shoal, with a depth over it of 21 feet, in Vlissingen (Flushing) Road in a position from which Vlissingen Church bears N. 26° W., distant $10\frac{1}{2}$ cables, and Ritthem Church N. 59° E.

Approximate position, lat. 51° $25\frac{3}{4}$ ′ N., long. 3° $35\frac{1}{2}$ ′ E.

This shoal is probably an extension to the east-

ward of Spykerplaat.

[Variation 14° Westerly in 1904.]
This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—River Schelde, No. 120. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1901, page 101.

No. 61.—NORTH SEA, NETHERLANDS— MAAS RIVER APPROACH.

Hook of Holland-Buoy Withdrawn.

The Netherlands Government has given notice dated 12th January, 1904, that the red conical buoy with a ball as a topmark, formerly situated about 4 miles N. 58° W. from the outer extremity of the Noorddam, Hook of Holland, has been withdrawn.

Approximate position, lat. 52° $0\frac{1}{2}$ ′ N., long. 3° 59' E.

[Variation 14' Westerly in 1904.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Mouth of the Maas, No. 122. North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1901, page 128.

No. 62.—NORTH SEA, GERMANY—RIVER EMS.

Ransel Bank-Intended Alteration in Lights.

The German Government has given notice, that during January or February, 1904, the fixed light, showing white and red sectors on the north-western point of Rausel bank, will be replaced by a group occulting light every thirteen and a half seconds, thus:—light, six seconds; eclipse, two and a half seconds; light, two and a half seconds; eclipse, two and a half seconds, exhibiting the following sectors:—white from the bearing of N. 45° W., through north and east, to S. 45° E., green from S. 45° E. to S. 15° E., white from S. 15° E., through south to S. 63° W., and obscured in other directions.

Approximate position, lat. 53° 33' N., long.

6° 433′ E.

At the same time the colour of the occulting light exhibited from the light-buoy situated at the entrance to Visschersbalg, and half a mile north-westward from the above light, will be altered from white to red.
[Variation 13° Westerly in 1904.]

Further notice will be given. This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Ameland to Jade River. No. 2593. Also, List of Lights, Part II, 1903, No. 313, and 1904, No. 356; and North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1901, page 171.

No. 63.—ENGLAND, EAST COAST—THE WASH, LYNN CHANNEL.

Bar Flat Light-vessel-Fog Signal.

The King's Lynn Conservancy Board has given notice that, on 1st February, 1904, the fog signal

on board the Bar flat light-vessel will be altered from a fog gong to a fog horn, which during thick or foggy weather will give one blast of four seconds' duration every minute.

Approximate position, lat. 52° 55′ N., long. 0° $16\frac{1}{4}$ ′ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Blakeney to Flamborough Head, No. 1190; the Wash, No. 108. Also, Lists of Lights, Part I, 1903, and 1904, No. 299; and North Sea Pilot, Part III, 1897, page 187.

No. 64.—NORTH AMERICA, WEST COAST-LOWER CALIFORNIA.

La Paz Harbour-Light Established.

The United States Government has given notice, dated 2nd January, 1904, that the Navigation Officer of the United States ship "Mohican" reports that a white group occulting light, showing groups of two eclipses every six and a half seconds, thus:—light, five seconds; eclipse, about half a second; light, about half a second; eclipse, about half a second, has been established at La Paz Harbour. It is elevated 26 feet above high water, visible in clear weather from a distance of 11 miles, and shown from a tubular iron structure, painted red, erected on the beach at a distance of 70 yards N. 85° W. from the Custom

Approximate position, lat. 24° $9\frac{3}{4}$ ′ N., long. 110° $18\frac{3}{4}$ ′ W.

[Variation 10° Easterly in 1904.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cape San Lucas to Espiritu Santo, No. 3327; La Paz Harbour on Chart No. 2293. Also, List of Lights, Part VII, 1903, page 54; 1904, page 51; and Sailing Directions, &c., Central America, 1896, page 238.

No. 65.—NORTH ATLANTIC.

Bay of Biscay-Derelict.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 29 of 1904:-

Information has been received that the derelict vessel "Emilija," of Riga, which was reported on 2nd January, 1904, to be situated in approximately lat. 47° 4′ N. long. 13° 31 W., was seen by His Majesty's Ship "Hussar" on 17th January, 1904, in approximately lat. 46° 58′ N., long. 6° 48′ W., right in the track of vessels proceeding from the English Channel to the coast of Spain.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :- North Atlantic Ocean, eastern portion, No. 2060a; British Islands to Mediterranean Sea, No. 1; Bay of Biscay, No. 1104.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 20th to 21st January, 1904.