Shipping News and Notes

Isbrandtsen Applies for I. C. C. Certificate for Passenger Service From Coast

The Isbrandtsen Company, Inc., independent operator of a fleet of fourteen American-flag cargo ships, has applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a common carrier certificate to transport passengers and freight eastbound from American Pacific Coast ports to North Atlantic Coast ports.

If the intercoastal operation is authorized the company plans to make the service part of its round-the-world eastward service now maintained on the basis of two sailings a month.

"The service covered by this application will undoubtedly be welcomed by industrial, commercial, agricultural and labor interests generally, in view of the decreased intercoastal operations available in the post-war period," Matthew S. Crinkley, vice president of the company, said in making the announcement.

Mr. Crinkley foresaw little opposition from carriers now in the trade. He contended the application would be supported by civic organizations and governmental and port authorities concerned with transportation between the deep-water ports of the country.

New Police Launch in Service

A new type police launch for use in rescue operations in shallow waters was dedicated yesterday. It was named for the late Detective James L. Daggett, who was killed last Sept. 11 in an arson blast, while arresting three men suspected of burglary.

The craft was the first to be named for a policeman slain in the line of duty and began a new Police Department policy in that respect, it was explained by Inspector Walter E. Klotzbach, commander of the Emergency Service Division. Departmental launches previously had been named for men killed in military service.

The Daggett was put into service patrolling the shore line of Jamaica Bay. The boat is flat-bottomed and will be manned by two men. It cannot be tipped over, Inspector Klotzbach said, but probably would run aground frequently and have to be towed free by other launches.

The thirty-one-foot, seven-ton craft was launched at the Harbor Precinct Launch Repair Shop at Randall's Island. Albert E. Daggett, father of the slain detective, and George T. Daggett, a brother, participated in the ceremony with Police Commissioner George P. Monaghan, Chiew Inspector Conrad H. Rothengast, Msgr. Joseph A. McCaffrey, a police chaplain, and Detective Howard Phelan, who was injured seriously in the explosion that took the life of Detective Daggett.

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