On the 23rd at 11.57 a.—"The barometer has fallen in Japan, risen over China and Formosa. The depression lying to the East of Formosa yesterday has moved NE and lies now over N. Loochoo. The depression situated over Manchuria yesterday, has moved Eastwards into the N. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight on the China coast." Forecast:—"Variable winds, light; showery."

On the 24th at 11.30 a.—"The barometer has fallen on the S. coast of Japan, risen elsewhere. The depression has continued to move towards NE and lies now off the SE coast of Japan. Gradients slight with light variable winds on the China coast." Forecast:—"Light variable winds; thundershowers."

F. G. Figg, Acting Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 4th June. 1902.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 346.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK Notes in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 30th April, 1902, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th June, 1902.

Banks.		Average Amount.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
		\$.	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	••••••	3,180,258	1,700,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	•••••	8,281,554	5,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,		436,724	150,000
Тотал,	\$	11,898,536	6,850,000

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By Command,

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd June, 1902.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

The S.S. Pakshan is sunk in the Harbour off the Sailors' Home, on the Southern boundary of the Central Fairway. Her position will be marked by two sampans, moored one at each end of her, and showing, by day, a red flag, and by night, a globular red lantern.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Ret. Com., R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 3rd June, 1902.