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Pensioners



Old Age Pensioners in Southampton benefited from the tin-opening ceremony, about to be performed here by Captain R. A. D. Cambridge, President of the Leading Hands' Club on the Edinburgh Castle. The contents, collected in two trips, totalled £51 and the money was presented to the Mayor of Southampton at the Civic Centre by Mr. E. B. Mew and Mr. A. Greaves



Some of the carollers who regaled passengers on the Transvaal Castle on Christmas Eve

#### NEW CHAIRMAN

Mr. Anthony Cayzer, deputy chairman of the British & Commonwealth Shipping Co., is the new chairman of the Port of London branch, Missions to Seamen.

He succeeds Lord Inchcape, a director of P. & O. and British India, who had been chairman for five years.

The London branch has two hostels which were visited last year by more than 68,000 seamen. The *John Ashley*, a floating church and recreation centre, travelled 6,400 miles during

the year and made 1,700 visits to ships in the Port of London.

#### His 100th Trip

Arthur Pavey, Head First Class Bedroom Steward in the *Pretoria Castle*, recently completed his one hundredth voyage in the vessel. When asked if he would like a change the reply was a definite "No." He had, he declared, a record to beat, having previously sailed on 109 voyages of the *Arundel Castle*.

#### STIRLINGSHIRE aids Fishing Vessel

A 40 ft. wooden fishing vessel, No. PEA 26, *Wilde Gans*, flying a distress signal and requiring immediate assistance, was sighted by the *Stirlingshire* after she had rounded Cape Recife and arrived at a position 3' S.W. of the Cape on 23rd December.

The small craft was lying to an anchor, beam on to a high easterly sea and swell and with wind easterly force 7/8; her engine had broken down and the crew of thirteen, who refused to leave the boat, requested a tow to safety.

The *Stirlingshire* closed the fishing vessel and a tow line was passed; unfortunately, this fouled on the craft whilst their anchor was still down and they let the line go. By the time the *Stirlingshire* had manoeuvred to make a second attempt the craft's anchor rope had parted and she was adrift, but a link was successfully established and the *Stirlingshire* commenced to tow slowly eastwards.

Meantime, on first sighting the fishing vessel, Captain M. N. Ure sent a message to Port Elizabeth Radio Station appraising them of the facts and they alerted the Harbour Service who dispatched a Pilot Tug to bring the *Wilde Gans* in. Captain Ure reports that communication with the tug was carried out by radio through the Port Elizabeth Harbour Radio Station; the tug had no W/T of V.H.F. and the *Stirlingshire* had no R/T, but the system worked very well.

"Sing,  
Choir  
of  
Angels"