

No. 263.—SOUTH PACIFIC, TUAMOTO
ARCHIPELAGO.*Fakarava Atoll—Non-existence of Bank in Approach.*

The French Government has given notice, dated 2nd March, 1906, that the Commander of the ship *Zéléé*, reports that on 24th December, 1905, his vessel passed over the position of the bank shown on the charts at a distance of about 15 miles westward from Fakarava Atoll, and marked E.D. without seeing any indication of it. As the authority for the existence of this bank is obscure, and as its reported position was passed over several times in 1886 without any sign of its existence being detected, it is considered that it may safely be erased from the charts.

Approximate position, lat. 16° 7' S., long. 146° 3' W.

Soundings of 71, 76, and 110 fathoms were obtained between Fakarava and the supposed position of this bank.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Pacific, No. 783; Tuamo to Archipelago, No. 767. Also, Pacific Islands, Vol. III, 1900, page 134; and Supplement, 1903, page 9.

No. 264.—MEDITERRANEAN—ALGERIA.

Port Shershel Light—Character Altered.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 47 of 1906:—

The Government of Algeria has given notice that, on 15th March, 1906, the light at Port Shershel would be altered from white fixed to a white group occulting light, showing groups of three eclipses every eighteen seconds, thus:—light, nine seconds; eclipse, one second; light, three seconds; eclipse, one second; light three seconds; eclipse, one second, visible in clear weather from a distance of 17 miles, the light power being 15,000 candles. In other respects the light remains as before.

Approximate position, lat. 36° 36½' N., long. 2° 10¾' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean, Nos. 449 and 2158a; Cape Ferrat to Cape Bougaroni, with plan of Port Shershel, No. 1766; Cape Ivi to Algiers, No. 1909. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1906, No. 1563; and Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. I, 1904, page 301.

No. 265.—EGYPT.

Alexandria Outer Harbour—Buoy Altered.

The Egyptian Government has given notice, dated 28th February, 1906, that a black and white chequered can buoy has been moored in a depth of 32 feet on the south-eastern part of the Harbour bank, Alexandria Outer Harbour, in a position from which Gabari Signal Station bears S. 54° E., distant 6¾ cables, and the breakwater lighthouse S. 56° W.

Approximate position, lat. 31° 10¾' N., long. 29° 51½' E.

The black and white conical buoy, formerly

situated 1½ cables to the westward of the above, has been withdrawn.

[Variation 4° Westerly in 1906.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Alexandria, Nos. 243 and 3119. Also, Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1905, pages 341, 342.

No. 266.—PACIFIC—HAWAII ISLAND.

Ka Lae and Keahole Points—Lights Intended.

The United States Government has given notice that, on 18th April, 1906, white fixed lantern lights will be established on lead-coloured masts having small white houses at their bases erected on the undermentioned points on Hawaii Island as follows:—

(a) KA LAE POINT.—A light, elevated 75 feet above high water, and 34 feet above the ground, will be exhibited on Ka Lae Point, the southernmost point of the island.

Approximate position on Chart No. 1510, lat. 18° 55' N., long. 155° 43' W.

(b) KEAHOLE POINT.—A light, elevated 49 feet above high water, and 36 feet above the ground, will be exhibited on Keahole Point, the westernmost point of the island.

Approximate position on Chart No. 1510, lat. 19° 44½' N., long. 156° 5' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Pacific, No. 782; Hawaii to 6° 15' N., No. 3102; Sandwich Islands, No. 1510. Also, List of Lights, Part VII, 1906, pages 95, 97; Pacific Islands, Vol. III, 1900, pages 208, 205; and Supplement, 1903, page 13.

No. 267. NORTH SEA—RIVER ELBE.

Hamburg Approach—Buoyage Altered.

The German Government has given notice, dated 10th March, 1906, that on 15th March a light-buoy, painted black and marked "No. 10," exhibiting a white occulting light every ten seconds, would be established in a depth of 19 feet in the River Elbe, in approximately lat. 53° 34' 25" N., long. 9° 38' 55" E., and that the black conical buoy No. 10, formerly situated at a distance of 3 cables to the south-eastward of this position, would be withdrawn on the same date.

Also, that in April the light-buoy, exhibiting a white occulting light, situated to the north-westward of Hans Kalb Sand, would be replaced by a beacon buoy coloured red and black and surmounted by a cross.

Approximate position, lat. 53° 34' 5" N., long. 9° 40' 10" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Elbe River, No. 3262. Also, North Sea, Part IV, 1901, page 209.

No. 268.—CHILE—MAGELLAN STRAIT, SEA REACH.

Feliz Point—Light Intended.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 198 of 1905:—

The Chilean Government has given further