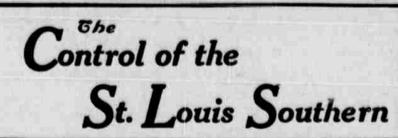
STORIES of WALL STREET



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OSEPH W. BARR was a | "Of course," Barr continued, hand unique product of the stu- ing the memorandum to Pierce, "the pendous boom in trust figures are approximate, except the building which had swept nest-egg I've picked up here and there into Wall street on a tidal in the last few days. "How to get what we want of these wave of dollars a hundred-

days.

the investors, and the street and Lon-

don, but I know you've got to put it up

from \$100 a share, where it is now, to

\$110, it will mean ten dollars a share,

sell. They'll sell quick. They'll do

it, too, for fear it'll go down again.

They'll sell it before it's listed on

"You know what that means, They'll

have sold something they haven't got

until the 30 days are up. In the mean-

time, they'll borrow, without knowing

ft, our stock, the stock we've corralled,

and when we call on them for it they

won't have it to give us and we can

Pierce nodded appreciation of this

"What about Bowman & Co's

mine that was being laid for the un-

stock?" he queried. "They've got the

He knew the answer before he ask

Barr got up from his chair and

walked over to the screened window.

He looked out on the hurrying Wall

street crowd, mopping his face with the

"Pierce," he said, facing the manip-

ulator with a quick movement, "the

banking house of Bowman & Co. will

sell that stock for the road. They'll

sell short a big block of their own

stock at the price we'll put it to, ex-

These and other essentials worked

out, Pierce sent for his personal

"I've got some information

pecting to get it back lower."

make 'em settle for any figure we're

kind enough to name."

wary management.

ed the question.

handkerchief ends.

control.'

it

road's maangement. If you put

dred individuals who had sambered aboard the somewhat pimatical craft of the promoters.

The wave receding, his fellow egeurs had been hurried back, one by one, into the obscurity whence they to get that 60,000 shares from the ued, but Barr made land-and, inaddentally, financial history.

In the old days as a drummer for a hardware house," Joe" Barr had earn. or \$600,000 in their treasury, if they ad the reputation of the nerviest poker layer west of Chicago. But he also old goods, and when a friend of his the exchange for that takes 30 conceived the idea of making a nail of wire in place of iron the two had combined their slender resources and built

a plant for its manufacture, which deweloped until it was finally promoted into the wire nail trust. Barr found himself in possession of an even \$10,-000,000 and plenty of time to tilt with fortune.

A brief survey of the field convinced him that only in Wall street was the timit sufficiently indefinite and the stakes great enough to justify his undivided attention. He promptly formad the brokerage house of Willis, Barr & Co., with John Willis as stock exchange member and several of his western friends as special partners, and shuffled the pack preparatory to making the bespectacled financiers in pobwebbed banking parlors "sit up," as he tersely put it.

And sit up they did, even to his, if not their, entire satisfaction. They sat up nights trying to puszle out what this "western gambler," as they unanimously declared him to be, would to next. In all things but one, Joseph W. Barr walked with the hand of fortune, and it was out of this one unfulfilled desire that came one of the most amazing deals in the annals of the street.

If you had looked in on the Wall broker, William Hathaway, whose street offices of Willis, Barr & Co., standing in the street was of the highwhere a dozen tickers spun out their est, which is to say that his connecmiles of fraction-laden tape, each fraction with Pierce was absolutely untion a fortune lost or won, and where known. To him Pierce told as little as many telegraph instruments flashed as might be of the business in hand. messages to great cities afar, you would and personally assumed all responsihave thought last of all that the short, bility for the deal. fat man, with so much double chin that it soarcely yielded way to the silk crops." handkerchief stuffed beneath it, had tially. social ambitions. But he had.

\$100,000. I didn't dare cover them on shall be sorely tompted to turn bear | houses. With resistless logic no went | PREHISTORIC MAN IS FOUND Saturday.

"With your 10,00" we've got now 70.-000 shares of St. Louis and can count safely on the 60,000 the management will be induced to put out. That makes 130,000 shares, and we need only 105,000 additional to give you complete control." A sudden wave of anger swept him;

he was again the old hardware drummer: "Damn him," he cried, "damn him! I'll take his railroad from him like

you'd take a toy from a kid. I'll make him ashamed to show his face in the street here, where he was fooled out of his road, and at his club, where he

enough to do it." "Old Pierce," as New street called

him with blind affection, left the offices of Willis, Barr & Co. by the back door, with a smile like a sleeping infant's on his narrow, clear-cut face.

The task was no less to his liking because Bowman's crack filly Altair had holdings is, of course, for you to say beaten his own Boxwood in the last I presume you've got to hammer St. Suburban. Louis down to scare out stock from

Point by point the manipulator went over the details of the deal, and it

under that of a general. The bulk of the money needed Barr was to get in Chicago, among his banking friends, so the local banks might have no inkling of the matter. The controlling stock. Pierce figured, ought to be obtained at about \$110 a share, which

which would be obtained on loans on | mulation. Under the manipulator's orders the the stock bought. Commissions to stock had declined diplomatically on brokers for buying the stock, and for the heavier sales, but in company with purchases and sales of other stocks to the whole market it had held well, manipulate the market would call for closing at 106% on Wednesday. Pierce about \$300,000; for Pierce received re had also taken in some 9,000 shares ductions from the brokers in spite of the strict exchange rules. The enormous orders he distributed in his maaccount. On the floor of the exchange shortly nipulations would tempt any broker to

break any number of rules. Barr sighed contentedly and settled back to his big chair. He seemed loath out on St. Louis Southern. The stock

which was round and boyisb, but for is the street's way of describing an is-

"Well," he said, finally, "what next? Up?"

'Yes, up. We'll lead the manageand from the street, which is joined to the banker told the newspaper men, in

for control-" "You get that and more from Bow-

man," broke in Barr. "I want to see some stock with his name on the back of It.' The market opened up on Monday. The financial writers told how baseless, really, had been the previous decline, and hinted at a bear raid for Louis has gained headway and the

market and so restored confidencewith a little help from the kindly dis-Pierce explained, confiden-

that territory, as they depend on crops at 100 again. Two months before he had been hopelessly blackballed at the most ex-Therefore, for two weeks, that for earnings. St. Louis Southern clusive club in the city, and Barr's ought to feel it most. This is Thursseemed as many years to Joseph W. lence of the banking room it was as poul still burned hot with anger at day; you sell 50,000 shares of the the banker whom he knew to be re- other three southwest roads and 30,000 sponsible. This man had "stacked of St. Louis. We'll buy back our short market.

I'm sure I'd get them back lower. "By the way, I think you had better had held open for the stock. The 60,borrow it easily enough meantime." And it was this same afternoon, a

over the ticker in his Wall street of-

fice and listened to the message of the busy little machine, which told him in pleasing words: "You've got him!" -words which the watching man transposed into "I've got him," quite naturally.

For St. Louis touched 106 at one blackballed the man who was smart o'clock, and Carruth began to sell. The

ever watchful Pierce detected this selling as soon as it began, and hurried a message, almost congratulatory to Barr with the information.

With the crumpled message in his pudgy hand, Barr hovered over the ticker, his eyes shining but otherwise as cool as you would have the "nervlest poker player west of Chicago.'

Longitude is a trivial thing in a game of chance. Through Tuesday afternoon and all

grew under his hand like a battle plan Southern. At the close of Wednes- at each other. day he had put out the 30,000 shares of management stock, and it was safe- etly. ly in the hands of Pierce's brokers. borrow in the loan crowd that no meant \$25,000,000, all but \$5,000,000 of thought had been raised of the accu-

after noon Thursday a rumor gained way that something good was coming

to break the chain of pleasant thoughts had touched 108, and in explanation of the manipulator's words had brought the rise were offered stories of into him. The light from the shaded creased dividends, and the cutting of electric table lamp fell on his face,

the light, half-grayish mustache. market.

ment of the road into temptation and we'll draw out 35,000 shares from Lon- them. don, where they love a speculation,

it by bonds of unholy wedlock. In- his familiar, family tradition manner, vestors won't sell on a raise, and we'll and convinced of the truth of the have to get the other 70,000 shares stories, they rushed the news to their Dapers.

elimb. change.

quick profits. Good crop news and splendid earnings tumbled into the ly no truth in either story, of course; posed Pierce-that by Thursday the the other 30,000 shares of treasury list had climbed back to its level be- stock. Wait a moment, please."

"They're bad in the southwest, and we'll sell the granger roads in fore the raid and St. Louis was selling

Barr, hungry for revenge, Pierce pa- if Pierce were in person holding out tiently and persistently bulled the

and sell some of my personal holdings. on quickly to a realization that he had sold into . bag which unseen hands

give up your name as the seller. It is 000 shares of treasury stock; the 60, best to kccp the road out of the mat- 000 shares he had sold for Bowman, ter, as it will be some time before we in all 120,000 shares-and then he recan deliver the new slock. You can membered the break of the stock to 93¼ two weeks before. Rigged-the whole market had been rigged. A bot Tuesday of July, that Barr stood snare had been laid and the control of the road-

Two minutes later he was panting out his story to Bowman, who was just stepping into his carriage to be driven uptown. In his office, again, the bank our modern age. This has recently er listened, silently, to the story of been proven by the discovery of the his undoing, for something told him that the cunning hand behind it all

had won, won irretrievably. Irretrievably? The word brought him to a soldierly erectness.

"Carruth." he said, steadily, "you

have my orders to buy all the St. Louis Southern tomorrow you can get. There is no limit as to price. I shall cable my Paris connections, and my own resources are at your command. It may be that we are mistaken; tomorrow will tell, but we must be ready to fight in any event-"

There came a timid knock at the day Wednesday Carruth sold St. Louis mullioned door. The two men looked

"Come in," called the banker, qui-

"Ah Begs pa'don, Mistah Bowman. who had kept the stock so easy to it's a urgent message fr'm Mistah Carruth's offis," and the old negro usher bowed apologetically.

Carruth tore the message from the wrapper with trembling fingers.

"Mr. Bowman, it's a call for the return tomorrow morning of 20,000 shares of St. Louis I borrowed to de-

liver on the first of the new issue I sold for you. It means that pressure sold by the arbitrage house for London is now to be put on us, for they know we can't deliver the new stock for 30 days. The call is from Frank Selden-'

"Who does he trade for usually? Do you know?" Bowman Interrupted. "Why-Joseph W. Barr-Willis, Barr & Co., you know?"

"Yes," Bowman answered quietly.

"I know-now." a melon for the stockholders, which It will be long before the memory of the following day passes from the sue of new stock at a price under the street, where traditions are cherished as tenderly as are love letters in old Floor members telephoned the rulavender.

mors to their houses, and the reporters By four o'clock on Friday Pierce and went to Bowman to confirm or deny Barr know that they had 230,000 shares of St. Louis safely in their hands. To "I have absolutely nothing to say," make the control secure beyond question they hurried a trusted messenger to Jersey City, where he caught a fast train for St. Louis, and bought, at an almost fabulous price, a block of 5,000 St. Louis Southern began to shares which Barr's Chicago friends

Bowman sent in haste for Carruth, had located. With the messenger under way they who was on the floor of the exissued calls, through their brokers, for "It seems, Mr. Carruth," he said, all stock borrowed of them, in order, as Barr said, to get all the cards in "that a foolish rumor of a melon cutthe deck. It was one of these calls ting or dividend increase in St. which had reached Carruth in Bow-

stock is going up. There is absoluteman's office. The calls went to houses all through the street, and the recipients read them but while the stock is up on these over again and again, spelling ruin stories, I think you had better put out out of the brief words which demand ed the return of something they had Bowman stepped quickly to the ticksold before they had it. Like Carer, which was recording the climb of ruth, they realized, now that it was too late, that Barr had all the stock St. Louis. It was at 109. In the sithere was afloat.

Before the opening of the exchange the messengers who had been sent to the banker in his withered hands the golden apples of the Hesperides. hither and thither looking for stock to

Remains of a Briton 170,000 Fossii Years Ago Discovered in the Thames Valley.

London .- Back in a time that no man knows, 170,000 years ago, there lived in England a race of men, whose stature and physical characteristics did not differ materially from those of the Englishman of today-a race that had shed all traces of simlan traits in face, feature and body, and whose brain cavity was larger than is often found in highly intelligent people of



feet deep under a terrace, which is regarded, and with good reason, as the ancient bed of the Thames river.

There is no reason to believe that the elevation or depression of the land, which leads to the rise and fall in the level of the river, has not been uniform. The past must be judged from what we know of the present, and on this basis the land movement which formed the terrace, and which has scarcely changed since the Roman period, has been deposited at the rate of one foot in 1,000 years, this assigning a period of at least 170,000 years since the high-level terrace was laid down at Galley Hill, and the ancient Briton was entombed in the

river bed. This ancient Briton was five fee one inch in height. The neck was enormously thick and the chest was narrow and protruding.

FINDS SECRET OF EGYPTIANS

Art of Hardening Copper is Rediscov ered by Railroad Fireman of Kansas.

Newton, Kan .- The process of hard ening copper to the temper of steel, an art known only to the Egyptians hundreds of years ago, has been rediscovered by a Kansas descendant of a long line of metal workers, it is declared. John Stipp, a Santa Fe fire man of this city, is said to hold the secret for which scientists of many countries have sought for many ages. In a tiny laboratory of a neat, well-

John Stipp

Walled Lakes of Iowa.

another in Sac county, have each re

to circumference, a certain part of al-

luvial deposit is forced to the shore,

and this going on from year to year,

and from century to century, has cre-

30,000 Seals Captured by One Boat.

London .--- Eleven steamships of the

Newfoundland sealing fleet have had

fair catches, the Bonaventura, the first

to return to St. John's, bringing back

ated the natural embankment.

30,000 seals.

hardest files, he says.

was, he said: kept cottage near the railroad shops,

SURELY DESERVES A MEDAL Record Act of Bravery That Is Set to **Credit of Intrepid New** York Man. The bravest man in New York made his appearance in a Broadway store last week. He carried an enormous bandbox which contained an enormous hat in which the man wanted what he considered an enormous amount of money refunded. The man was pretty mild and while looking for some one who had the authority to negotiate the transaction he talked loud enough for everybody to hear. "My wife bought this hat," he said. "She doesn't need it. She has already bought three hats this spring. She paid \$35 for this one. She has never worn it. It just came home last night. I can't afford to throw all that money away and I want you to take the hat back. She wouldn't bring it down, so I undertook the job myself." "By the side of that man Napoleon

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was a cringing coward," said the young woman who had made the sale. "Imagine his flouncing into a Parisian millinery shop with a hat that he didn't want Josephine to buy. He couldn't have done it. Very few men can. Once in a long while some poor New Yorker with the courage of desperation in his heart returns merchandise which he cannot afford to buy for his wife and his audacity upsets the whole store for a month."

Head on Crooked. Little Paul had always been taught by his mother that God had made him and that he ought to be thankful that he had been made so perfect; eyes, ears, feet, hands and all complete. His mother had bought a new cook stove and Paulie was examining it. He lifted the reservoir lid and looked in. There was his picture, as natural as life, in the water, but he was sorely troubled, while looking at it. When asked, by his mother, what the trouble

"Dod might o' made me persect, but he put my head on trooked."

Took Professor's Word for It.

the cards," he told his western friends, stock when St. Louis reaches 93, sever and with this explanation went the as- points under its present price. If you surance that he would somehow get even if he "went broke" doing it.

And even as Barr watched the spin- raising suspicion." ming tape it was telling him that his of his handkerchief he mopped his man's" confidence, and Pierce arman, and each olick, click of the instrument, translated, said to him: "Twe got him, I've got him."

Through the subterranean channels might throw over on the break. of information with which the street is boneycombed Barr had learned somefor Sanford Pierce, the shrewdest ma- ment, they broke still further, big stop- eral bear raid. nipulator of stocks the street had ever loss orders having been reached at 97 mown.

in St. Louis, which closed at 9614. On The place of the stock manipulator Saturday sales of 10,000 shares of St. eon two of his fellow members of the in the economy of Wall street is so Louis for London account and a bad clearly defined that while he holds be statement by the banks, whose re and they had agreed that it was a good you see," and he tried hard to force tween mis hands the fate of vast sources had been depleted through time to put out the 60,000 shares of a laugh to go with the jest. schemes, some reputable, many not. cash withdrawals by Barr's Chicago stock in the treasury. there is no known instance of a breach banking friends, offset dispatches from of trust on his part-his loyalty to the maligned west telling of bumper his employers is his stock in trade. crops. The financial writers ascribed Moreover, in this instance Pierce was the weakness to a bear raid for quick man after Barr's own heart, a profits, so skilfully had Pierce conrner of puny tradition and a hardy cealed its real object.

oldier of fortune on many fields. Therefore in the privacy of his own shortly after the bank statement was their foolish bulling. fice Barr went straight to his work issued, but rallied sharply at the close and the other fistened with something to 94%. The floor said the rally was like a fellow artist's appreciation of the cunning of the thing-for it was bears, but it really came from whole if it goes farther we can put the oththe game of games-and a brother's sale buying by Pierce's unknown er 30,000 out, too." sympathy for the genius of it all, the brokers. St. Louis Southern had been not wrath of a gambler thwarted. "In the first place, Pierce," began

Berr, with a smile that was far from lator felt that he had shaken out as was to be secret, as the new shares sant, "I am going to tell you much weak stock as could be dene would not be good delivery to buyers sankly that I'm in this thing to satiswith impunity. by a personal grudge. That will show After the close of the market Pierce

how much confidence I put in you and to what lengths I'm ready to go to carry it through. It is neither a side stakes. In the paddock before the ng it, although I guess we'll do both before it's over.

season's cracks. "Well," said Barr, ambiguously, St. Louis Southern railroad, and from some things I've learned I think there as a good chance to get it. The capital of the road, as you know, is \$40,000,to win-the Seaside?" "I usually win - everything," an-000; that's 400,000 shares. In addition to that, I know that it has just bought a smaller road, and to pay for it is con- two men laughed together and sepstilering the question of issuing 60,000 arated. ago and held in the treasury. It is on by appointment at the latter's apart- seems a good time to put it out. Do On Sunday night Pierce met Barr ese 60,000 shares that I'm counting for success.

"When they are issued it will take of his operations on the bear side of about 235,000 out of the 460,000 shares the deal, just closed. to carry control. I've made some pretty to where and how the St. Louis stock its held, and jotted down the facts." the break?" Barr took from his desk a memorandum and read the tabulated figures Southern-I think it's going higher," slowly:

"In investors' hands.... 80,000 shares "In the street..... 40,000 shares "In London 60,000 shares "In Willis, Barr & Co., 10,000 shares "In Bowman & Co., and

have to sell more to break the market down, go ahead, but be careful about after the bull movement had been put traction systems of three big western ner, when that stock went to \$1,000 a

The broker hurried away, proud of shance had come. With the loose ends his supposed possession of the "old in on the movement. face, a perpetual occupation of the ranged through other brokers for the stock, although St. Louis is now at fly behind at the various meetings. purchase of the bulk of the stock

> Southern that frightened holders picion." And Barr had to admit this, impatient as he was. In the banking house of Robert Bow- surd bubble of melons and dividends The well-planned attack had imme-

diate effect. The grangers, including man & Co. the strength of St. Louis had been pricked. No one but Carthing a week before which led to a St. Louis Southern, had broken 11/2 Southern had not passed unnoticed. ruth would know, and he was bound tong consultation with his partners points at the close and on Friday, its slump in the downward movement to silence by self interest. from the west. At its end he had sent when the bears had joined the move had been accepted as a part of the gen-

> On Monday the stock touched 105. Bowman met by appointment at lunchexecutive committee of the St. Louis,

"It is difficult to tell how long this

movement will last," said Bewman, who was a nervous little man with had put out 35,000 shares. The sales

a big racing stable. "It's those western gamblers, of course, and it might est figure. St. Louis Southern touched 93 not be a bad idea to take advantage of

"If we put out 30,000 shares of the stock at 106 that will mean \$180,000 due to evening up purchases by the more than we could get at par, and gers, including Bowman, had refused,

put down seven points without arous- afternoon. They authorized the issue due to buying for control by a compet- crowd. ing suspicion, and the shrewd manipu- of the stock and put its sale, which ing road, the Mississippi Central.

for the prescribed 30 days, in Bowman's hands. It meant a commission went down to Sheepshead Bay to of two per cent., or \$120,000, to Bowwatch one of his horses win the Sea- man & Co.

On the following morning Bowman question of spending money nor mak. race he met Barr, who was looking reached his office earlier than usual over Chelton, the western champion and sent for Walter Carruth of the shares had been traded in and Carruth that his Chicago friend, James B. stock exchange firm of Carruth & Hen- had put out and Pierce taken in 40,000 "What I want is the control of the Blake, had brought east to meet the drie, who handled all of Bowman & shares of Bowman's stock Co.'s exchange business. The mar-

ket had just opened and he was at the mopping his face as usual, "you going ticker when Carruth entered. "Mr. Carruth." Bowman said at once,

"I see that the market is very strong. swered Pierce, laughing. And the and that St Louis Southern has open- pesting to see it break any moment ed at 105%. The directors of the St. Louis have voted to sell 60,600 shares high prices. But it didn't break. It of stock now in the treasury, and this went steadily up in spite of the fact

ment in an uptown hotel. The manip- you think the market will take 30,000 ulator had with him a memorandum shares around 106?" "Easily, Mr. Bowman. This market is so broad and strong that it would ruth's request, 20 minutes before the

"Pretty had market the last three take the entire issue and advance on close of the market, failed to check careful inquiries and calculations as days, Pierce," said Barr, with a it, I believe." Carruth believed this the rise, Carruth became uneasy. He chuckle. "Did you buy any stocks on fully, and, besides, the sale of 60,000 had telephoned the banker that as his shares meant a commission of \$7,500 stock had been put out it would check

"I bought considerable St. Louis for his firm. "That is also my belief, but we'll a statement were issued, and instead put out 30,000 shares first. As much of this the excitement was increasretorted the manipulator, and then he as you can of it today, if it touches ing and the stock still climbing. plunged into the facts. 106 I can't believe it will go much "I don't know exactly how much St.

Louis we shook out on the pounding higher, but we'll try it anyway. we gave it, but my brokers accumu-"I think the entire market will gc lated 60,000 shares. We're short higher, Mr. Rowman," said Carruth, as

Bowman laughed a little. out to help the market, but I guess "Well, if it does, Mr. Carruth, I mately gone to less than a dozen

It was only St. Louis Southern that | And the banker grasped for them. borrow returned empty-handed and a Pierce actually bought and he took all He had been pouring millions into a shiver of fear ran through the street. that offered. On Monday, two weeks vast scheme for the control of the For the great Northern Pacific corunder way, he saw Barr for a moment cities; family tradition had driven him share under the bidding of crazed and told him 20,000 shares had come into the building of a palace at New- shorts, was fresh in the memory of all. port; his extensive racing stable, his From 1131/2, where it opened, St. "I can't find any of the management's greater pride, had been running heav-Louis Southern soared to 120 before the first 60 minutes were ended, and 105,' Pierce concluded. "I don't dare If he sold 60,000 shares of his own men fought, like beasts in a bear pit Hathaway sold and all the St. Louis put it up faster. It would rouse sus. stock at 110 it would mean \$600,000 in for raw meat, for the pitifully few shares that came from London and cash to him at once, and he felt that

that the bears were selling also.

he could regain it as soon as this abelsewhere. Carruth, with Bowman's wealth and the millions of gold of the banker's European connections behind him, fought like a man gone mad, but he, Bowman sighed a little. He turned too, knew it was a hopeless fight. The to the waiting broker. market was swept bare of St. Louis "Carruth," he said, slowly, "if the Southern.

market will take it, you may sell 60, At 11:30 it touched 124 and ru-000 shares for my personal account. mors of failures were flying fast around the floor. The strain was tell-I'm finally a bear on my own road, ing on men, and one trader, who was short 7,000 shares, went suddenly Carruth hurried back to the floor, quite foolish, babbling like a little and before the close, by the ald of the child. It was not a pleasant thing favorable rumors regarding the road, to see.

It was the beginning of the end, family traditions, social ambitions and for the day were over 90,000 shares, however, for at 11:45 the president and the stock closed at 110, the highof the exchange appeared in the rostrum and, when the crazed men Friday brought forth long, detailed had been at last quieted, announced stories in the morning papers of great that John Willis, of Barr & Co., had things impending in St. Louis Southassured him that there would be no ern, to all of which the road's manacorner, and that St. Louis Southern metal workers. For eight years he could be borrowed freely of his firm has unceasingly experimented in his so ran the stories, to give denials. It by those who were urgently in need of laboratory for the secret buried with was hinted by one paper that the re- the stock. A hoarse cheer went up The board of directors met the same cent activity in the stock had been from the raw throats of the wearled years of discouraging failure culmina-

Early that evening, when darkness The stock at once became the feawas sifting down on the street and old ture of the trading. It opened at Trinity's spire stood out against the

110%, one-half of a point over Thurswestern sky like a gigantic indexday's close, on a sale of 1,000 shares finger of the spirit of the street, in by Carruth's brokers. This was taken the offices of W. P. Martin & Co. there by a broker acting for Pierce, as was met the old and the new owner of the block of 6,000 shares which followthe St. Louis Southern railroad. Mared it at 110%. By noon over 100,000 tin & Co. had already arranged for the sale of Barr's holdings to a competing western road at a price that later put another \$10,000,000 in his plunder

From noon on the St. Louis post was chest. Bowman had come in rea pin-point in a seething mass of humanity. In blocks of 1,000, 2,000 and 3,000 shares Carruth hurled the rest of

the banker's stock at the market, exflat-topped mahogany desk, against the and anxious only to get it out at the glowing side of which he was drumming an air with his boot heels, when Martin introduced Bowman. He shuf fled down clumsily and stretched out When an explicit denial of any deals his moist hand to the little banker, or anything else of a favorable nature, whose unshaven face, as Barr saw, sent to the floor by Bowman at Car-

'you have bought a good railroadand you might have ruined me-and did not." It was an acknowledgement and almost a question. the excitement and start the decline if

"Well," said Barr, mopping his face under the stress of the thing, "you made the road, didn't you?" And then with a burst of pride in his mag-And now for the first time Carruth nanimity he answered the unasked began to analyze the buying of St. question:

Louis. Hurried conferences with his "Damn it," he said, earnestly, as if brokers resulted in a compliation of this must make it clear to Bowman, the names of the buyers, and he found "damn it, I guess I've got some milk that day after day the stock had plttof human kindness left."

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"Didn't you hear all of the profes sor's lecture?" "Why, no. He began by saying that

sleep is the secret of right livingand then I came home and went to bed."

He Knew.

Backer-You got trimmed bad. I thought you said you were confident of the result. Pugilist-I was. I knew I'd get licked.-Puck.

That Liberal Congress. "Washington has asked for one hundred additional policemen." "What about it?" "Congress wants to give them that many new laws, instead."

Certainly. Teacher-What happened when the urmy fell into the ambush? Little Willie-Why, they were all scratched up.

MENTAL ACCURACY Greatly Improved by Leaving Off Coffee

ooking for all the world like other cot The manager of an extensive creamtages of the average laboring man, the ery in Wis. states that while a regulost art was recovered. John Stipp's lar coffee drinker, he found it injurifather, grandfather, great-grandfather ous to his health and a hindrance to and how much further back he does the performance of his business dunot know and does not care, were ties

"It impaired my digestion, gave me a distressing sense of fullness in the region of the stomach, causing a most the ancient Egyptians. Recently his painful and disquieting palpitation of the heart, and what is worse, it mudted in success, and he holds a process dled my mental faculties so as to serifor tempering copper until it defies the ously injure my business efficiency.

"I finally concluded that something would have to be done. I quit the use of coffee, short off, and began to drink Des Moines, Ia .- Along the watel Postum. The cook didn't make it sheds of northern Iowa there are s right at first. She didn't boil it long great many small lakes varying from enough, and I did not find it palatable half a mile to one mile in diameter. and guit using it and went back to cof-One of these in Wright county, and fee and to the stomach trouble again. "Then my wife took the matter in ceived the name of "Walled lake," on hand, and by following the directions account of embankments that comon the box, faithfully, she had me pletely surround them. It has been drinking Postum for several days begenerally supposed that these emfor I knew it.

bankments were thrown up by ancient "When I happened to remark that inhabitants of the country. They are I was feeling much better than I had from two to ten feet high, and from for a long time, she told me that I five to thirty feet in width. Some who had been drinking Postum, and that have examined these, however, deaccounted for it. Now we have no clare them to be the result of natural coffee on our table.

> "My digestion has been restored, and with this improvement has come relief from the oppressive sense of fullness and palpitation of the heart that used to bother me so. I note such a gain in mental strength and acuteness that I can attend to my office work with ease and pleasure and without making the mistakes that were so annoying to me while I was using coffee.

"Postum is the greatest table drink of the times, in my humble estimation." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason." Ever read the above lett

causes only, and ascribe them to the periodic action of ice, aided to some extent by the force of the waves The lakes are very shallow, and in was haggard with exhaustion. winter they often freeze to the very "Mr. Barr," Bowman said quietly, bottom. The ice freezes fast to the earth below, and as in its expansion it acts in all directions, from center

sponse to an invitation from Martin & Co., who wanted his now minority holdings for the same road. Barr was sitting on the corner of