

## BRITISH LABOR OPPOSES PACT

Ramsay MacDonald Makes Remarks About Anglo-French Agreement

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Oct. 3.—(AP)—Ramsay MacDonald, British labor leader, had some sharp things to say at the labor party congress here yesterday concerning the conservative government's handling of the Anglo-French naval agreement.

"Was any diplomacy more stupid?" he exclaimed. "You can have diplomacy wrapped up like a cat in a bag and kept from mousing or you can have your cat out of the bag open to inspection. But here you have the tail of the cat sticking out of the bag and we must find out what is behind the tail and at the end of it."

Sir Assheton has certainly invented a new kind of diplomacy which I would call, tail out of the bag diplomacy.

The former premier during the day presented a resolution on world peace and disarmament, demanding that the government sign a general act of arbitration, that the Anglo-French naval agreement be abandoned, that an effective disarmament treaty be signed and that all foreign troops be unconditionally withdrawn from the Rhineland.

In the course of a speech supporting the resolution which subsequently was adopted, Commander Kenworthy, labor member of parliament, said:

"The danger of war between this country and America and between France and Italy is as real as was the danger of war between this country and Germany in 1906. You have again the unofficial, but nevertheless binding, conversations between staffs in Paris and staffs in London."

## CATHOLIC DIGNITARY ACCORDED BLESSING

TACOMA, Oct. 3.—(AP)—The blessing of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Lambert Burton, O. S. B., Second Abbot of St. Martin's Abbey at Lacey, near Olympia, succeeding Oswald Baron, O. S. B., who died several months ago, took place here Tuesday morning at the Holy Rosary church. The Rev. Abbot Burton was elected by the members of St. Martin's Abbey and following confirmation of the election by the church in Rome the ceremony took place Tuesday. He will have jurisdiction of the monastery at St. Martin's during his life time. Before coming to Washington he resided in Atchison, Kans.

Most Rev. Edward Howard, D. D., Archbishop of Portland, was celebrant of the mass and was assisted by Rt. Rev. Edward J. O'Dea, D. D., bishop of Seattle; Rt. Rev. Joseph McGrath, D. D., bishop of Baker City, Ore.; Rt. Rev. Abbot Martin Vaeth, O. S. B., of Atchison, Kans.; Rev. Abbot Bernard Murphy, O. S. B., of Mt. Angel, Ore.

A grand opportunity to get into the news awaits some fellow who can smoke two brands of cigarettes while he's blindfolded and can't tell 'em apart.—Roseburg News-Review.

## Northwestern Rail Union Awaits Federal Decision

By M. M. OFFEGARD  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Final action is expected within a few months on the proposal to create the largest railroad system in point of mileage in the United States through unification of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. Closing oral arguments will be heard by the interstate commerce commission October 3 and decision is expected before January.

While the unification petition relates directly only to the Northern, their ownership of 97 percent of the stock of the Burlington would make that road also a part of the gigantic system. The combined roads would operate 27,000 miles of track in 15 western states and two Canadian provinces. Total assets would be \$2,285,000,000, the third largest on this continent, exceeded only by the Pennsylvania and New York Central and slightly greater than the Canadian Pacific.

**Chief Benefits**  
Principal benefits of the unification as presented by the Northern will in effect decide whether fru-

tion or a second shattering will come to the long-cherished dreams of the late James J. Hill "father" of the Northern.

An effort was made as early as 1901 to merge the Northern through the Northern Securities company as a holding and operating unit, but the plan was held by the United States supreme court to be in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. With passage of the Transportation Act of 1920, however, the Northern believed they saw a way to effect the unification.

Just what realignment of the executive personnel will be made in case the plan is approved is a matter of conjecture. The death of Mr. Elliott left three men prominently identified with actual operation of the Northern—Louis W. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern and son of the "empire builder," Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific, and Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern.

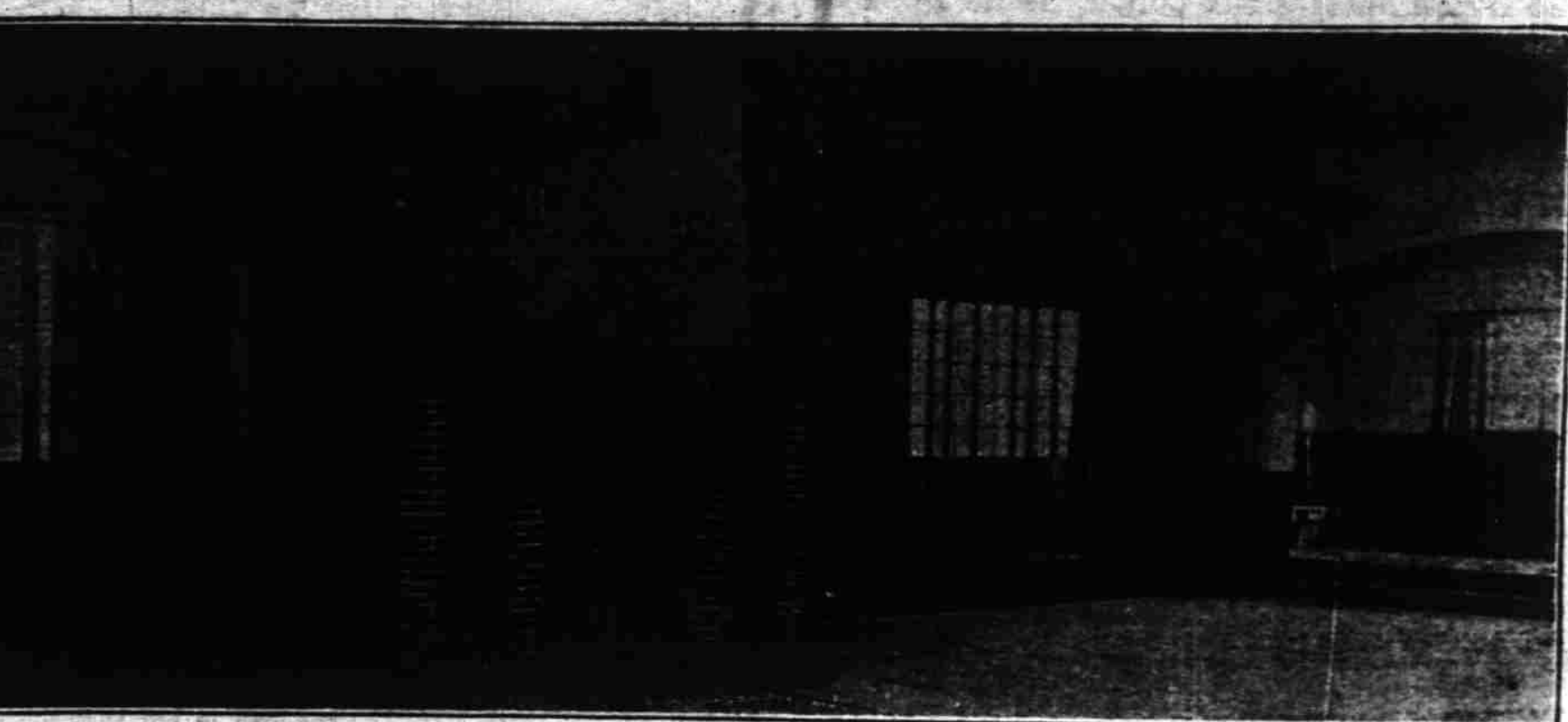
Under the plan, all stock of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington and their subsidiaries would be held by the Great Northern Pacific Railway company created for the purpose. It would have \$500,000,000 capital stock, substantially equal to the combined capital of the Northern, for which it would be exchanged share for share.

**Unification Plan**  
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