

FIGHT TO A FINISH

Governor's Plan for Defeating Railroad Consolidation.

AGREED UPON AT HELENA

Suit Will Be Brought in Minnesota Courts to Test the Validity of the Deal—Van Sant Satisfied.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 31.—A definite plan of action to defeat the proposed consolidation of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington railway systems was today unanimously agreed upon by the Governors and Attorneys-General of five Northwestern states in which those roads have mileage. Legal action will be instituted immediately in the Minnesota courts, with this point in view, and, to quote Attorney-General Douglas, of Minnesota, "the thing will be fought to a finish." Just how, when or where these suits will be brought, neither Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, nor Attorney-General Douglas was stated.

The conference adjourned late this afternoon, after adopting resolutions concerning the proposed merger as contrary to sound public policy and pledging support to any proper legal action which may be brought to test its validity. Other resolutions adopted call on Congress to investigate the subject and favor the granting of power to the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix maximum rates upon interstate business. The first resolution is as follows:

"In our opinion, the consolidation or threatened consolidation of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington Railway systems, in the several states through which they run as parallel and competing lines, is contrary to sound public policy and also, with the exception of Idaho, is in violation of the Constitution or laws of said states; and, mindful of the obligation which the law imposes in such cases upon the officials of the several states here represented, we hereby give our unqualified approval and indorsement to any proper and suitable proceedings which may be instituted in any court having jurisdiction by the sovereign state of Minnesota, or any other state affected thereby, designed and intended to speedily and finally test and determine the validity of such consolidation or threatened consolidation, and to that end we hereby pledge our earnest co-operation, and further we unanimously protest against any combination or consolidation which restricts or stifles free competition in the trade or commerce of the country."

This resolution was unanimously adopted. Governor Herried, of South Dakota, left for his home before action was taken, but rough drafts of the resolutions were presented to him before he left, and it is understood to be favored there.

The second resolution, which was a substitute for one offered by Governor Hunt, of Idaho, along the same lines, was as follows:

"Whereas, a consolidation of the great transcontinental railway lines has been accomplished which in the opinion of the members of this conference is inimical to the public welfare, therefore, be it

Resolved, first, That the Congress of the United States be and is hereby requested to investigate the general subject and take suitable action thereon; second, that power should be granted to the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix maximum rates upon interstate traffic and to regulate the same; third, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Senators and Representatives in Congress of the states here represented."

The resolution presented by Governor Hunt included a proviso advocating Government ownership of the transcontinental railroads. After considerable debate, however, this clause was stricken out. In explaining his resolution, Governor Hunt made the following statement:

"Idaho has no present interest in the formation of the railway consolidation. We believe in the vast benefits the railroads are giving the West. We invite them to enter our state and offer every reasonable encouragement for them to do so, but I do not believe the present encouragement of railway consolidation would result in the extension of railroads in this state, but rather the reverse. The future of the state has, however, a direct and vital interest in this merger. In a very few years the timber, agricultural and mineral products of the state will develop to such an extent that they must have transportation competition or suffer."

"I believe in Government ownership in preference to private monopoly, which is apparently in sight, and submitted such a resolution, recommending that as well as a Congressional investigation to the conference, with some modifications, and the clause recommending Government ownership stricken out. It was adopted. In my opinion the principle of Governmental control is far preferable to the absolute political and commercial power that will ultimately inure to the syndicate having the ownership of this combination of the railways of the country, with the dangerous and almost unlimited power to blast the fortunes of the individual or community along its lines which cannot be controlled for the purpose of the trust, be they good or bad. I believe this question is so vital that should the present plan of preventing this merger fail, then we have no other recourse than Government ownership."

Governor Van Sant and most of the other state officials who have been present at the conference left late tonight for their homes. Governor Van Sant expressed himself as much gratified over the result of the meeting, which had been requested by him.

"So far as I am concerned," said he, after the meeting adjourned, "I am thoroughly satisfied with the work of the meeting. It accomplished all that could be desired. I am very much pleased."

Governors Hunt and Toole also expressed gratification at the result of the conference.

GREAT NORTHERN ELECTION.

R. F. Farrington and J. W. Blahon in the List of Vice-presidents.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of

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RESULTS OF PROFESSOR JACQUES LOEB'S EXPERIMENTS.

Electricity, and Not Heat, He Says, Gives Energy to the Muscles and Other Organs.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Professor Jacques Loeb, of the University of Chicago, today in a paper before the meeting of the American Society of Naturalists' convention, announced that he had discovered the physical processes that accompany life and electricity. He does not claim to have solved the problem of "what is life," but to have proved a theory which overthrows a fundamental principle of the teachings of text-books on physiology.

The energy of foodstuffs," Professor Loeb says, "and the motions of the heart are not, after all, due to the production of heat, but to the chemical energy in electrically-charged molecules, and again he put in this way: "A part of the chemical energy of foodstuffs is transformed into electrical energy, which in turn gives energy to the muscles and organs of the body."

Dr. Loeb described his experiments with a jelly fish, and explained that when he placed the fish into a solution electrically charged, such as salt, it responded, while when he subjected it to a solution that was a non-conductor, it did not respond. From further experiments he found: "First, that the muscles contracted rhythmically in solutions which had these electrical charges in them; and, second, that the contraction of the muscles depended on the number of charges on the differentiations."

The announcement that electricity and not heat is the life energy is the climax of Professor Loeb's experiments, which have extended over 10 years. It was first led into this line of research by the observation that electricity was able to effect a protoplasm in a more universal manner than heat. In 1891, Loeb then came to the conclusion that if electricity was able to have such effects in the form of currents, it ought to have like results when applied to a living cell. Loeb, he explains, is an atom, or group of atoms, carrying a charge of electricity.

The first step to work to investigate along these lines was the production of artificial reproduction, and discovered that the electricity was responsible. Then he took up the study of the cause for the rhythmic beat of the heart, and again traced the rhythmicity to the same cause. When the aid of Professor Matthews, the same cause were discovered to be behind the secret of nerve action, the series was complete and the savant's ambition attained.

"Nerves consisting of a colloidal solution," Professor Matthews said, "are stimulated by the passage of the colloidal particles from the condition of solution to that of gelatine, which change is produced by the action of electrically charged atoms which bear negative charges. The stimulation of any chemical compound depends on these negative charges. The particles of the nerve are held in solution by positively charged groups of atoms, such as sodium, potassium, etc., and the effectiveness in preventing contraction stimulation varies directly with the number of positive charges they bear. By these facts, chemical stimulation is shown to be identical with electrical stimulation. In any part of a nerve the negative particles are in excess, the nerve is stimulated. All positively charged ions reduce irritability in the nerves; negative increases it."

He said tonight that while Dr. Loeb's experiments in prolonging life were important and interesting, thus far they were applicable only in the case of a single animal cell, and therefore of narrow limitation.

Another paper which attracted special attention was that read before the Biological Society by Society by G. Novy, of the University of Michigan, who made public for the first time the result of his struggle to find a perfect germicide. His results, as reported, were beyond expectation, for he is, it is asserted, discovered an organic peroxide which is absolutely destructive of organic life, and which can be taken into any system of human beings with perfect impunity. A number of experiments were described by Professor Novy to demonstrate the power of his germicide, which he calls "benzoin." Germs to the number of 1,000,000 in saliva were immediately killed. The throat of a diphtheritic dog was sprayed with it, and the dog was cured more speedily than by the antiseptic Bant.

LAST YEAR'S MARVELS.

Progress of Manufacturing Was One of the Most Signal of Them.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Dun's review will say on January 4:

Most marvelous of all the phenomenal evidences of advancement in business during the year was the progress made in manufacturing. It is impossible to overstate the extent in delineating the movements of the industrial world. Never in the history of this or any other nation has such development occurred within the space of a year. The expansion of productive capacity was enormous; the improved methods of work and organization were conspicuous, and the results were produced, but more than all other factors that made for permanent prosperity was the conservative resistance to price inflation.

Iron and Steel.

After the reaction of 1900 the level of prices remained depressed for some months, but generally responded to the increasing demand as excessive accumulations were absorbed. Aside from the slight fall during the period of the strike, there appears almost a steady gain in production, closing with the maximum quantity on record. While the output on December was at the unrecorded rate of 10,857,372 tons yearly, it is obvious that the total production for the year was much smaller, although the output for the year was new record, and the current year's yield may not unreasonably be expected to surpass 17,000,000 tons. The output of rails was beyond all records, and contracts for 1902 already indicate another high-water mark of probably 2,000,000 tons.

Leather.

An entire year of activity and an era of high prices characterized the leather market, but there has been no boom such as existed during 1900 and resulted in one of the most disastrous slumps ever known in leather history. The rise in value was steady, and by easy stages, and entirely legitimate, inasmuch as it was based on the laws of supply and demand.

Wool.

The further declines observed in the price of this staple during the opening months of 1901, and the bottom was reached in July, when the 100 grades, according to Coates & Bro.'s circular, were quoted at 17.06. This represented a loss of 31 per cent from the high point of 24.76 in December, 1900. With the exception of surplus stocks and general revival in the industry the turning point was reached in September.

English Revenue Returns Hopeful.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The revenue returns issued today are unexpectedly hopeful. The receipts for the past quarter will show an increase of £23,952,000, as compared with the corresponding period of 1900. Unless there should prove to be some unexpected increase of expenditure, it is now believed that there is reasonable ground to anticipate that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach will not be required to propose an increase of taxation for the next budget.

Kitchener's Weekly Report.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Lord Kitchener, under date of Johannesburg, December 29,

NEW YORK THEATER BURNED

Miner's Eighth-Avenue House Destroyed by Fire.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Miner's Eighth-Avenue Theater was destroyed by fire early this morning. The theater, which was a burlesque show had just given a long performance, and the audience had been out of the building only about 15 minutes when the fire started. It was caused by a cigarette. The theater building was old and eight stories high. After the fire started the chorus girls and the employees of the theater fled to the street in panic. It is believed they all got out safely. The fire spread with amazing rapidity. From the theater building it jumped to two three-story buildings on Twenty-sixth street. The loss, as now estimated, will be \$200,000.

BRUTAL CRIME AT DENVER

Boy Murdered and Girl Assaulted by an Unknown Man.

DENVER, Dec. 31.—At 9 o'clock tonight an unknown man attacked Harold Fridberg, aged 15, and Florence, his sister, while they were walking on the small pond near their home in North Denver. The boy was struck on the head with an ax and instantly killed. The girl was thrown to the ground, and recovered consciousness and reached her home. The police were notified and the entire force is now searching for the murderer. The girl gave a full description of the man. She says she bit his finger severely, and the police hope this may aid them in his apprehension.

Perilous Trip to Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The steamer Alameda brings particulars of the hard time the S. D. Carleton had during her run from Puget Sound to Honolulu. The vessel was on her beam ends half a dozen times, and on many occasions the crew thought the masts would roll out of her. For two weeks the decks were awash, and most of the time from two to three feet of water was running through the scuppers, and members of the crew took their lives in their hands every time they went on the main deck. For 12 days the Carleton was off Honolulu, and once she had a narrow escape from going to Molokai.

Control of Nickel Deposits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Herald will say tomorrow that it has been announced officially that arrangements have been completed by the United States Steel Corporation by which the great nickel deposits controlled by the Nickel Corporation of England will pass into the control of the big steel trust. The deal, it was officially stated, does not involve more than \$5,000,000 or \$4,000,000, but the control of the property will place the big steel corporation in a position where it will be better able to control the manufacture of armor-plate and other forms of hard steel.

Declares the Ban Right is a Pirate.

CARACAS, Dec. 31.—The official Gazette publishes a decree today, signed by President Castro, in which the steamship Libertador, formerly the Ban Right, is declared to be a pirate. The Government of Venezuela has offered a reward of \$100,000 and the cargo she carries to the Venezuelan or foreign ship which shall seize the Libertador. The Libertador is being used in the interests of the revolution against Castro, of which General Matos is the reputed leader.

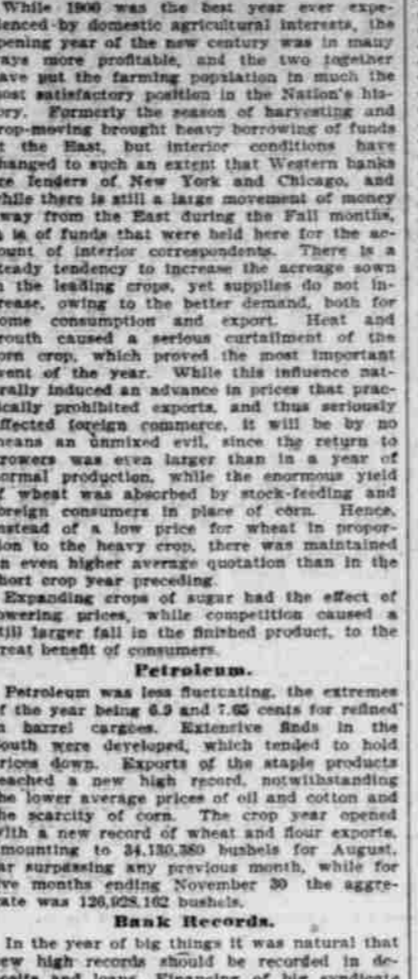
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FAILING BUILDING.



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MAY RETIRE STOCK.

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property, nor does it seem to me that it warrants the court in saying that the Northern Pacific Company and the holders of the common stock shall not be entitled to carry out its lawful contracts. It seems to me that the preferred stock may all be retired without the Northern Securities Company being formed, and if it is formed, and if it is lawful, that its unfulfillment consists not in the retiring of this stock, but in the acts which result in the formation of that company and placing other securities in that company. It seems to me that this injunction should be dissolved, at least so far as it assumes to prevent the retirement of the preferred stock. And I see no reason why it should be retained for any purpose."

Panama Company is Anxious.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—All the newspapers here today publish an address to the shareholders of the Panama Canal Company, issued by M. Bunanu-Varilla, a large shareholder. In his address, which takes up half a page in the papers, M. Bunanu-Varilla urges that the only course open in order to clear the situation is for the company to make, before January 7, a straightforward offer to sell the property for \$40,000,000, or better still, notify the Inter-Continental that it can, itself, fix the reasonable purchase price at which, its report said, it would have recommended the Panama route.

Funeral of Nell Cropey.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The body of Nell Cropey arrived here today from Ellensburg City, N. C., and was taken to the new Utrecht cemetery, Brooklyn, for interment. About 5000 persons were present, including relatives of the dead girl and a number of public school pupils from the school which she attended. The casket was completely covered with flowers.

Received at the Penitentiary.

SALEM, Dec. 31.—Warren Lyman Veach was received at the penitentiary to serve one year for larceny of personal property from a shop.

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