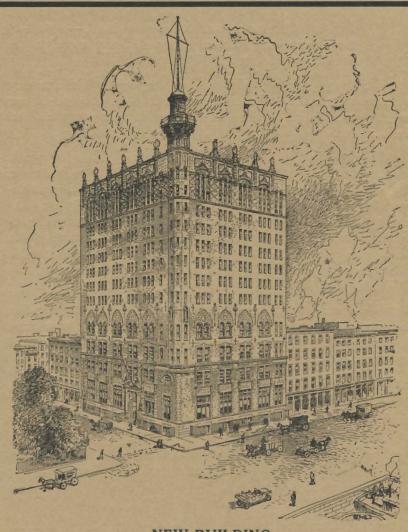
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ONE STATE STREET

AN APPEAL

WE HAVE begun to build our new home—a twelvestory, fireproof structure that will be a model of its kind for all the world.

We have begun to build, although a portion of the money required has not yet been subscribed. The success of our work demands it. We believe it to be our duty to our subscribers.

To gather up the residue of a large fund like this would be an arduous task were the circumstances less favorable. Subscriptions to this fund have been accompanied almost invariably by a very genuine interest in the success of the undertaking and a pride in its future. A very pleasant and confidential relation seems to exist, and where the supporters of a society have its welfare so genuinely at heart, it is incredible that the work of gathering up the remnant should be unduly difficult.

We appeal, therefore, to the supporters of the Institute to continue their activities and generosities until the entire fund is completed. We appeal to those who have not contributed to join us in making this great work an unprecedented success.

Will you not aid us by bringing this work to the notice of your friends—personal contact is always helpful—in order that we may proceed with the building, assured that the money will be on hand to pay for it when it is finished?

Subscriptions, payable any time during 1912, should be sent to Edmund L. Baylies, Chairman Building Committee, 54 Wall Street, City.

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The Cornerstone Laid.

Mayor Gaynor, in the presence of prominent clergymen, foreign consuls, members of the Produce and Maritime Exchanges, the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association and many distinguished men and women interested in the welfare of the sailor, laid the cornerstone Tuesday, April 16th, of the new Seamen's Institute.

The exercises were held on the first floor of the new building, which had been enclosed and decorated with the flags of many nations. A platform was erected at the Coenties Slip side and on this were seated the members of the Board of Managers, the Building Committee, the Bishops and clergymen, and at one side the vested choir of the Church of the Epiphany, together with the musicians from that church. In the first row sat Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Bishop Frederick Courtney, Mayor Gaynor, Mr. Edmund L. Baylies, Suffragan Bishop the Right Rev. Charles S. Burch, Dr. Grosvenor and Bishop Burgess.

Coming at a time when the sympathies of every one were deeply stirred by the news of the terrible disaster to the "Titanic," the ceremonies assumed a peculiar significance. Replacing the note of joy which would have naturally predominated at the laying of the cornerstone for a happy, snug home for sailors, was the spirit of sadness and depressing solemnity. And yet it seemed particularly appropriate that on this day, when heart

and mind were turned toward the sea and the sailors who had gone down beneath the deep waters, there should be gathered a notable company of men and women to join in a service marking one of the final steps in the completion of a tremendous project solely for the benefit of seamen and their families.

With the flying flags, the glimpses of sky above the temporary enclosure, and the frequent whistles of the harbor boats, the little auditorium seemed almost like the deck of a ship. The cornerstone was hoisted so that it was plainly visible to everyone before it was lowered into its final resting place.

Promptly at quarter past three the choir of the Church of the Epiphany began the hymn printed on the program. There were many voices which broke when they tried to sing:

"Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea."

And after Bishop Burch had made the prayer he followed it by a petition for those gone down on the "Titanic" and for the families who were left to mourn in the bitterness of grief and desolation.

Bishop Courtney spoke briefly on "The Sailor." He said in part:

"I am to speak to you of the sailor, the rollicking, good-natured fellow whom we all more or less know, who is hail-fellow-well-met and thereby becomes most unfortunately the prey of those who wish to take advantage of him. I should say that he was about the most

childlike man of any calling, and that is why we strive to protect the sailor. There are so many who are ready to take advantage of his simplicity. And that is why this Institute means so much to him and why this new Institute with its greater scope and possibilities for helping greater numbers of seamen will increase the seaman's self-respect. It must be a great satisfaction to the sailor to come to the end of a voyage and to know that he started out on it sober and efficient. The end will be prosperous even as the beginning was prosperous. I voice the feelings of this whole City of New York when I say that our hearts go out in tenderest sympathy to those sailors and passengers who have not found their earthly haven, but have met with a watery grave in the broad Atlantic."

Mr. Edmund L. Baylies, Chairman of the Building Committee, then spoke of the work of the Institute. He traced its development from its origin in 1843 as a purely missionary society to its present aggressive, progressive and constructive activities. He made three distinct points, as follows: What the Institute had done; what it was doing now; and what it was going to do with its increased facilities.

"Fifteen years ago," said Mr. Baylies, "the port of New York had the reputation for being the worst port on the civilized globe!" Gradually, however, conditions have been changed. The power of the Ring has been destroyed to a great extent. When the Seamen's Institute opened its Free Shipping Bureau it did so with the fear that it would be violently opposed by the Ring of shipping masters who had tried to rule the waterfront, exploiting the seaman solely for gain, rendering him drunk and shipping him in such a condition that it would sometimes take two or three days before

he could assume his duties aboard his vessel. But the Shipping Bureau has succeeded, and we now ship about 4,000 men a year.

When Mr. Baylies announced that in the last thirty years our Savings Department had handled over \$1,000,000 of seamen's money there was hearty applause from his audience.

He then spoke of the need for concentration which would be met by combining all our departments under the one roof. He made particular reference to the advantage of having the British Consul Shipping office in the basement of the new building. He said that would bring more British seamen to the Institute, and with the office of the United States Commissioner nearby more American seamen would come also. He closed his address by announcing that this new building was dedicated to the seamen of all nations.

Mayor Gaynor was then presented with the silver trowel, and with this he formally laid the cornerstone. During this ceremony the choir sang the cornerstone hymn written especially for the occasion by Mrs. Henry Lee Hobart, whose husband is one of the members of the Building Committee.

When the Mayor pronounced the stone well laid he made the following brief address:

"This building is to meet one of the great needs of our times. A large part of the working men of the world hardly know what to do with themselves when they are not at work. Of no workmen is that so true as of the sailor. Well-to-do people have their clubs, and by a law of the State these clubs are not only open, but open for all sorts of refreshments even on Sunday, as some of you clubmen present know very well. The ordinary man has no club. He, there-

fore, if I may say so, is obliged to make the liquor saloon his club, and we often hear it said that the man of means has his club and his place to refresh himself even on Sunday, there being no excise law against clubs on Sunday.

"Now the object of places like this is to give the ordinary men a club. I tell you, my friends, all men are very much alike. Don't flatter yourselves that you know more or that you are above people in more ordinary walks of life. We are all alike. If we want to do good work in this world we must not divide ourselves into coteries or what are sometimes called mutual admiration societies. We want to broaden ourselves out. We do not want the horizon of a little coterie, but our horizon should be all mankind. Then we will be in a position to speak to a d to help all mankind.

"I wish we could multiply clubs like this all over the city. I learn from what Mr. Baylies has said that it is really a ciub. Those who come here may sleep here, may refresh themselves here, may eat and drink here, and will also have amusements here. They will not need to go out of this building for these things. Indeed, as I heard him speak, I thought the place ought to be named the Sailors' Club, but I am too late: it has been named already with some big name, I understand, I wish it well. The fact that so many people come here to this remote part of the city to participate in this ceremony shows more interest in it than I had anticipated, and shows that it is certain to be a success."

Dr. Van Dyke: "My subject is 'The Landsman's Dependence Upon the Seaman." I think we all feel the truth of this subject to-day. Coming in on the train, walking through the streets, I could see on every face to-day the shadow of sorrow and pity and awe. A lightning

flash of imagination has revealed to us all in a moment the great, the awful and unescapable perils of the sea. We can feel in our hearts that to any one of us there might come such an hour and that in the coming of such an hour the one great question would be 'What kind of men are there on this ship?' Are they loyal, are they true, are they obedient? Do they say, 'God help us! and the women and children must go first?" When the women have gone and the brave vessel shivers and trembles before her last awful plunge, the cry is 'What kind of men? Is there a haven for them?' Not what church do they belong to, but what kind of men?

"And that seems to me to be what this Institute stands for. To try to make men who in the hour of peril shall be brave, true, loyal, and who shall carry to sea the hope for something big and splendid beyond.

"Living in the world to-day has become too mechanized. We forget the men back of the machines. I wish we might understand that the prosperity of this mighty city, a very large part of whose food even is brought here by those who go down to the sea in ships, depends upon the character of these men.

"The prosperity of the world depends upon the quality of the men who do the work of the world. You cannot have a batch of demoralized men and have them do good work. I believe that the progressiveness of humanity at large depends upon realizing the human being and his human qualities. And that is what the Church in this title 'Seamen's Church Institute' stands for. Human brotherhood is the real church of God."

"America" was then sung, after which the very Rev. William Grosvenor arose to deliver the closing prayer. Instead of

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The Green Light

Green has been decided upon as the color of the light which will shine from the lighthouse tower of the new building. It was necessary to ask permission of the authorities at Washington before this announcement could be made but they have now replied that they will allow a fixed green light to be shown from the new Institute tower. At the last International Congress it was determined that green could be seen further than red, for at a distance the red cannot be distinguished from white and yellow lights. And the Building Committee is naturally anxious that the light shown should be distinctive. When the present plan is put into effect the light will be visible over all the lower anchorage down to Sandy Hook and even through the Narrows.

"Matey," you can fancy a sailor saying as his ship steams or sails slowly up the harbor, "what is that green light shining there just at the point of the island?"

And there will be someone to reply:

"Oh, that is the Seamen's Institute where you can go and feel like you'd really come home."

The Mast and Signal Flags

In the present picture of the building which appears on the LOOKOUT cover it will be seen that there is a flag-pole surmounting the lighthouse tower. However, in the practical development of the

plans this arrangement does not appear to be feasible and so it has been decided to erect the flag-pole on that portion of the roof directly above the main entrance. It will be a mast with halliards and a yard-arm, and from one halliard it is proposed to fly the International Code flags Z, B, H, which being translated means "Welcome." Sailors from every country will be able to interpret this message and it appeals to one's imagination at once as being a particularly subtle and appropriate device. From the other halliard will fly the storm signals. The information necessary for the guidance of the man who has charge of these signals can be obtained each morning from the Weather Bureau and it is safe to prophesy that there will be many eyes from the harb r craft searching daily for this weather : sport. At the top of the mast, of course, will be the American flag and just I slow this the International Code pennant which will act as a guide to the code used. This flag-staff will be about 70 feet high from the roof to the truck.

The Time Ball

Probably the most significant feature of the work which has been recently decided upon is the proposed installation of a time-ball on the top of the light-house. The Western Union time ball is visible to a large portion of the North River shipping but the Institute's will be available for marine interests all along the Brooklyn waterfront, the whole of the upper bay to the Narrows and with a good glass it may be seen from the lower bay. It will be useful for the entire harbor population at steam or at anchor as well as for the occupants of offices in the lower section of the city.

An arrangement has been made with the telegraph company so that the Institute may have the service from Washington free if it will agree to keep the instrument in order and pay a yearly fee of \$72 for a special wire through the Subway. The cost of erecting the steel tube has not been definitely decided as yet, but it is thought that the structure will be about 60 feet high or 270 feet in the air.

Just at five minutes before 12 each noon the signal will be received at the building and the gilded ball will be hoisted to the top of the steel rod or tube. And promptly at noon when the time is flashed over the wire from Washington the ball will drop. The men in the harbor will set their chronometers, the men in the street will adjust their watches, and if there are strong binoculars at Sandy Hook the clocks there can be made to register the noon hour with official accuracy.

This is not only a practical device but it marks the building with a peculiar distinction. There is no other Seamen's Institute in the world which is similarly equipped. Anyone who has joined the crowd on Broadway a minute or two before mid-day and watched with eagerness for the shining ball on the Western Union to slip swiftly down the rod will appreciate at once how tremendously striking as well as useful such an equipment will be on the new Institute. For the new building is situated just where the island turns, commanding the attention and compelling the admiration of all who pass that way by water or by land.

Endorsement by Merchants'

As a result of Mr. Edmund L. Baylies' address before the Merchants' Association in March that organization passed resolutions regarding the work of this Institute which we print below. Special reference was made to this in "Greater New York," the weekly bulletin of the Association. On the editorial page appears the following:

Protecting the Sailors—The Merchants' Association has given its cordial endorsement to the work of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York in protecting sailors arriving at this Port from the land sharks who formerly found them easy prey. The Association has commended the project of the Institute for constructing the building necessary to its philanthropic endeavor.

We also quote from page 5 of the same issue:

Cordial endorsement has been given by the Merchants' Association to the plans of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, which has been an effective agency in protecting the interests of sailors arriving in or shipping from this Port.

The Institute is erecting a new twelvestory building at the corner of Coenties Slip and South street for the use of sailors. As the work of the Institute is confined largely to the East Side, it has established co-operation with the Seamen's Christian Association, which ships annually ten thousand men from the North River front.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of this Association, the following resolution was adopted in support of the Institute:

"Whereas, The safety of cargoes and the lives of passengers depend upon those who navigate ships, and everything that makes for the betterment of the sailor's condition while in port fits him the better for the coming voyage; and

"Whereas, New York, as the world's greatest shipping port, should lead all others in provision for the well-being of seamen; and

"Whereas, The Seamen's Church Institute of New York, in its non-sectarian work in protection of seamen against

the inherently bad conditions along the waterfront, is erecting, at the corner of Coenties Slip and South street, a twelvestory building to provide quarters for five hundred sailors, a savings department, a free shipping bureau, reading and recreation rooms, and educational classes; the building and site to cost about \$900,000, of which all but \$250,000 has been subscribed; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Merchants' Association, in its object 'To foster the trade and welfare of New York,' heartily endorses the purposes of the Seamen's Church Institute, in its humane and comprehensive work, including the plans for its new building, and strongly urges the liberal support thereof by all business interests."

THE CORNERSTONE LAID.

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using the one printed on the program, however, he asked that everyone should repeat the Lord's prayer.

The Right Rev. Frederick Burgess, Bishop of Long Island, pronounced the benediction.

The silver trowel with which the cornerstone was laid had the following inscription:

"With this trowel was laid the cornerstone of the New Seamen's Institute of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, South street and Coenties slip, New York, April 16, 1912, by the Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor of The City of New York."

The Mayor presented the trowel to the Society as a souvenir of the ceremonies.

The following articles were placed in the relic box which fitted in the top of the cornerstone. These were read aloud by Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield just before the laying of the stone.

1. A Bible.

- 2. A Prayer Book.
- 3. A Hymnal.
- 4. A Journal of the General Convention for the year 1910.
- A Journal of the Convention of the Diocese of New York for the year 1911.
- 6. The American Church Almanac for 1911.
- Copies of "The Great Commission," published by the Cathedral League.
- 8. An Act of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York.
- 9. The 59th, 60th, 61st, 62d, 66th and 67th Annual Reports of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York.
- Copies of "The Lookout," the official organ of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York.
- 11. Miscellaneous literature and photographs of the Society.
- 12. The Churchman.
- 13. The Living Church.
- 14. Copies of the New York daily papers.
- 15. A copy of the Journal of Commerce.
- A copy of the New York Marine Register.
- 17. A copy of the New York Dock Directory.
- 18. A copy of the Nautical Gazette.
- 19. Coin of the country.
- 20. The order of ceremony for the Laying of the Cornerstone.

The devices carved on the stone are the year in Roman numerals and the seal of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York.

Cornerstone Gifts

The first cornerstone gift arrived in the mail Tuesday morning, the 16th. It was \$100, from Mr. William Johnston, senior warden of St. Andrew's, Richmond, to take a room in the new building. The inscription is to read: "Presented by William A. Johnston in memory of his father, Prof. John Johnston."

Directly upon reaching the new building Tuesday afternoon a person who does not wish her name to appear took an officer's bed-room (\$250) in memory of Captain Thomas Cook, for many years a captain in the Cunard Line.

The Seamen's Benefit Society took two bed-rooms in memory of the "Titanic" seamen. These two announcements were made by Mr. Baylies from the platform during the exercises and were met with enthusiastic applause.

A clergyman present at the ceremonies took a bed-room in memory of the wireless operator on the "Titanic." This donor wishes his gift to be anonymous.

In the morning's mail of April 17 was a check for \$200 for two memorial bedrooms from a lady who also requests that her name shall not appear in connection with the gift.

Shipping Department

Month Ending March 31, 1912

1 State Street.

NAME OF VESSEL MEN	SHIPPED DESTINATION
S.S. Tripoli	2River Plate
SS Ryron	25 Brazil
CC Theopie	Manchester
S.S. Thespis	Discor Dista
S.S. Voltaire	32River Plate
S.S. Clement 4	14 Brazil
S.S. Javary 1	12 Brazil
S.S. Francis	2 Brazil
SS Renedict -	Brazil
Barga Caddo	1 Coast
C C Monthwestern	6 Coast
5.5. Northwestern	Coast
Barge Caddo	2 Coast
	26 South Africa
S.S. Ocean Prince 2	24River Plate
S.S. Eastern Prince. 1	19 Brazil
S.S. Craster Hall 2	24 West Coast of South
	America
	23South Africa
S.S. FOR Castle 2	A Court Africa
S.S. Aros Castle	4South Africa
S.S. Dochra 2	20River Plate
S.S. Tomoana	2 Australia
Various Barges and	
Towboats	8
Men Provided with	
Work 1	33In Port
T I D T	10 241 Wrest Ct
Employment in Port.	10341 West St.
	10

Total......419

Order of Ceremony, Laying the Cornerstone

HYMN

Choir of the Church of the Epiphany, Samuel B. Chapin, Organist and Choirmaster.

Eternal Father! strong to save.

PRAYER

The Right Rev. David H. Greer, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of New York,, Represented by the Right Rev. Charles S. Burch, D. D., Bishop Suffragan of New York.

Almighty God, who in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, who has built all things, and Thyself inhabitest Eternity; We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. Thou art in Heaven, and we upon earth, yet hast Thou made us in Thine image and formed us for Thy praise. When Thy word goeth forth, it giveth understanding. Through Thy holy inspiration men are taught the truth. To the ancients of the earth Thou didst certify knowledge as they were able to bear it; and Thou wilt not leave untaught the generation of their children.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Father, that this building, here and now begun, may be wisdom's house, and do Thou strengthen the seven pillars thereof. Make it a home of counsel, a treasure house of all good thoughts and kindly deeds; a place which shall remind those who go down to the sea in ships and occupy their business in great waters of the haven of everlasting rest, and the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. To those who govern its affairs, give sound diccretion; to such as shall seek its benefits, willing acceptance; to all who may serve beneath its roof, cheerfulness and the spirit of brother-liness.

Even, in this time of beginnings, withhold not, we entreat Thee, Thy favorable aid. They build in vain who do not build on Thee. Give patience, skill and courage to all whose hands are busy with this task. Promote goodwill between employers and those whom they employ. Let not the eye say unto the hand, I have no need of Thee, nor the hand say unto the eye, I have no need of Thee. Mercifully protect from harm the workmen at their work; may no mishap befall them; encourage them to do their best; safeguard their footsteps, and, in time of peril be to them a shield and a defense.

Gratefully we remember before Thee, O God, the benefactors of this work, who having served their fellows in time past, have fallen upon sleep. Raise up among the living such as shall emulate the good examples of those gone before, and grant to us who are here gathered that having sought with all sincerity of heart and honesty of purpose to do Thy holy will, we may, through the dimness of this life present be brought, at last to the city of

which Thou hast declared that there shall be no night there. We ask it in Thy name. Amen. REV. WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON, D. D.

ADDRESS

The Right Rev. Frederick Courtney, D. D., D. C. L.—" The Sailor."

ADDRESS

Edmund L. Baylies, Esq., Chairman Building Committee—"The New Institute." Presentation of Silver Trowel to the Mayor of the City of New York, By Chairman, Building Committee.

READING

By the Superintendent, the Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield, of a List of the Contents of the Box to be placed in the Cornerstone.

CORNERSTONE HYMN

Written for this Ceremony by Marie E. J. Hobart.

Creator of the wide, salt sea, And God of Seamen true, We offer Thee our work to-day, Bless us in this we do.

Beneath Thine eye, we meet, O Lord, This cornerstone to lay. Bless now the building that shall rise Upon it day by day.

Bless those who build and those who give And those who plan and guide, And give us grace in love's great strength To labour side by side.

And bless the men from every clime Who hither come with claim Upon this Port's wise friendliness, Fulfill for them our aim.

Keep them from perils of the land, And when sin's turbid wave Would overwhelm them with its flood, Oh, show us how to save!

Then when they take their ships and fly Through the white-crested main, Sweet Spirit, brooding o'er the deep Oh, follow in their train!

Bring to their minds sweet mem'ries of This Chapel's prayer and praise, And in each rugged heart, oh deign An altar pure to raise.

Creator of the wide, salt sea, And God of Seamen true, We offer Thee our work to-day, Bless us in this we do. Amen.

LAYING OF CORNERSTONE AND ADDRESS

Honorable William J. Gaynor, Mayor of the City of New York.

ADDRESS

The Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D. D., LL. D.—
"The Landsman's Dependence upon the Seaman."

HYMN

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrims' pride, From every mountain side Let freedom ring.

God bless our native land, Firm may she ever stand, Through storm and night; When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

PRAYER

The Very Reverend William M. Grosvenor, D. D.

O God, creator of heaven and earth, who hath promised that the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto Thee, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all those whose business is upon the mighty waters; and amidst the dangers to which they are exposed, perils by land as well as perils by water, and the temptations to forget Thee, may Thy Holy Spirit admonish, direct and lead them into a knowledge of Thy Truth and obedience to Thy Commandments. Be pleased to bless the efforts which, in accordance with Thy will, Thy people, who love and serve their fellow men, make for their salvation.

make for their salvation.

We thank Thee that Thou hast graciously vouchsafed such an auspicious beginning to this work of erecting so large and comprehensive a building for the benefit and uplift of seamen. We humbly beseech Thee in Thy mercy to guide it to a happy completion and when complete, bless all who may dwell therein and may it be to its inmates a safe haven from the troubles of life and a shelter from the

and may it be to its inmates a safe naven from the troubles of life and a shelter from the world's dangers and temptations.

Grant, O God, that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations unto Thy fold, and add the heathen to Thine inheritance. All of which we ask in Thy name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Right Rev. Frederick Burgess, D. D., Bishop of Long Island.

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY	Reading Room
The following synopsis of the work done in the various departments during the month of February gives a fair idea of the workings of the Institute:	Total attendance
	Relief Department
FEBRUARY, 1912	
Savings Department	Assisted
February 1, cash on hand\$16,652.05 Deposits	Visits to ships in port
\$29,220.85 Payments, (\$3,643.50 transmitted). 10,494.70	Religious and Social Departments
March 1, balance\$18,726.15	Number of services
Shipping Department	Communion services
Number of vessels shipped by Seamen's Church Institute	Institute Boat "Sentinel"
Number of men provided with employment in port	Trips made
Total (number of men)210	Pieces baggage transported

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