

FREDERICK TOPPIN

**Ex-Official of the International
Mercantile Marine**

LONDON, April 23 (UP)—Frederick Toppin, former vice president of the International Mercantile Marine, who spent forty years in the United States, died on April 19 in a nursing home, it was disclosed today. His age was 73.

Born in England, Mr. Toppin entered the employ of the White Star Line in Liverpool in 1885, and was transferred to New York in 1892. With the exception of four years, 1906-10, when he was in charge in Boston, he remained attached to the New York office in various capacities, and after June, 1917, as vice president.

For fifteen years Mr. Toppin was chairman of the committee representing the steamship lines in negotiations with the longshoremen's union, a period including many difficult controversies, which he helped to settle by negotiating new working contracts.

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