No. 649.—BALTIC—GERMAN COAST.

Port Swinemünde—Artillery Practice.

The Shipping Director at Swinemunde has given notice that artillery practice, seaward, will be carried out daily after 8 A.M. between 5th and 25th August, 1903, from the eastern and western shores of the port of Swinemunde.

During the hours of practice the harbour will be closed, and a green flag will be hoisted at the

lighthouse showing that it is so.

A green flug will be exhibited at the pilot house tower when the practice is suspended.

Approximate position, lat. 53° 55′ N., long. 14° 17′ E.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Port Swinemunde, No. 185. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 183.

No. 650.—CANADA, NOVA SCOTIA—SOUTH COAST.

Baccaro Point Light—Character Altered. The Government of the Dominion of Canada has given notice that, on 11th July, 1903, Baccaro Point Light was altered from red fixed to a white revolving light every thirty seconds, the light gradually increasing and decreasing for about eighteen seconds, followed by an eclipse of about twelve seconds; in other respects the light remains as before.

Approximate position, lat. 43° 27' N., long. 65° 28' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Halifax to Delaware, No. 2670; Nova Scotia, &c., No. 1651; Cape Sable to Sambro Island, No. 730; Bay of Fundy, No. 352; Baccaro Point to Ram Island, No. 340; Baccaro Point to Pubnico Harbour, No. 339. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1903, No. 536; and Sailing Directions for the South-East Coast of Nova Scotia, &c., 1903, page 199.

No. 651.—BALTIC ENTRANCE—THE SOUND, DROGDEN CHANNEL.

Knollen Buoy-To be replaced by Light and Bell Buoy.

The Danish Government has given notice, dated 29th July, 1903, that during October of the present year the white buoy, surmounted by three downturned brooms, will be replaced by a bell buoy exhibiting a white occulting light every seven and a half seconds, thus:—light, five seconds; eclipse, two and a half seconds. will be moored in a depth of 5 fathoms half a cable to the westward of the position of the present buoy, and at a distance of 9 cables S. 36° E. from North Rose light.

Approximate position, lat. 55° 37½' N., long. 12° 42½' E.

Variation 9° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—The Sound, No. 2115; Approaches to Copenhagen, No. 790. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part I, 1895, page 252.

No. 652.—JAPAN—WEST COAST.

Simonoseki Strait-Wreck in Western Entrance. The Japanese Government has given notice, dated 25th July, 1903, that the wreck of the sailing-vessel "Yebisu Maru," with a mast 6 feet above water, lies sunk on the track through the western entrance to Simonoseki Strait 5 cables S. 44° W. from Maiko Jima (Hamo Island).

Approximate position, lat. 33° 56′ N., long. 130° 52¾′ E.

Variation 4° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty parts:—Approaches to Simonoseki Strait, Charts:—Approaches No. 532; Simonoseki Strait, No. 1578. China Sea Directory, Vol. IV, 1894, page 432.

No. 653.—FRANCE, WEST COAST—LOIRE RIVER APPROACH.

La Couronnée Buoy—Replaced by Light-Buoy.
With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 538 of 1903:

The French Government has given further notice, dated 21st July, 1903, that the red spindle buoy with conical topmark, marking the north-western end of La Couronnée Shoals, and situated 3½ miles N. 87° W. from Pointe de St. Gildas Semaphore, has been replaced by a light-buoy, painted red, exhibiting a green fixed light.

Approximate position, lat. 47° $7\frac{1}{2}$ ′ N., long. 2° 19′ W.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bourgneuf to Ile de Groix, No. 2646; Goulet de Fromantine to Pointe de St. Gildas, No. 3215. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, Spain, &c., 1900, page 164.

No. 654.—BLACK SEA—RUMANIA. Kustenjeh (Constanta)—Harbour Works Completed, Lights.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 196

of 1902:-

The Rumanian Government has given further notice, dated 3rd July, 1903, that the harbour extension works at Kustenjeh (Constanta) have been completed, and that on 14th August the following alterations in the lighting will be made:

1. A white revolving light, visible in clear weather from a distance of 12 miles, will be established on the head of the extension of the eastern breakwater at a distance of 9 cables S. 22° W. from the fixed light on Cape Kustenjeh.

The whistle buoy, painted red, marking the head of this breakwater, will be withdrawn.

2. The red and white alternating light on the arm extending westward from the above breakwater at the east side of the entrance to the port, and situated 7 cables S. 31° W. from Cape Kustenjeh Light, will be replaced by a red and white revolving light.

3. A green and white revolving light will be established on the west side of the entrance to the port on the head of the extension of the southern breakwater situated at a distance of 71

cables S. 38° W. from Cape Kustenjeh Light.
4. The two white fixed leading lights at the root of the southern breakwater will be discontinued.

Approximate position, Cape Kustenjeh Light, lat. 44° 10½′ N., long. 28° 41½′ E.

[Variation 3° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cape Kaliakra to Odessa, No. 2231; Kustenjeh Anchorage, No. 1233. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1903, No. 1150, pages 222, 223; and Sailing Directions for, &c., Black Sea, 1900, pages 180, 181.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 8th to 11th August, 1903.