

# THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

## President Hill of the Great Northern Secures It.

ST. PAUL, Min., May 15.—A dispatch came from London to a director of the First National Bank this afternoon that James J. Hill, President of the Great Northern Road, had been successful in his deal to secure the Northern Pacific Railway and had sailed for New York. Mr. Hill has been in London the last week. There are no details as to how Mr. Hill became the owner of the Northern Pacific, but railway men here say it was through the purchase of second mortgage bonds. Samuel Hill, President of the Montana Central, left for New York this afternoon to meet James J. Hill. They will confer with the Northern Pacific receivers next week, and it is expected the transfer will be formally made June 1. There is much curiosity in railway circles as to what Mr. Hill proposes to do with two roads which parallel each other from St. Paul to the coast. In Montana cities into which both roads run there will, of course, be a consolidation of offices. It is expected, too, that both roads will be operated from the same general offices here, and that part of the track of the two roads will be used.