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## Dominion Government Asked to Break Freight Combine With State-Owned Steamers U. S. DEMANDS PUNISHMENT OF MURDERERS OF AMERICANS—EVANTUREL MAY BE REPUDIATED—ACCIDENTS—FIRES

### COULD BREAK OCEAN COMBINE BY STATE-OWNED STEAMERS BUSINESS MEN URGED ACTION

Startling Revelations of Exactions, Particularly in Rates on Flour Shipments, Made by Big Deputation at Ottawa—Premier Borden Gave No Definite Reply.

(Special to The Toronto World)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—The ocean combine and the extortionate freight rates upon all traffic passing between Canada and Britain and especially the discriminatory rates against Canadian flour were brought to the attention of the government today by a huge deputation of business men representing the associated boards of trade, the Dominion Millers' Association, the millers of Canada generally, and the farmers and lumbering interests of Ontario. They asked the government to expend at once \$5,000,000 in the construction of a government owned and government operated steamship line on the North Atlantic. The deputation was received by the prime minister, Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance and Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture.

Upon the whole it cannot be said that the deputation went away entirely satisfied, although the prime minister and his colleagues appeared interested in the subject, and promised careful consideration.

**Issue Raised in House.**  
In the house this afternoon W. P. Mackenzie, M. P. for South York, gave notice that he would discuss the question of ocean freight rates at the first opportunity next week and a prolonged debate is anticipated.

**Startling Arrangement.**  
The deputation presented a startling arrangement of the north Atlantic shipping combine. They showed that since 1900 and more especially since 1911, the ocean rates upon nearly all commodities had increased 49, 50, and 75 per cent. The rate upon wheat had increased by five cents per bushel.

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### Keep the Old Map New One is Held Up

Delay in the final settlement, among the powers of the question of the division of the territory in the Balkan States has had the effect of holding up the issuing of this season's Canadian Pacific transatlantic steamship literature. This is owing to the fact that the steamship booklets this year were to contain a map of the world, correct for 1914, as the Balkan territory question has not been settled the map has not appeared.

### BRITISH CONSUL READY TO ACT

Plunged Into Inquiry on Arrival at El Paso Without Consulting U. S. Consuls.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 27.—Charles Arthur Perceval of the British consular service, sent here to investigate the death of William S. Benton, plunged into the enquiry independently today. He broke silence only to state that he had telephoned to Gen. Hugh L. Scott, commander at Fort Bliss, that he was in the city. This afternoon Gen. Scott called formally on the British visitor.

**Mr. Perceval was busy all day.** Among his visitors who were recognized were George Curry, former governor of New Mexico, and chairman of the mass meeting which was held here a week ago to protest against the treatment of foreigners in Mexico; James Hambleton, a prominent British subject, long resident in Mexico, but now a refugee; Mrs. William S. Benton, widow of the man who was slain, and William Benton, cousin of the dead man.

### CAUGHT BETWEEN A FREIGHT CAR AND ENGINE

Wm. Berry, an Old Employee of the C. P. R., Was Killed While Acting as Brakeman at Lambton Yards, and an Inquest Will Be Opened Today.

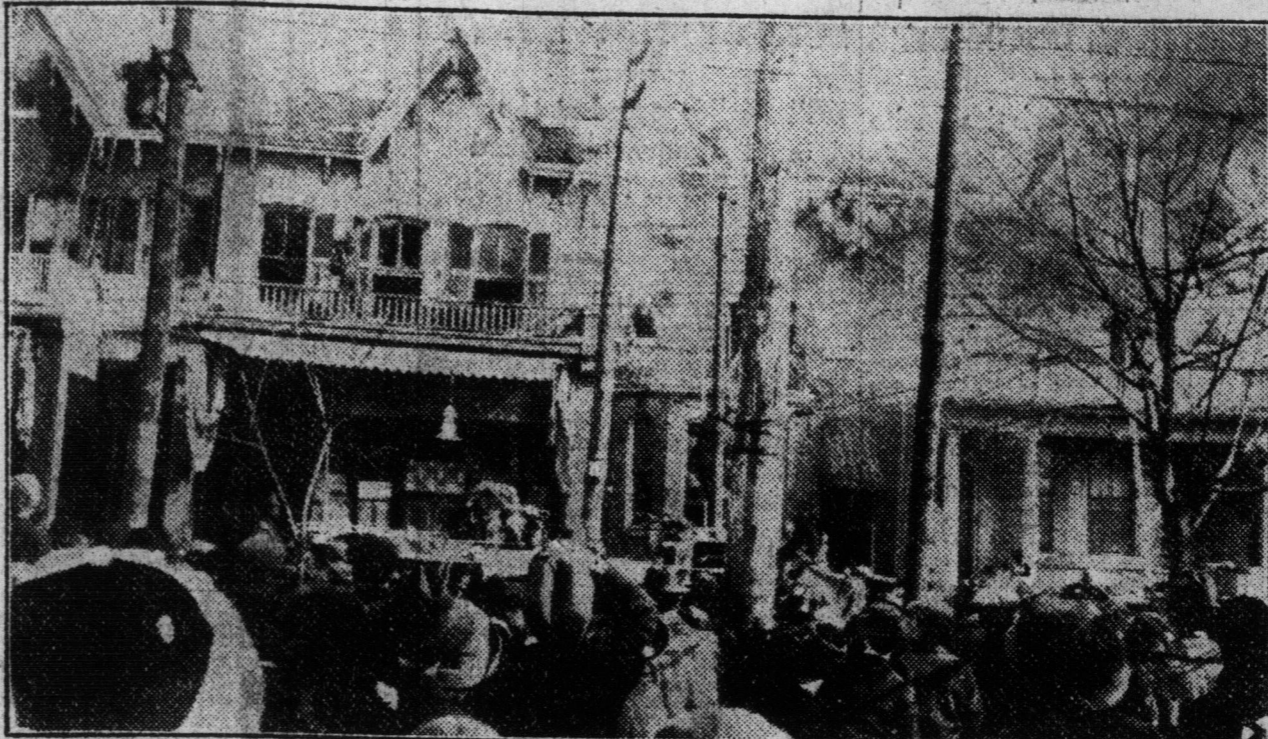
While riding on the rear of the C. P. R. switch engine No. 2230, at Lambton Station, about 9 o'clock last night, William Berry, who resided on Western avenue, was almost instantly killed by being crushed between the locomotive and a freight car.

Berry was a switchman and last night was acting as brakeman on the yard engine, which was shunting in that vicinity. In the course of the work of placing the cars on the various sidings, the engine was obliged to back up. Berry was clinging to the rear of the tender and falling to notice a car standing on the crossover, which was not in the "clear," he was squeezed to death when the engine and car collided. So great was the force with which they met that the end of the car was smashed to splinters. Death was instantaneous.

**Inquest Today.**  
Dr. Clendenan was called, but could do nothing. The body was removed to Speers' undertaking parlors, Dundas street, where Coroner Hopkins will open an inquest this afternoon. It will probably be adjourned to the morgue, where the evidence will be taken.

**First Spring Hats Today.**  
The first shipment of advance styles in men's spring hats arrived yesterday at Dineen's. These hats are principally in English and American blocks by the best makers in Europe. If you require some thing absolutely novel in spring headwear, you should visit Dineen's today. The Dunlap New York hat is here also. Henry Heath of London hatters to King George the Fifth. Store open this evening. The W. & D. Dineen Co., 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

### THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS' DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY THE FIRE NEAR PARLIAMENT AND WINCHESTER ST. SECTS, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.



Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars' Damage Was Caused by the Fire Near Parliament and Winchester St. Sects, Yesterday Afternoon.

### STABBED TWICE BY FOREIGNERS

William Riordan, a Contractor, Attempted to Eject Crowd Who Came to Ask Work.

While ejecting half a dozen Italians who had called to see him about work, William Riordan, contractor, 173 Grange avenue, was set upon and stabbed twice, in the back of the neck and across the forehead. He was removed to the Western Hospital in police ambulance, where it is reported that, owing to the fact that he has lost much blood, his condition is serious.

It was about 9 o'clock when the Italians called at Riordan's home. They had been laid off, and came to find out when they could return to work. Hot words followed and finally Riordan ordered them out of the house. One refused, and it is thought that he did the stabbing.

### DEPORTED MEN GIVEN SUPPORT

Big Labor Gathering at London Rallies to Aid of South African Strike Leaders.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A demonstration by the labor party to welcome the labor leaders deported from South Africa a month ago because of their connection with the general strike was held in the opera house here tonight. The house was packed although an admission fee of \$125 was charged.

**Success of Harvey Followed by Terriss.**  
Following upon the highly successful engagement of Mr. Martin Harvey at the Princess Theatre this week, another of England's gifted artists, Mr. Tom Terriss, comes to the same theatre for a big week in Dickens' plays.

### FIRE CAUSED BY EXPLOSION OF CHEMICALS

Blaze in Paint Shop on Parliament Street Spread Rapidly and Soon Six Buildings Were in Flames—Damage Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars.

Fire, caused by the explosion of chemicals in the basement of Robinson Bros' paint store, at 523 Parliament street, swept six houses from 519 to 529 Parliament street yesterday afternoon, causing damage of about \$35,000.

**Lad Turned the Key.**  
When Fireman J. F. Walden of Yonge street station was sitting at dinner in his home yesterday he noticed flames coming from the cellar of Richard Robinson's paint store, 523 Parliament street, next door to his own house. Rushing out to give the alarm, he found himself opposed by a race for the fire alarm by little Harold Newman, who was coming from Winchester School and had noticed smoke coming from Mr. Robinson's store. The eleven-year-old sprinter soon outdistanced his rival, and smashing the glass the boy rang up the fire station.

**United States Orders Huerta to Punish Vergara's Slayers**  
Full Explanation Demanded

Wilson Cabinet Unanimous in Decision to Await Word From Mexico's Dictator Before Changing Policy—Villa Consents to Examination of Benton's Body.

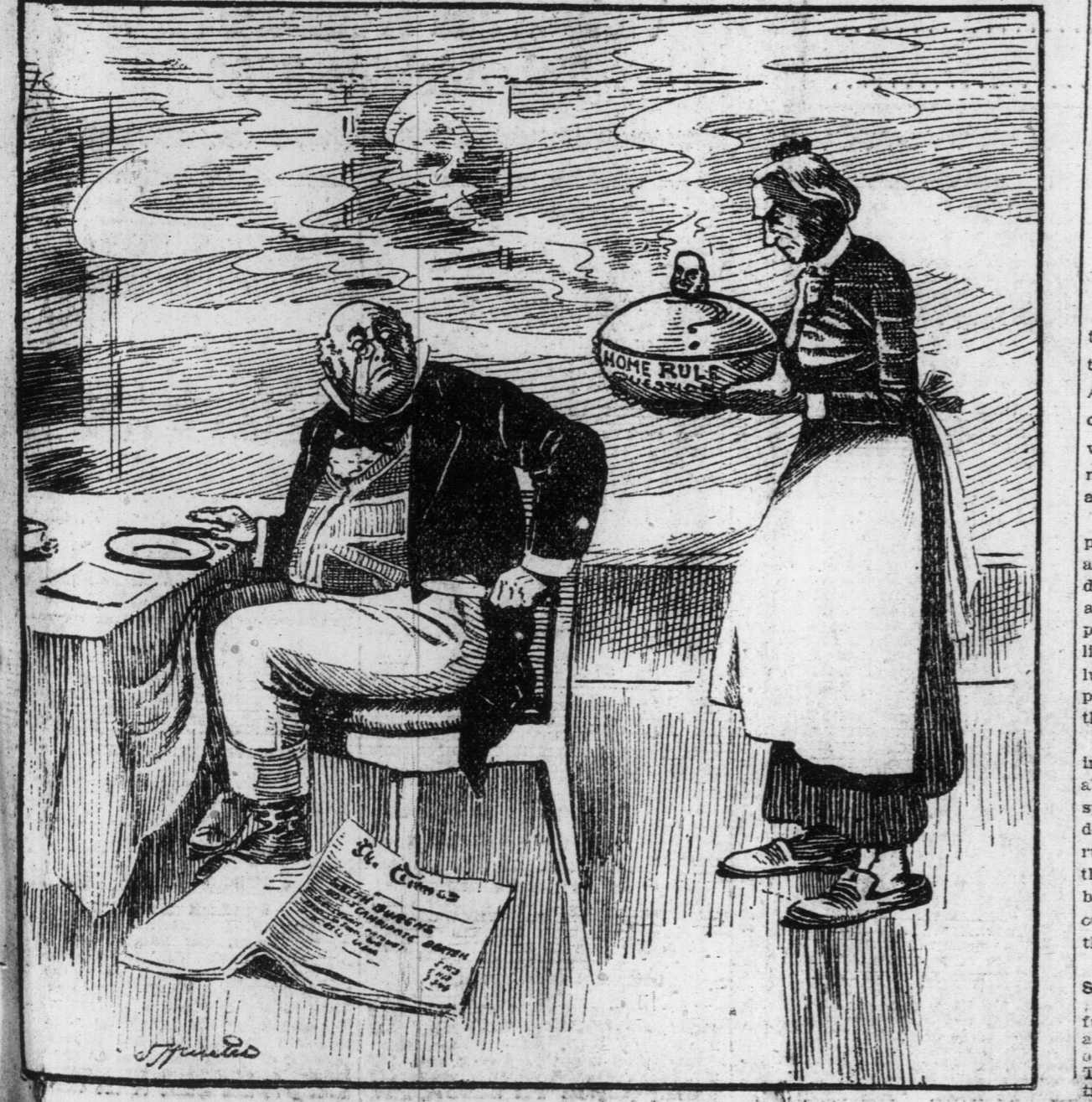
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Two hours of discussion of the Mexican situation in all its phases by President Wilson and his cabinet today developed a unanimity of opinion that the time had not yet arrived for any change in the policy of the Washington government.

**Extend Time for Bounties**  
OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Hon. Dr. Roche has given notice of a resolution to provide that the time within which any grantee or his qualified substitute may surrender to the crown all rights under the Volunteer Bounty Act of 1908, and may thereupon be paid the sum of five hundred dollars, be extended to December 31, 1914.

**Party Ax Not Applied Unduly**  
Blain and Schaffner Contend That Many Conservatives Consider Government Too Lenient.

**Memorandum Missing.**  
Incidentally the memorandum, circulated by the Huerta government among the diplomatic representatives in Mexico City, pointing out to the United States that the constitutionalists were unable to protect foreigners and therefore ought to be deprived of the right to set arms in the United States did not reach the state department.

### "O, BLOW THIS 'ERE HEVERLASTINK HIRISH STEW"



Per lb. .34  
packages .25  
4 lbs. .25  
Per tin .11  
3 tins .25  
Per tin .15  
4 for .25  
seed .23  
Per tin .18  
bottle .18  
lb. tin .22  
2 tins .24  
bottle .22  
lb. jar .25  
Per tin .23  
Per lb. .18  
bottle .25  
large tin .10  
Per lb. .15  
2 lbs. .25