## JOYOUS MAGNATE EXCITES MARKE

Christmas Enthusiasm Sets Him to Buying Rock Island Lavishly.

BROKERS KEPT GUESSING

Imbibing of Large Amounts of Enthusiasm at House Parties Causes Orders Mystifying to All Financierdom.

wire advices to a local house say the sensational rise and fall of Rock Island common today was due to the over-todulgence of a certain magnate at a Christmas house party near New York. While the stock was performing its remarkable stunt, everybody in the finan-cial world was too deeply "flabbergasted" to make any guess at the reason. But after the stock had nestled peacefully back into its accustomed groove the financiers who had been given such a scare began to look around.

Inspired by Xmas Enthusiasm.

Private messages then began to tick off he news that a well-known man of wealth had been giving an exceedingly jolly house party and had became so completely imbued with his own stock of enthusiasm that he wired orders early to buy several tons of Rock Island common buy several tons of Rock Island common stock. The market hot being prepared to sell that commodity in larger quanti-ties than an ounce, these Christmas cheer orders fattled it so jauntly that the stock ascended skyward. The text of one message received here said:

Understand he's been under the weather for a week, and especially so today, and was placing orders all around Another message said:
"He's out at his country home with a

big house party. He will be back in New York in a few days." Moores Still Have Control.

The report that Edwin Hawley had acquired the Rock Island brought an emphatic denial from Mr. Hawley. The control of the Rock Island is centered in preferred stock, which is controlled by W. H. Moore, D. G. Reid and their friends. friends.

Mr. Moore returned to New York yes-

terday after passing Christmas with his son, Edward Moore, vice-president of the Rock Island. father's visit to Chicago had nothany father's vith business matters," said ing to do with business matters," said Edward Meore today. "He merely came to pass Christmas with me, as has been his custom for several years. His trip to Chicago has nothing whatever to do with the rise in Rook Island stocks."

COUP MISSES ITS MARK

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was extremely week, with grave apprehension of other "corners."

Today's operations in Rock Island common totalled approximately 215,000 shares, or more than 25 per cent of the whole. The stock fluctuated between 49% and 81, its top price of the first hour, and closed at 51%.

Movement Starts in Europe.

An officer of the First National Bank f this city, which has infimate relations with the Rock Island, expressed the be-ef tought that the whole matter had its inception in buying for European in-terests who are supposed to have been short in the stock. Ex-Judge Moore, discussing the stock

Interstate Commerce Commission to in-terceds. The Governor replied that he did not care to act upon this request until he had consulted the Attorney-Gen-eral, who is out of the city and will not

eral, who is out of the city and will not return until tomorrow.

Asked as to how long it would take to call a general strike if such action were decided upon. Mr. Perham said:

"Some of the orders can be called out immediately. There would be some dolay in calling out others because of a difference in the method of procedure in such case."

as possible without displacing men now at work.

"Mr. Hawley would not agree to anything but complete reinstatement of all men. As a consequence further negotiations were at an end. The only point of difference was complete reinstatement of all strikers. The railroads today notified Governor Eberhart that they will fold open their proposition to Mr. Hawley until Wednesday.

STRIKE THREATENS ST. LOUIS

Switchmen Willing to Quit and

Terminal Managers Alarmed. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27,-Thomas H. Stone, of Chicago, representing the Switchmen's Union of North America, has assumed charge of the situation in

has assumed charge of the situation in St. Louis in case of a general strike.

There are 50,000 trainmen in St. Louis and East St. Louis. About 3000 are switchmen.

The switchmen say they will strike if the order is issued. The majority are employed by the Terminal Railroad Association, composed of 17 trunk lines.

W. S. McChesney, Jr., president and general manager of the Terminal Asso-ciation, said tonight that the situation looks ominous.

RAILROADS GIVE THEIR SIDE

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 .- (Special.) -- Private | Tell Governor Eberhart Their Offer Will Be Open Till December 29.

> Since the striking switchmen have re fosed to arbitrate their differences with the 13 Twin City railroad lines involved, the representaives of these roads yester-day delivered to Governor Eberhart, of Minnesota, the following letter on the situation:

situation:

Honorable Adolph O Eberhart, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn.—My Dear Sir; In response to the invitation from your Excellency, representatives of the 18 Twin City lines whose switchmen are on strike attended a meeting at the Capitol building on Thursday, December 23. In opening the meeting, your Excellency recommended to the representatives of the switchmen a basis of settlement, as follows:

That it had been brought to your attention that a conference between representatives of their switchmen was now being held to consider proposals for increases in wages and changes in working conditions and that the matters under consideration there were similar to these presentation there were similar to these presentation there were similar to these presentation.

representatives of their switchmen was now being held to consider proposals for increases in wages and changes in working conditions and that the matters under consideration there were similar to these presented to the representatives of the Twin City lines and that in the opinion of your Excellency if the representatives of the Twin City lines would agree to apply the provisions of whatever settlement might be reached through the Chicago conference to the switchmen employed upon the Twin City lines and re-employ, as far as pessible, the men who left the service of those lines on November 30, such a settlement would be fair and equitable.

The representatives of the railways then withdrew to consider your Excellency's proposals and accepted them in a written statement, which was handed to you and which is here quoted.

A conference between representatives of the railways in the Chicago district and representatives of their switchmen is now in progress, for the purpose of determining a scale of wages in the Chicago district. The rates of wages in the Chicago district and in the Minnesota cities for switchmen have been identical and the working conditions for that district. The rates of wages in the Chicago district and in the Minnesota cities for switchmen have been identical and the working conditions of their confirmed, by a majority vote, the report to your Excellency that those reads may have places for at the rates of pay and under the working conditions in effect November 1 1909, and that at the termination of the Chicago conference, the lines here represented will agree to re-employ such of their former yard employes as the reads may have places for at the rates of pay and under the working conditions in effect November 1 1909, and that at the termination of the Chicago conference, the lines here represented will meet any additions in rates of pay or working conditions that may be granted by the Chicago lines to their switchmen failway.

It is the understanding of the representatives of the Twin City line the threeption in buying for European increases who are supposed to have been short in the stock.

Ex-Judge Moore, discussing the stock episode, said:

'I knew nothing of the excitement until the stock of the stoc

THREE HOLDUPS REPORTED

Description of Footpad Trio Tallies in Each Instance.

Highwaymen renewed their recent activities again last night. Two holdups were reported to the police. From the descriptions furnished, a trio of footpads perpetrated both fobberies.

While homeward bound from work at 8-15 last evening, C. A. Gates, 370 Thirteenth street, was accounted by these feet.

SWITCHMEN GIVEN ONE DAY

Railroads Hold Open Offer of Settlement Till Wednesday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—O. L. Dickeson, apeaking for the General Managers' Association, gave out the fellowing statement today:

"The conference between the railroads and President Hawley, of the Switchimen's Union, ended in Governor Eberhart's office this morning. President Hawley demanded that all the striking switchmen be reinstated at once pending settlement. The railroads offered to take the men back as fast

Fifty Out of 88 American Schools Vote on Question.

Conference in New York With Recommendations to Lessen Dangers in Play.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- Fifty colleges out of approximately 88 in the intercolegiate athletic association have voted

for the retention of the American foot-ball game with the elimination of mass and other dangerous plays. This was made known tonight by the executive committee of the association on the eve of a meeting to be held tomor-

Five institutions voted that the present game is satisfactory except in minor de-tails; 17 favored the English game of Rugby; 17 take a midway position be-tween the American game and Rugby and nine voted that either the American game should be radically changed of Rugby substituted.

The executive committee, it was announced, favored the changes proposed by the athletic committee of West Point and will so report to the convention to-morrow. The West Point committee has prepared a resolution declaring that foot-ball has developed dangers that are recognized to be intolerable and that it has become necessary to eradicate undue roughness. Among the abuses of the games, the West Point committee names An excessive desire to win at any cost which develops a tendency to semi-pro-fessional games; the practice of employ-ing professional coaches not identified with the college, and a dependence or proponderant weight and atrength instead of mental acutenes sand individual

stead of mental acutenes sand individual skill.

It is further contended that indiscriminate playing of obviously over-matched contests should be prohibited, and to this end the forward pass is condemned as extremely dangerous because of the unprotected position of the player receiving the pass.

Dragging and pulling of a fallen player is condemned and penalties are provided for players piling upon a man who has fallen with the ball.

Sixty-four delegates and 13 nonmembers of the association will attend the convention tomorrow. The association is not a governing body and has no direct control over college sports, but whatever it recommends will more than likely meet with the approval of the rules committee. The fact that the executive committee favors the West Point resolution, indicates that the play will be changed. The executive committee consists of Captain Palmer B. Pierce of West Point districts.

axecutive committee consists of Captain Palmer B. Pierce, of West Point, chairman; Professor Savage, of Cherlin; Professor Nicholson, of Westeyan; Coach Stagg, of the University of Chicago, and

MAN HELD UP FOLLOWS ROB-BERS TILL POLICE COME.

Chase Half Way Across City Ends When Yeggs Start to Spend Loot in North End Bar.

Two highwaymen were caught red-handed by George Estes, president of the Western Lumber & Fuel Company at 11 Western Lamber & Fuel Company at 11 o'clock last night, half an hour after a trio of footpads held him up near the corner of Fourteenth and Morrison streets and robbed him of his watch and other valuables, appraised at \$200. They are Earl McCroskey, 20 years old, and Fred Mattson, aged 24. The third highwayman effected his escape a few blocks from the scene of the robbery. The police believe the brace of thigs now under arrest are responsible for the numder arrest are responsible for the num erous holdups reported during the past

apprehension of the pair was

The apprehension of the pair was brought about by the sheer perserverence of Estes and the timely appearance of Patrolimen Wanless and Schaffer in Fritz's saloon, a North End resort, where both of the highwaymen hied themselves after rifling their victim's pockets.

Estes spent the evening with a friend on Marshall street, and while on his way home to the Seward Hotel, the trio of highwaymen sprang upon him at Fourteenth and Morrison streets, and commanded him to throw up his hands. One of the three, whom he described as "extraordinarily tall and of a dissipated appearance." held the gun to his head, and Mattson and McCroskey pilfered his pockets of his valuables. After wrenching his watch from its chain, they ordered him to move on. He apparently satisfied them of his intentions to do so, but reaching the shadows of a nearby but reaching the shadows of a nearby tree, Estes instantly changed his appear-ance by turning up his cont cellar and pulling his hat down close on his brows. then followed the robbers and

pulling his hat down close on his brows. He then followed the robbers and eventually closed in behind them. Upon reaching the intersection of Fourteenth and Washington streets the tall man shifted his course, while his pals continued eastward on Washington street. Estes dosged their steps for several blocks, and called to passing pedestrians to summon police assistance, but evidently his remarks were unheard. Leaving the downtown thoroughfares McCroskey and Mattson headed their course to the North End, and entering Fitt's place at 240 Burnside street both of the youthful highwaymen approached the bar. Estes steed behind them and observed the pair purchase two glasses of beer with the money they had stolen from his pockets a half hour before. Before the youths had drained their glasses Patrolmen Wanless and Schaffer laid hands on them and took them to the station, where they made partial confessions.

Mattson, the elder of the two, is the "little fellow with a gray coat and golf cap" described by C. A. Gates and Thomas Bricker, two other holdup viotins who contributed to their demands. He was born in Boston and since an early age has been of nomadic disposition. McCroskey, a member of the firm of the Canadian Employment Company, Si North Second street. The youth is well known to the local police as a hangeron in North End saloons and resorts.

Les Angeles, Dec. 27.—Arrived Steamer Geo. W. Edder, from Portland; schooner W. F. Jewett, from Columbia River, schooner Schooner Norwood, from Grays Harber, schooner Norwood, from Grays Harber Schooner Ludiow from Grays Harber Salled—Schooner Nokumis, for Tacoma steam schooner Riversida for Eureks; steam schooner Sausslita, for Cogulle River.

All Goods Purchased on Credit This Week Charged on January Account

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mendous inroad that has been made upon our stock of merchandise. In taking account of the Christmas trade and picking up the odds and ends that were on display

As the year-end approaches, we begin to realize the tre-

and remain unsold, we are persuaded that rather than put much of this material back into stock, 'twould be better to make a low price and give the public the benefit. Hence, the prices that are listed below.

Very material reductions on everything carried in our Suit Department --- prices are now marked way down

Tailored Suits Values to \$65.00, at A splendid lot of suits. To see them is to appreciate the values that are offered in this annual sale. Plain and diagonal serges.

homespuns, broadcloths, cheviots, fancy mixtures and worsteds. Great variety of colors. Values to \$65.00. On special \$21.98 sale at the remarkably low price of, each.

Women's Coats \$13.98 Exceptional cold-weather bargain. An excellent line of broadcloth, serge and mixtures in warm coats. Very wide range of colors, sizes and styles. Regular \$35. Special. \$13.98 cloth, serge and mixtures in warm coats. Very wide

Values to \$45.00, at Taken from our regular stock. For this lot, the sale price is unprecedented. Fine line of broadcloths, serges, worsteds, homespuns, cheviots and mixtures. All wanted colors. Great range 

Tailored Suits

Extra Spec'l Coats \$9.98

This line is put on extra for this week. One hundred of the best values ever heard of in Portland. All wanted materials, \$9.98 styles and colors. Regular values to \$25.00. Special...\$9.98 One-Piece Dresses, Values as High as \$38.50 Each,

Une-Piece Dresses, Values as High as \$38.50 Each, \$8.98 Eclipsing Every Other Sale of the Present Season—Take One at

50 Skirts, Values Running Up to \$28.50, on Special Sale Now at \$4.98

WAISTS—Reduced to 98c The finest line of waists ever offered at anywhere near the price.

All stylish, tailored or lingerie, lace or embroidered, trimmed or

250 WAISTS- Reduced to \$1.99 Lingerie and tailored waists, richly trimmed in lace and embroidery. Some are all-over embroidered and tucked. All are unusual values at the price. The values run as high as \$12.50

plain. Stock enough to suit any taste. Regular values up to \$8.50. Special at this remarkably low price...... 986 Women's and Children's Muffs, Scarfs and Sets Are Reduced One-Half

## Baby Week Bargains Three New Men's Style



INFANTS' SLIPS AND DRESSES-Short, with either long or short skirts. Plain or trimmed with lace or embroidery-on sale at these prices: Reg. 85c values, sp'l. . 59¢ Reg. \$1.00 values, sp'l.. 78¢ Reg. \$1.50 values, sp 1. . \$1.13 Reg. \$2.00 values, sp l . \$1,49

Reg. \$2.75 values, sp'l. \$1.98 Birdseye Cotton Diapers Coats-1/4 Less

Infants' Long Cassimere, trimmed with fine braids and hand-scalloped. Regular prices from \$2.75 to \$15.00. SPE-CIAL ONE-FOURTH LESS KLEINERTS.

Reg. 850 vals. SPCIAL 49¢
Kleinert's Rubber Sheets—
Small size. 29¢
Medium. 48¢ Large 99¢
Stork Absorbent Diapers— Regular 85c Outing Flan-nel Gowns, SPECIAL 50c Stork Absorbent Diapers nel Gowns, SPECIAL 526 Small Medium, S16 Large, 906 Full line Arnold's knit goods

# Shoes --- Just Received

We have just received three new styles of shoes from James A. Bannister and two new styles from Edwin Clapp & Son. See them if the very latest in style and finish appeal to you. We are now showing, also, a very complete assortment of women's cravenette, black suede and stage last specialties.

## Attention! Woodmen of the World

The officers of Webfoot Camp, No. 65, authorize us to state that their camp organizer will present one of our \$3.50 Gift Certificates, good in any department of our store, to each Woodman who gives to him the names or applications for two new members before January 20, 1910, and has them initiated later into Webfoot Camp. Certificates issued as soon as candidates are initiated.

## Continued Sale of Silks & Dress Goods

Colored and Black Dress Goods Lot No. 1. This fine assortment of dress goods, 2400 yards in all, comprises checks, stripes and plain wool usually sold for 

Lot No. 2. A great many of the choicest selections of the season's most popular materials will be found in this lot. The values here run as high as \$2.00 per yard. Special.... 790

Lot No. 3. In this collection are many of the very best and most desirable of the latest effects. Early Spring material will 

This is undoubtedly the biggest sale event of the Winter. Silks and Dress Goods of excellent merit have been priced so low that anybody could make a selection blindfold and secure a bargain-Take advantage.

3215 Yards Reg. Stock Silks at 69c These fabrics are taken right out of our regular stock. They are not patterns bought for special sale purposes, but have the usual merit that goes with silks sold by this house. This is the place to buy silks, and buy them right. 20 an 24-inch; endless 

3000 Yds. Black Dress Goods, 69c This includes the best of black dress fabrics in Panamas, striped serges, voiles, silk and wool novelty effects. Make up beautifully

Embroidery for 15c \$1.75

This monster sale of embroideries is superior to any other similar sale ever advertised in this city. Note the values sacrificed.

LOT NO. 1. From 3 to 14 inches wide, blind work or open patterns. Good wearing edges. Reg. up to 45c yd. Special. 156 LOT NO. 2. This lot includes open work, English eyelet and blind patterns. Edges are exceptionally good wearing. 

LOT NO. 3. Including 27-inch skirt flouncing. In nainsook, lawn and styles, English eyelet, open work and regular

1/2 Off Chinchilla

and such cold-weather cloth as bear cloth, caracul, black lynx and plush. Prices cut right in half this week: Reg. \$7.00 per yard, special, \$3.50 Reg. \$6,50 per yard, special, \$3.25 Reg. \$5.00 per yard, special, \$2.50 Reg. \$3.00 per yard, special, \$1.50

Reg. 75c Sheets 59c

There are 150 dozen of these sheets in this sale, the famous Wearwell kind. They are all full size and very special at the price.

Reg. value 75c, special only

59c

85c Bedspr'ds 69c

Three-quarter size, beautiful designs, splendid quality and long-lasting. An unusually attractive Winter bargain. Regular 85c value, 34 size, special price, each...... 69c Regular \$1.75 value, full \$1.38 size; special price, each....

Challies at 4c a Yard

Another large shipment received and on sale at this special price; 500 pieces in all, light and dark colors. Persian and floral designs; spe- 40 eial only, per yard.....

FAMOUS INDIAN SCHOOL TO BE GIVEN TO KANSAS.

Plan Is to Use Site for a Trade School, Open to Whites, With State Appropriation. LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 27.—Haskell Institute, valued at \$759,000, the second largest Indian school in the United States, is to be offered to the State of Kansas as a site for the establishment of a day trade school, according to an announcement made by the Superintendent H. B. Pealrs, today.

Mr. Pealrs, who has just been ap-

The Kangas Legislature, it is said, will be asked to appropriate money for the maintenance and then allow white students to enroll at the institution

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pointed Supervisor of Indian Schools, with headquarters in Washington, said he had discussed the matter of giving the institution to the state with R. G. Valentine, United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and that the latter of fifted looked with favor on the proposition.

Control of the Lake Union basin.

Mayor Miller vetoed the bills several weeks ago, contending that it was danger of Indian Affairs, and that the latter of fifted looked with favor on the proposition. The favored giving the railroad 50-year franchises. This the for Tacoma; steamer Unatilias for Tacoma; neit transmiss. He tayored giving the railroad 50-year franchises. This the Northern Pacific refused to accept.

The franchises granted tonight give the Northern Pacific access to a large manufacturing district which will have a fresh water barbor when the Lake Washington Canal project is completed.

Three Alarms Are Simultaneous.

Sentile Presents Northern Pacific
With Lake Basin Franchises.

SEATTLE, Wash, Dec. N.—The City Council tonight passed over the Mayor's veto three bills giving the Northern Pa-

Scattle, Dec. 27.—Arrived — Steamer Hyadea, from Tacoma; steamer Portland, from Vaidez Sauled—Steamer Markinas, for Tacoma; steamer Umatilia, for Tacoma, steamer Buckman, for San Prancisco; steamer Cottage City, for Skagway.

