

GOVERNORS AGREE

ON PLAN OF ACTION

Adopt Resolution Calling on Congress to Investigate.

RAILWAY CONSOLIDATION.

Legal and Against Public Policy—Will Stand by Minnesota in Any Action That State May Take.

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.

Gov. Hunt presented a proviso favoring government control of railways.

Legal action will be instituted immediately in Minnesota courts with this object in view and to quote Atty.-Gen. Douglas, of Minnesota, "the thing will be fought to a finish."

Just how, when or where these suits will be brought, neither Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota nor Atty.-Gen. Douglas will state. The conference adjourned after adopting resolutions condemning the proposed merger as contrary to 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 a hindrance to the public interest, and the law imposes in such cases upon the officials of the several states here represented, we hereby give our unqualified approval and endorsement 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 effected 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 cooperation, and further, we unanimously protest against any combination or conspiracy which restricts or interferes with competition in the trade or commerce of the country."

This resolution was unanimously adopted. Gov. Herried of South Dakota left for his home before the conference, but rough drafts of the resolutions were presented to him before he left and it is understood he favored them. The second resolution, which is a substitute for one offered by Gov. Hunt of Idaho, along the same lines, was as follows:

"Whereas, A consolidation of the great transcontinental railway lines has been accomplished or threatened, 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 subject and take such suitable action thereon; second, that power should be granted to the interstate commerce commission to fix the 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."

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

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

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

Resolutions deploring the death of Gov. Rogers of Washington were passed.

The resolution presented by Gov. Hunt asked the proviso advocating the government of the transcontinental railroads. After considerable debate, however, this clause was stricken out. In explaining his resolution Gov. 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 out state, and offer every reasonable encouragement for them to do so, but I do not believe present encouragement of railway consolidation would result in the extension of railroad consolidation in the state, but rather the reverse."

"The future of the state has, however, a direct and vital interest in this argument. In a very few years the timber, agricultural and mineral resources of that portion of the state will have reached such development 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 and the clause recommending government ownership stricken out it was adopted."

"In my opinion the principle of government control is far preferable to the absolute political and commercial power that will ultimately have to be vested in the ownership of the railroads of the country, with the dangerous and unlimited power to the fortune 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."

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Good every-day Pants—ages 4 to 14 years.

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12 1/2c

Ladies' Cashmere Wool Hose, in fast black, all sizes, best 25c

17 1/2c

Ladies' extra quality fine Cashmere Hose, all sizes, the 50c grade.

35c

CHILDREN'S good quality fast black seamless wool Hose, with Morino heel and toe, all sizes, the 25c stocking

15c

Infant's Wool Hose.

7 1/2c

15c grade, Sale Price, (pair).....

10c

25c grade, Sale Price, (pair).....

25c

30c grade, Sale Price, (pair).....

12 1/2c

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THERE'S GREAT, BIG, DECIDED SAVINGS TO BE MADE ON EVERY ITEM HERE.

Ladies' Jersey ribbed fleece Vests and Pants, all sizes, in a splendid 40c grade.

25c

Ladies' fine All Wool Scarlet or White, extra quality, flat weave Vests and Pants, best \$1.35 grade.

90c

Ladies' 60c grade natural gray fleece Union Suit in all sizes.

35c

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75c

Ladies' finest grade wool and silk mixed Union Suits, in gray or cream, all sizes, best \$4.50 grade.

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Ladies Muslin Underwear and Outing Flannel Gowns.

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Ladies' Outing Flannel Gowns liberally cut and well made of splendid

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53c

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Ladies' Gowns, extra well made of best quality Daisy Cloth, neatly trimmed in embroidery to match, the best \$1.50 gown ever shown.

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550 yards White Outing Flannel at, a yard.....

3 3/4c

1,200 yards Canton Flannel at, a yard.....

4 1/4c

18 Bolts Fleece Flannelettes, assorted colors and patterns, regular 85c, 90c, per yard.....

5c

50 Pes yard wide Cream Domet Shaker Flannels, and 100 bolts of the best Outing Flannels, in the prettiest colorings and patterns, dark and light, value 124c, these are the snap of the century.

per yard.....

7 1/2c

Cream Wool Mixed Flannel, same as you always paid 22 1/2c for, in this sale, per yard.....

12 1/2c

46c all wool White Flannel reduced to, per yard.....

29c

Yard wide Gray or Brown Shaker Flannels for Skirtings, and Scotch Nonshrinkable Flannels, for Children's Dresses, Men's Negligee Shirts and Night Gowns, regular 45c, in this clearing sale, per yard.....

33 1/2c

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44c

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1 1/2c

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3 1/2c

100 Doz. Huck Towels, size 18x26, value 8c, go at, each.....

4 1/2c

22x46 Heavy Absorbent Marseilles Towels, value 18c, and all Linen Hem-pers, size 12x25, all go at each.....

10c

Extra Heavy Turkish Bath Towels, 40 inches long, reduced from 20c to each.....

11c

24x48 Double Napped Turkish Bath Towels, compact woven, regular 25c, Clearing Sale Price each.....

16 1/2c

Heavy Half-Bleached Table Linen, 53 inches wide, nothing better made at 45c, cut to, per yard.....

32c