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ROCKEFELLER AND GOULD INTERESTS IN ALLIANCE.

Reported Agreement Between the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway and Missouri Pacific System.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—It is reported here today that, by what is known as a "traffic agreement," a close alliance has been entered into between the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway and the Missouri Pacific system, one representing the Rockefeller interest and the other the great Southwestern railway systems of the Goulds.

By the alliance the first-named company would secure a direct line to Salt Lake City and the Missouri Pacific would gain a direct entrance from the Kansas City gateway into Chicago. This would place the St. Paul system with a terminus more than midway to the Pacific Coast and give it entrance into El Paso, Texas, over the Texas and Pacific tracks, which are owned by the Gould interests, thus tapping the great Southwest, which is gridironed by the Gould lines.

It would mean that the St. Paul would enter the field as a competitor for the traffic between Chicago and Kansas City, something it has not heretofore attempted save on freight. It is understood that the "traffic agreement" is entered into rather than a direct consolidation for fear of interruption similar to that experienced by the Northern Securities Company. It is said that the alliance has come about at the instance of the Rockefellers, and is partly the result of the Gould-Rockefeller combination at the time of the flight against the Pennsylvania.

By the merger the two systems would control 12,163 miles. Many important hauls would be gained by both lines, among others that to New Orleans for the St. Paul with water connections.

Vice President Bird when asked about the report said: "This traffic alliance story is news to me, and I think I would know if any such deal were under way. I cannot think of any fact which could reasonably give rise to the story."
