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WESTMORELAND

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EVELYN SEARS

NEW YORK, May 22.—(Special).—The public has seen the last of Ada Rehan, the once famous leading woman of Augustin Daly's great stock company. Miss Rehan has just sailed for Europe to spend the summer at her home in England. She was gray-haired and feeble as she went aboard the ship. Since the death of Augustin Daly Miss Rehan has been practically in retirement. Once several years after his death she organized a company, but she found she did not have strength for the work and she retired after a short season.

The Countess Westmoreland is regarded as one of the great beauties of England. She is a sister of the Duchess of Sutherland and a half sister of the

famous Countess of Warwick. She does not figure conspicuously in society because her husband is poor. She passes as much time on the continent as in England and is as much admired there.

Mrs. M. E. Hay is the wife of the new Governor of Washington. She will dispense the social honors of the executive mansion gracefully, as she is a charming hostess.

Mrs. Lars Anderson has turned author, and the first work of her pen is soon to make its appearance. "The Moon Baby" is the title of the book, and as the title suggests, it is a book for children. Boston and Washington society folk are expectantly waiting for it. The book is a clever recital of

the adventures of a little boy who through fairy influences begins life as an inhabitant of the moon. He wanders amid strange caves and dells and woodlands, and encounters strange peoples and strange animals. The book is not written for profit. The libraries of all institutions for children will be supplied with it, and society women will aid in giving it wide circulation among the children.

Miss Nora Iselin and Count Ferdinand Coloredo-Mannsfeld were married May 16 at the home of the bride's uncle. The bride is a daughter of C. Oliver Iselin, whose ill-health was responsible for the simplicity of the func-

tion. The bridegroom, a tall, angular, pleasant-faced young Austrian, is Secretary of the Austrian Embassy at Rome. The young couple will reside at home.

Miss Evelyn Sears, National woman lawn tennis champion in 1907, won the singles in the Brookline Country Club tournament Monday, May 18. She also won the cup in the mixed doubles. Her partner was Captain N. W. Niles, of the Harvard tennis team. Miss Sears on his dignity as "champion" and refused to go to Mahomet. It was a trying period of suspense and hope, and finally Johnson slunk away. Being the bird in the hand, Jeff is pre-eminently the "man of the hour." He will be with us another week, and meantime bulletins will be issued hourly.

Many New Hotels.
Flags are flying over the top-most points of two new hotels which will be thrown open to the public before the snow flies again. The La Salle, a \$3,000,000 affair, is included, and work is going on in the interior which is jealously guarded from the public view. The iron structure of the new Blackstone, on Michigan boulevard just below the Congress, is completed, and the brick and stone finishings are

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black as the girl who writes of lights and shades at the Art Institute. Tuesday won the championship in the singles and with her partner, Captain Niles, won the championship in the mixed doubles.

going up a story a week. The old Sherman House, rallying point for travelers these many years, is soon to be raised for a newer and grander pile on the same site. With it will go the College Inn, that place of after-theater frolic on Chicago's state.

The Victoria, famed in earlier years as a hotel for exclusives, has been torn down and a huge business block will rise on its site. The new Brevoort and the Stratford, recently rehabilitated, are measuring up to new marks of hospitality, while the Palmer House, Grand Pacific, Great Northern, Wellington and Majestic are catering in the same old way. Taking hope from the experience of New York, local hotel men believe there will be room enough in Chicago for the old and new.

Also Some Politics.
Illinois is not likely to reverse Oregon and elect a Republican Senator with Democratic votes. For a time it seemed likely Roger C. Sullivan would win in bringing about the election of William Lorimer, but M. Sullivan, with indignant aspect, repudiates any such purpose on his part. Democratic members of the Legislature have been warned that they will court political annihilation if they enter into a bi-partisan scheme to elect a Republican Senator.

Albert J. Hopkins is just as far away from the goal as ever, and the chances now seem overwhelming that the session will end with no toga awarded. A Chicago bartender received one vote for

Senator last week. He had died the day before the vote was recorded, after waiting for days in vain for the legislator to fulfill his promise. It's serious business—this election of a Senator from the state of Lincoln and Logan.

FIVE ENGINES RUN WILD
Miscreants Cause Shocking Disaster on Russian Railroad.

BERLIN, May 22.—(Special).—Nearly 50 persons wounded and bruised in the aftermath of a crime of unexampled character described by a Russian correspondent of the Tagilskaya Rundschau.

A party of miscreants entered the locomotive shed of Scheremka, on the Southwest Railway, where five engines had their steam up. They opened the valves, sent the five engines charging on to the tracks, and fled.

A signal man managed to turn two of them into a siding, but the other three rushed onward, and tore with a tremendous crash and explosion, into a crowded passenger train.

Luckily the first cars of this train were laden only with goods, but the passengers in the other carriages were thrown from their seats, cut by glass and seriously injured or bruised.

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Prosperity Hovering Over Chicago Before Alighting

In Spite of Strikes, Windy City Seems to Have "the Drop" on Good Times, as Witnessed by Building and Business Activity in All Lines.

BY JONATHAN PALMER.

CHICAGO, May 22.—For the first time since the Presidential election, the Middle West is beginning to have a vitalizing sense of the near return of prosperity. On all sides are signs that when the tariff question is settled business will receive a quick and positive impulse. Indeed the revivifying process already is on, large interests taking bond of the future for the return of "good times." Apparently tariff legislation is not going to be just what the Middle West would like to have. On the contrary, it is likely to be wide of the mark, but good or bad in the view of the majority, business men feel that the Middle West has a basis to work on and for which to plan.

Judge E. H. Gary and William E. Carey, of the United States Steel Corporation, James J. Hill, Secretary MacVeagh, Paul Morton and others of lesser prominence have all within a few days given out messages of cheer. Railroad managements, taking counsel of themselves and of such men as these, are beginning in earnest to lay the lines for expansion. Merchants are buying with more assurance. They have felt the pulse of business out in the country and find it is beating stronger. Bankers foresee an early enlargement of the demand for money, too many millions of which have been stored away in idle deposits.

Manufacturers Wake Up.

Big manufacturing centers like Chicago are likely to give the cue to the rest of the country to go ahead. There has already been a rapping to attention—a sort of "Ready, set, go!" as applied to footcages. Big orders for steel are on file at Gary, the new wonder steel city which has transformed the barren sand dunes of Northern Indiana into a hive of industry. Only the other day Judge Gary forecast the feverish activity which soon is to make the town hum.

Satisfied that the turn of the tide has set in and that the railroad soon will be calling for vast quantities of equipment, the Pullman Company is preparing to build its immense new addition to turn out 50,000 passenger and freight cars a year. The Pullman Company is not going to spend \$2,000,000 on this plant without first having assured itself that the money will come back several fold. Steel cars are to be built in it. That means two things—that the railroad industry is bound to expand to unprecedented dimensions in the next few years. One of the commercial marvels of Chicago is the tremendous growth of the

mail order business. So vast has it become that country merchants in the Mississippi Valley consider it with alarm. Just why it should so thrive is a mystery. One explanation is that the public is prompted by curiosity and some sort of pleasurable illusion to buy at a distance and in a store it never has seen, rather than at home, where it could be served quite as well, if not better.

It has just been brought to light that one of the mail order houses here has just sent out in one lot 6,000,000 pieces of mail, for which the stamps alone cost \$20,000. The matter mailed weighed 125 tons and was bulky enough to fill 60 cars to the limit. The task of receiving and taking care of this mountain of stuff was so great that to facilitate its handling the firm was allowed to buy stamps which had been canceled in advance. The Postoffice Department thus got all that was coming to it without expending so much labor and time as would have been required had the canceling been done in the ordinary way.

One of these mail order houses has a plant that cost millions and covers about 40 acres of ground. The buildings, gardens and lawns are beautiful. So prosperous has the concern been that its stock, now regularly listed here, is steadily advancing in price and is in great demand. The rapidly with which men of moderate means are being translated into millionaires through this business suggests that an overwhelming percentage of the benefits of the mail order style of selling goods goes to the men who run the plants. In the two larger houses in Chicago it is said that nearly 10,000 persons are employed. Anyhow it is great business for the Postoffice in swelling annual receipts.

Honor for Chicago Woman.

In recent years New York has drawn on Chicago for high financial and executive job-holders in the persons of E. H. Gary, Frank A. Vanderlip, T. P. Shonts, Paul Morton, P. A. Valentine and George W. Perkins. The first woman to be so honored is Miss Florence Spencer who has been "lifted" and made librarian and statistician of the National City Bank, the biggest institution of its kind in the country. Miss Spencer is a typical Chicago girl, reared and educated here, and for all her young years moving more or less in the "hurry up" procession of the Western metropolis.

When she got out of college Miss Spencer became assistant librarian at Armour Institute. It was there she learned to handle and assimilate works of a technical character, and to marshal statistics on all sorts of subjects. So earnest and proficient was she in this line of work that attention was focused

on her by more than one man of affairs. Mr. Vanderlip, whom, among those who came to understand the thorough manner of her work, and when it was up to him to cast about for a librarian he very quickly cast in the direction of Miss Spencer. In an amazingly short time she had organized her department and had it in full swing, so that she is quite able now to put her finger on information on a thousand subjects which financiers like to know about.

Chicago Has Debtor's Too.

Chicago's debtor cells are becoming as famous as those of which Dickens wrote more than half a century ago. Mrs. Kershaw, whose case was described in a previous letter, is still cheerfully staying in jail and proclaiming she will stick through the six months for which she was committed because she refused to pay a judgment of \$200. She has company now in one Fritz Rinkel, who is locked up in a debtor's cell for failure to satisfy a judgment obtained against him by Mrs. Emma Rudge for slander, trespass and assault.

Mrs. Runge is a washerwoman with two young daughters. To keep Rinkel in jail she must pay \$2.50 a week for his board and keep. Mrs. Rinkel may be forced to join her husband on the ground she is jointly responsible with her husband. That will mean \$1 a week for Mrs. Runge, which is not a handy sum for a woman of the tub to pass over every week. But Mrs. Runge, though confined to her bed part of the time by illness, says she will wear her fingers to the bone and tire her back to the breaking point to keep her hostile neighbors in duress.

Her two daughters are heart and soul with their mother on this point and they are testing their physical powers to the limit. One of the daughters gave up her school to help her mother. They expect to stay a week. The neighbors, who are friends of Mrs. Runge, are coming to her rescue in every way, and it is said that more than \$2 by an unnamed donor has been contributed to the cause, or to the "principle" as Mrs. Runge prefers to call it.

Thousand-Dollar Cradle.

It is not given to many babies to sleep in a \$1000 cradle save in royal nurseries. There is one such rock-a-bye in Chicago and in it frolics and croons Miss Florence Crane, now some two months old. They say it needed something like this carved work of art from the Old World to match the rich furnishings with which Baby Crane was surrounded when she arrived in the new and magnificent stone pile that looks at once upon the Lake