. 26.

From Imperial Chinese Customs.

TSUNGMING CROSSING.

At the present time there is a depth of only 16 feet at low water of spring tides in the best track between the First Crossing Buoy and the Second Crossing Buoy, which track is from 50 to 100 yards to the northward of the line of these two buoys.

A general shoaling and narrowing of the Channel over this crossing is taking place.

Chart 1602.

From H.M.S. "Phoenix."

PEI-HO.

There is a sunken lighter in the Pei-Ho in following position:—

Flagstaff on N.W. Fort bearing S. 75 E. distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables without masts, hull partly awash at low water. A mark buoy is moored close to, showing a red flag by day and a red light by night. Vessels should not attempt to pass to the Northward of mark boat.

Chart 2653.

China Sea Directory Vol. III, Page 612.

From H.M.S. "Whiting."

CHIFU TIME BALL.

At Chifu the time ball is dropped and gun fired at noon local mean time on Wednesdays and Saturdays and not at 1h. 0m. 0s., as stated in Official List of Time Signals, 6th Edition 1901, Page 67.

From H.M.S. "Alacrity."

SHA-LIU-TIEN ISLAND, GULF OF PECHILI.

Sha-liu-tien light has been altered to a double flashing light with a period of 20 seconds and is visible 12 miles.

Charts 1256, 598.

E. H. SEYMOUR,
Admiral.