RUMORED RAILROAD CHANGE.

Reported That Chicago Great Western Has Passed Into Control of Two Other Roads.

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15.—Has the Chicago CHICAGO, Aug. Great Western Railroad passed into the control of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas t) be operated under a joint agreement by these roads?

Private advices from New York to-day were to the effect that it could be definitely stated that such change of ownership had taken place, but that no official announcement of the fact had been made as yet.

The telegram which came to a La Salle Street firm to-day said that under the joint arrangement General Manager Allen of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Road had been agreed upon as the General Traffic Manager for the new system.

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That part of the story relating to Mr. Allen superseding General Traffic Manager Hyland of the St. Paul, and becoming the directing traffic head of the three roads is doubted, but the belief seems to be that there has been a change in ownership of the Chicago Great Western. For two weeks or more Wall and La Salle Streets have been full of rumors about a pending deal involving the ownership and control of the Chicago Great Western. The old Maple Leaf Route has been such a thorn in the side of the two great North-west roads that the most generally accepted story has been that the Chicago Great Western would be found under the joint control of the Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Chicago and Northwestern when the smoke had cleared away. The purpose of these two roads in secur-

smoke had cleared away. 'The purpose of these two roads in secur-ing the Great Western was believed to be to remove a disturbing element in the rail-road situation in that territory. It was the belief that the two roads would divide up the Maple Leaf system and merge it into their own systems. Some time ago there was a story in cir-culation, in which the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Road, which mas a large mile-age extending into the Southwest from

culation, in which the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Road, which has a large mile-age extending into the Southwest from St. Louis, was after the Chicago Great Western, but the general belief was that the St. Paul would not permit the acquisi-tion of the property undisputed.

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