

## *FIGHTING OVER A RAILROAD.*

**RIVAL CORPORATIONS DESTROYING PROPERTY AND ENCOURAGING DISORDER.**

CHICAGO, March 31.—A bitter railroad fight began yesterday at Rockford, Ill., in the attempted seizure of the Chicago, Rockford and Northern Railroad—which runs from Rockford southward 24 miles to Rochelle—by employes of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. The latter company claims the right to take possession of the disputed road under an operative contract made yesterday. The Chicago and St. Paul people ran their engines on the disputed road and forcibly took possession of the depot and offices. The officers of the Chicago and Iowa Road swore out warrants and had five of the principal intruders arrested, and forcibly recovered possession of the depot last night. They attempted to pull a locomotive of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Road out of the yard, but failed, when the men of the latter company, at 1:30 o'clock this morning, ran their own engine off and chained her. This was the signal for a fight, and about 12 men of each crowd jumped on the track between the engines and fought furiously. After fighting about 10 minutes peace was restored, but there were indications that slight cause would precipitate further hostilities.

The Chicago and Iowa Company destroyed a large amount of property this morning by tearing up culverts and chopping away about three rods of trestlework near the glucose factory. Soon after this a large gang of men commenced on the bridge across Sock River, and succeeded in getting out several bents from under it, besides taking off any number of nuts from the rods running from top to bottom. By authority of Mayor Williams, they were finally stopped. This makes it so that no trains can possibly run over the road, although the Milwaukee Company has one within about two miles of the city.

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