No. 280.

Observatory,

Weather-forecasts and Storm-warnings issued from the Hongkong Observatory.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

On and after the 8th instant Meteorological Signals, according to the following Code, will be displayed from sunrise to sunset at the MAST HEAD of the Storm Signal Mast on Signal Hill, Kowloon Point, instead of on the flagstaff in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui, for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here:—

Signal No.		٠.		Signal No.			
1.	A CONE point upwards		indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.	<i>5.</i>	A CONE point downwards		indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.
2.	A CONE point upwards and DRUM below		indicates a Typhoon to the North - East of the Colony.	6,	A CONE point downwards and BALL below	*	indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.
3.	A DRUM		indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.	7.	A BALL		indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.
4.	A CONE point downwards and DRUM below	Y J	indicates a Typhoon to the South - East of the Colony.	8.	A CONE point upwards and BALL below.		indicates a Typhoon to the North - West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony. Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tumar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

Urgent Signal.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes, on the mast at Signal Hill.

Night Signals.

The following Night Signals will, as heretofore, be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

- I. Three Lights Vertical, GREEN GREEN GREEN. Indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.
- II. Three Lights Vertical, GREEN RED GREEN. Indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.
- 111. Three Lights Vertical, RED GREEN RED. Indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted for the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

Supplementary Warnings.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a CONE will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Gap Rock.

Waglan.

San Ki Wan.

Stanley.

Cape Collinson.

Aberdeen.

San Ki Wan.

Sai Kung.

Sha Tan Kok.

Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal, from the lighthouses.

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