

# WIRELESS HEROES LIVE IN MEMORIAL

## City Accepts Cenotaph and Drinking Fountain in Battery Park.

### McANENY'S FEELING WORDS

Acting Mayor Says Brave Men Are  
Appropriately Remembered by  
Greatest Port in the World.

The memorial drinking fountain and cenotaph at Battery Park, erected to the wireless operators who perished at sea in their line of duty, was formally presented to the City of New York yesterday afternoon by Fred B. Dalziel, Chairman of the Committee of the Maritime Association.

The cenotaph was draped with the Stars and Stripes and crowned with a laurel wreath, and the chairs of the guests were roped off with laurel also. Four sailors from the Navy Yard were present with two buglers, who blew "Taps" when the unveiling took place.

The Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, vice-president of the American Seamen's Friends Society, who pronounced the invocation, made reference to the Lusitania disaster in which the two wireless operators lost their lives and also referred to the present grave situation, arising from it.

Mr. Dalziel in presenting the fountain to Acting Mayor McAneny, spoke of the fidelity to duty of the wireless heroes at sea and specially mentioned Jack Phillips, who lost his life on the Titanic and in memory of whom the Fund was started by the New York Times in April, 1912, after the disaster.

In accepting the fountain on behalf of the city, Mr. McAneny said:

When the wireless telegraph was first invented we looked upon it as a great boom to commerce, and, of course, as an additional safeguard to human life on the sea. But few of us foresaw to what extent it offered an opportunity for a new and peculiarly appealing kind of heroism. The first spectacular instance of heroism on the part of wireless telegraph operators was the performance of Binne on the Republic, when that vessel was the victim of a collision a few years ago. Happily, the hero of that event did not have to sacrifice his life, since aid reached the stricken vessel in good time to save him along with the passengers and crew. But the wireless telegraphers upon other wrecked vessels have not been so fortunate. You have on your beautiful shaft here the names of ten men who have given their lives for others, and the black space remaining is a melancholy reminder that perhaps other names will have to be added.

#### Monument to Brave Men.

New York City owes its pre-eminence mostly to its tradition as a port. We are now the greatest port in the world, and we shall be much greater. Seafaring men should always have a strong appeal for New Yorkers. Therefore, it is particularly fitting that monuments such as this should be dedicated here in Battery Park; and I, as the acting head of the New York City Government, take pride in registering an official tribute to the memory of these brave men.

At the conclusion of his speech Mr. McAneny gave the fountain over to the care of Park Commissioner Cabot Ward, who then turned the water on and the unveiling took place. The audience of more than 500 stood uncovered in the rain while "Taps" was sounded.

Among those present was James Coffin Perkins of Philadelphia, a missionary to India and the father of Donald Campbell Perkins, wireless operator who was lost on the steamship State of California on Aug. 18, 1913, on the Pacific Coast, and the parents of Ferdinand Kuehn, who was lost on the steamship Monroe on Jan. 30, 1914.

Others present were Dock Commissioner Smith, Surveyor Rush, Lewis H. Pounds, Borough President of Brooklyn; Joseph P. Morrell, President of the Maritime Association; Bridge Commissioner Kracke, John Bottomley, Vice President of the Marconi Company of America; Shipping Commissioner Quinn, Louis H. Junod, Consul from Switzerland; Ernesto Solorzano, Consul General of Nicaragua; Henry M. Seeley, Supervising Steamboat Inspector; William Lawrence Bottomley, the architect of the memorial, and many prominent in shipping circles.

#### The Wireless Heroes.

The names inscribed on the cenotaph are George C. Eccles, Stephen F. Sczapanek, Jack Phillips, Lawrence Prudhunt, Donald Campbell Perkins, Clifton J. Fleming, Harry Fred Otto, Adolph J. Svenson, Ferdinand Kuehn, and Walter E. Reker.

The names of the wireless operators who went down with the Lusitania, Robert Leith and D. McCormick, will be added later.