

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION
OF NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

*Department of the
Accountant-General of the Navy,
Admiralty, S.W. 1,*

23rd July 1920.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all Persons interested therein, that the distribution of the awards for the salvage of the undermentioned vessels by His Majesty's Ships will commence on Saturday, the 24th instant, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W. 1 :—

Salvage of s.s. "Margrete," by H.M.S. "Munster," on the 31st October 1917.

Salvage of schooner "Semper Spera," by H.M. Tug "Lynx," on the 14th January 1919.

All applications from persons entitled to share, who are not now serving, should be addressed "On Prize Business :—to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W. 1." Such applications (except in the case of Commissioned Officers) should be accompanied by Certificates of Service.

Admiralty, 15th July 1920.

Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hubert G. Brand, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., is appointed Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the King during such time as he remains in Command of H.M. Yachts.

*Civil Service Commission,
July 23, 1920.*

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, that the following situations have been withdrawn from Schedule A., of the Order in Council of 10th January 1910, viz. :—

General Assistant and Technical Assistant in the Geological Survey.

ADMIRALTY NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 1181 of the year 1920.

WIRELESS METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION TO AND FROM SHIPS AT SEA.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Former Notice.—No. 1000 of 1920; hereby cancelled.

1. It is earnestly hoped that all concerned will assist in making the wireless meteorological service a success. Negotiations are now in hand to extend and unify the system of collecting weather data by wireless from ships at sea all over the world, and at the same time to organise the free transmission of weather bulletins from a sufficient number of wireless stations to admit of ships being constantly supplied with reliable

weather reports and forecasts wherever they may be.

2. It should be borne in mind that the needs of ships at sea in regard to information regarding the weather will march hand in hand with the requirements of aircraft. The importance of this service will therefore be constantly increasing, and its success or failure will largely depend upon the co-operation of ships at sea in providing the data without which accurate forecasting is impossible. The matter does not depend solely upon the efforts of the ships selected to furnish the data. The essence of success lies in rapidity in passing such data by wireless from the ship to the coast station, and thence to the central meteorological office. It follows, therefore, that all ships not taking an active part in supplying data should use the greatest care not to interfere with the transmission of the wireless messages to the shore.

3. The following particulars refer to the scheme now being undertaken by the British Meteorological Office. This Notice will, however, be subject to revision from time to time, and endeavours will be made to include in each revision all information available to date of the weather bulletins issued by the wireless stations of the world. Earnest endeavours are being made to obtain international agreement as to the form of these weather bulletins and to the methods and times of transmissions. It is hoped that the messages will eventually all be made in an international code at fixed times, so arranged that a ship with only one wireless operator will be able to read them. A similar scheme for time signals is being evolved.

COLLECTION OF WEATHER DATA FROM SHIPS.

4. Certain ships are being asked to supply data regularly three times a day and in addition to the regular observations, which are taken at 0100, 0700 and 1300 Greenwich time and sent as soon as possible to Malin head (GMH) or Valentia (GCK) coast stations, these ships may, on request from either of these coast stations, send special data messages at other times.

5. Precise instructions as to the procedure for ships which intend to send a data message, together with the necessary code, will be issued at an early date.

ISSUE OF WEATHER BULLETINS TO SHIPS.

6. A wireless *weather bulletin* may contain both or either of the following :—

- (a) A *weather report*, which is an official statement of existing weather conditions; and/or
- (b) A *weather forecast*, which is an official opinion of probable future weather conditions.

7. The accompanying schedule of wireless weather bulletins is intended to provide, in a form suitable to give all information required by the wireless operator, a complete and up-to-date list of all weather bulletins transmitted at fixed times by wireless stations throughout the world. The same information will be found in detail in the Sailing Directions and in the International List of Radiotelegraph Stations (the Berne List).

8. The times given in the third column of the schedule are expressed in the 4-figure notation