

What will Canada, France, Italy and Britain do to insure rapid ocean transport? Useless to change tariffs and still permit steamship companies to force out of the people those enormous profits so often reported. It is true that most of the German merchant fleet was controlled by Herr Ballin and his company, but the rates of freight were always kept well in hand by a paternal government. All this indicates that Britain and her Dominions must cast adrift the old policy of private-owned shipping. The great carry-ways both on land and sea must be mainly owned by the government so as to keep a tight rein on the greed of companies and on the cold skill of directors and presidents.