



## PREFATORY NOTES

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### I. *AUTHORITY.*

This number of the *Hydrographic Review* (N<sup>o</sup> 7 of the series) is published in accordance with the provisions of Article 46 (a) of the STATUTES of the Bureau.

### II. *NEW DIRECTING COMMITTEE.*

At the 2nd International Hydrographic Conference held in Monaco, in October-November 1926, the following gentlemen were elected members of the Directing Committee of the International Hydrographic Bureau :

Rear Admiral Albert Parker NIBLACK, U. S. Navy (retired) (*President*).

Monsieur Pierre DE VANSSAY DE BLAVOUS, Ingenieur Hydrographe Général (France).

Captain Luigi TONTA, lately Director of the Hydrographic Institute of the Royal Italian Navy.

Owing to the vacancy caused by the death of Admiral Sir John PARRY, the Directing Committee consisted of two members only at the time of the Conference. In order, therefore, to bring the number of members to three, M. DE VANSSAY kindly took up his appointment on 1st February 1927.

Captain TONTA took up his appointment on 1st March 1927, the retiring member, Vice-Admiral PHAFF, terminating his appointment on that date.

### III. *ADHESIONS OF STATES.*

GERMANY. By letter dated 10th October 1926, the German Government announced that it adhered to the Bureau, and this adhesion was made known at the opening of the International Hydrographic Conference.

IV. *SECOND INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE.*

The above Conference was held at Monaco, from 26th October to 10th November 1926. It took place in the Conference Hall of the Oceanographic Museum.

A narrative of the Conference, together with the Resolutions made, will be found on page 45 of this number.

V. *SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS.*

The results of various technical studies made by the Bureau are being published in this series as occasion arises.

A list of these publications will be found on the inside of the front cover of this *Hydrographic Review*.

