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# SIR WILFRID ASKED FOR IT

And Was Backed in the Request by Mr. Charles Russell.

Correspondent of the Papal Or gan in France Says the Canadian Premier Asked His Holiness to Establish esting Quotations from L'Univers-Montreal, Dec. 30.—It is now learne

Montreal, Dec. 30.—It is now learned on the highest authority that Sir Wilfrid Laurier in October last made a personal sequest to the Pope to establish a perman ent apostolic delegation in Canada. This is also confirmed by some interesting information contained in the Roman correspondence of the 17th inst. to L'Univers, which is the Pope's mouthpiece in France. Referring to the denial from Ottawa that the Dominion Government had asked the Holy See to establish an apostolic nunciature in Canada, the evidently inspired correspondent writes: "Evidently there was never any intention to establish an nunciature at Ottawa, but as we are not playing with words, I can

formally asked the Holy See to institute a permanent apostolic delegation in Canada, the Prime Minister being aware of the behefits obtained, on the ground of a pacified public opinion during the temporary delegation in Canada filled by Mgr. Merry del Vail. Perhaps, also, Mr. Laurier desired to give satisfaction to Canadian Catholics, whose support was very useful to him at the last elections, and in return he had not satisfied them on the Manitoba school question."

The correspondent also proceeds to declare that the denial from Ottawa was given out to appease Protestants of Ontario and Manitoba; "but it is not less true," he adds, "that the request was made to the Holy See, and it mot with the support of several politicians in England, amonst whom was Mr. Charles Russell, who came to Rome for that purpose towards the end of last month. Consequently the denial sent out from Ottawa can only apply to the result obtained through the demand made at Rome for such a permanent alogation. It is no doubt because it first desires to solve to the satisfaction of Canadian Catholics the question of the Manitoba schools."

SAD SUICIDE AT PETERBORO.

John Burnham, Q.C. and Ex-M.P., Jumpo Into the Otonabee River.

Into the Otonabee River.

Peterboro, Dec. 30.—John Burnham, Q.C., ex-M.P., and county councillor of Ashburnham, Peterboro County, committed suicide yesterday by throwing himself into the Otonabee River at the foot of his garden. Worry over business troubles kept Mr. Burnham from being able to sleep for the last several months and his brain gave way, which led to his unfortunate death. He was one of the best known, most prominent and highly respected residents of the county. He had been before the public all his life and had taken an active interest in public affairs with credit to himself and to the interests with which he was associated. He had been feeve of Ashburnham for over twenty five years continuously, representing the village in the county coveri

C.P.R. Steamships Requisitions by the Admiralty.

Carving Up of China Apparently to Become a Reality-French Admiral Hoists His Flag on Hai-Nan Island-

Shanghai, Dec. 30.—It is reported here that the admiral of the French fleet has hoisted the French flag on Hai-Nan Island (between the China Sea and the Gulf of Tonquin). The Chinese offered no

The Report Confirmed.

London, Dec. 30.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Singapore confirms the report of the scizure of Hai-Nan Island by the French.

Japan is Ambit

Japan is Ambitious.

London, Dec. 30.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail has had an interview on the Chinese situation with M. Kurino, the Japanese Minister to France. M. Kurino, the Japanese Minister to France. M. Kurino represented that Japan was committed to a peaceful role for three years, after which time her fleet would be second only to Great Britain's. Japan, he added, intended to be the Great Britain of the Pacific. M. Kurino referred in detail to the sixty-flve warships and 126 torpedo boats that are now under construction for Japan.

A despatch to the Morning Post from Paris says that negotiations have been proceeding in that city between representatives of Russia and France to raise a loan of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of paying the indemnity due from China to Japan, and thus securing the Japanese evacuation of Wei-Hai-Wei.

France was determined that a French bank should head the loan, while Russia demanded that the Russo-Chinese Bank should do so. The difficulty resulted in the breaking off of the negotiatons. The obvious object of the loan was to enable Bussia to occupy Wei-Hai-Wei.

CANADA'S NEXT GOVERNOR-

The Marquis of Hertford, a Conserva-tive, Spoken of for the Post.

Canada.

Hugh de Grey Seymour, sixth Marquis of Hertford, was born in 1848, and married a daughter of the First Viscount Bridport. The Marquis was formerly a captain in the Grenadier Guards, was member of Parliament in 1869 for County Antrim. and in 1874 he was member of Parliament for South Warwickshire. He is Deputy Lieutenant for Warwickshire, was Comptroller of Her Majesty's Household in 1879, and is a Conservative in politics.

OSOBRI HAS FOLLEN.

She tremblingly stepped into the garden, looking to the right and to the left; then she stood still, not daring to go forward.
Suddenly she heard someone close by call her name; she turned round, frightened, and found herself face to face with Elie.
When she saw him she could not restrain

a cry.

"Ah, I was looking for you," she said, in a burst of naive joy.

"I had guessed it," responded the youn man, taking her hands in his and covering them with kisses.

hem with kisses.
She drew them away in alarm.
"If anyone should come!" she stammere.
"At this hour we have nothing to fear.

father," said Anna; "but your uncle?"
"My uncle cannot bind my will."
"You will anger him."
"What matter? It is with you I shall

ou will not deprive me of my, namily, for a vice none."

She looked at him in amazement.

"Ah! you do not know," he said, "what it adoption without love is. You do not now what it is to play the role of son tithout having a son's rights, receiving enefits, like an alms; to find one's self a bliged to show a respect which one annot feel, to drag after one a chain it gratitude which prevents one from allowing the dictates of one's conjunce. Ah! how many times have in reproached myself for living in the midst of a luxury whose source I ras aware of. How many times, seeing ras taking place around me, have I blushed or my passive complicity! I was there ike a poor bird brought up by chance in a nulture's nest. I felt that I was being fed in carrion and prey, and I had not the strength to fly away. I sought in vain for the opportunity to do so; the help I needed to escape from this abyss was wanting; God be praised for having given it to me, Anna: your love will have saved me. What I bught to have done for duty's sake I am going to do for the sake of my happiness. I shall leave my uncle to find a real father, yours, Anna. We will go together to some retired spot to seek some employment too humble to excite the envy of anyone, and we shall gain there in tranquility what we lose in wealth. Ah! I am impatient to expiate by labor the usurped opulence which I had the cowardice to enjoy for so long. I wish to make restitution to humanity of the part of the spoils which I have consumed in my idleness. You will aid me in the task. We will march through life together, hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, keeping step, as the Lacedemonian brothers in arms marched to battle. Another might have offered you a life of happy leisure, and I, I am proud to offer you a life of labor; it appears to me that to give you a task to fulfil, a difficult path to tread without any other support than my arm, is to render homage to your courage, to prove to you that I respect you too much to wish you to spind a useless life."

"Ah! you are right,

thing in the world. I will become simple, economical, industrious; I shall work continually, provided that I be near you and that I may see you and sing for you sometimes; I will be your housekeeper and your singing bird."

times; I will be your housekeeper and your singing bird."

"And I, Anna," cried de Beaucourt, enraptured, "swear that you shall be my only ambition; that I shall envy no one so long as I have the treasure of your love. Ah, my God! I had not known before this day that you could render poverty more beautiful than wealth. I did not conceive what joy it would be to earn by labor every pleasure of the beloved wife; to enlarge slowly the circle of her enjoyments, to prepare for her by labor the ray of, sunshine that shall one day rejoice her aged heart and gild her whitet hairs. Ah! why must this happiness be deferred? I tremble lest it should escape me. Your father, at least, will place no obstacle in my way."

"Does he not wish, before everything, that I should be happy." responded the child.

"Oh, yes! happy," answered Elie, press-

child.

"Oh, yes! happy," answered Elie, pressing her to his breast; "you must be happy I shall love you so dearly. But when will he return? Did he conclude successfully the business which took him to Brest?"

"Yes, but new embarrassments threaten

"Yes, but new emberrassments threatens him; he wrote to me this morning that he was about to start for Paris."

"Heaven grant he may not remain long, then, 'sighed Elie. "If ear every delay. I fear that Mr. Gaillot may discover my projects prematurely. God knows what means he would employ to prevent a union which would interfere with his plans and make me pass ovee. to the enemy's camp. I know him to well not to fear him; therefore I shall give him no warning until everything is ready and it will be too late for him to contrive obstacles; until that comes we cannot be to prudent."

"Adieu, then," said the young girl; "I might be seen here, and then all would be lost."

Elie was about to reconduct her to the

TO BE CONTINUED

Given in Reference to the Humber Piggery.

DISEASED PORK WAS SOLD

John Attached to the Subject-Hogs Killed That Were Dying With Cholere and Sold to a City Dealer-"Stick Him

those of apparently healthy animals might be used for human food. These instruc-tions were followed, and 97 carcasses, after being examined at the Central Pri-Provincial Treasurer as the value of the 261 hogs in the piggery at the time of the outbreak, it included the \$400 or \$500 received for the hogs that were sold.

Fred Newton, the butcher who did most of the killing at the piggery, testified and described the slaughter in detail. In pen No. 1 the hogs were marked by blue and purple spots which appeared on the neck and shoulders. The entrails were also discolored, and in one case there's

animals were sick, and some were dead. In some cases hogs were taken from pens in which others lay dead, and then killed and dressed for sale. Some five or six of these presented such a fearful appearance after being dressed that they were burned. In answer to a question from Mr. St. John, Mr. Newton stated that not one of the hogs sent to the Central Prison was perfectly clean and sweet; that the entralls of the hogs dressed and sent to the Central Prison were diseased; that there were blue and purple spots on the outside of a dozen carcasses sent to the Central Prison, which he cut out.

Mr. St. John: "From what part of the body did you cut this diseased meat?"

Mr. Newton: "From the neck and shoulders and other parts."

Mr. St. John: "Who told you to cut this diseased meat out?"

sent to the Central Prison with the rest.

Among the pigs in the yard were some
sows and young ones, of which some
were dead and dying when the rest were
killed. The slaughter lasted two days, and
each night the dressed carcasses were removed to the prison. When a carcase was
in a particularly bad shape, Mr. Warner
would tell him to burn it if he could not
"for" it.

would tell him to burn it if he could not "fix" it.

Mr. Stratton then took the witness in hand, and the latter swore that Mr. Hunter had told him to say nothing about the slaughter to anyone who wanted information. None of the 97 hogs taken to the Central Prison were fit for food.

Dr. Andrew Smith told of his visit to the piggery on July 11, 1896, at the request of Mr. Hunter. Some of the hogs were already dead, and 10 or 12 more were sick. He advised the slaughter of all the hogs, but stated that, while those of the animals which showed any traces of disease should be destroyed, those which were apparently sound and healthy might be used for human food. Questioned by Mr. St. John, Dr. Smith admitted that 40 of the animals had died in the course of a month. Dr. Sweetapple had on July 13 gone out to inspect the dressed hogs at the prison, but when he went out to look at the rest next day they had been removed. He would not assume responsibility for the sale of the hogs that had not been inspected by Dr. Sweetapple. The investigation will be continued at 10 o'clock this morning.

Regina, Dec. 30.—H. H. Harding, the \$8,000 forger, who was arrested here, acted on the natice of his lawyer, W. C. Hamilton, Q.C., and consented to be taken back to the States. When arrested he said he had only \$81 about him, but on closely searching the police discovered the proceeds of the forged check hidden in the lining of his coat and toe of his sock.

A Weil Digger Suffocated.

Killarney, Man., Dec. 30.—John Brigham was overcome with gas while working in a well here yesterday. Efforts were made to resuscitate him, but without avail. Deceased leaves a wife and two shildren. A Well Digger Suffocated

WASHINGTON.

Hon. Mr. Sifton Saw the President, Afte Which He Conferred With Messra. McKenna and Gage.

Washington, Dec. 80.—Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn yesterday presented Mr. Clifford Sifton, the Canadian Minister of the Interior, to the President. Mr. McKinley greeted Mr. Sifton with cordiality, but did not discuss with him tany manner the object of his visit. Lates Mr. Sifton took lunch at the British Empager.

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Secretary Meikiejohn, called upon Attor ney-General McKenna and Secretary of the Trassury Gago. The visits were simply out of courtesy, but in the course of Mr. Sifton's visit to both these Cabine officers the question of getting supplied into the Klondike was discussed.

Mr. Sifton, in a general way, expressed the opinion that the Canadian Government would be glad to render any aid in its power to this Government in getting a relief expedition into the Klondike, bu expressed the opinion to both Mr McKenna and Mr. Gage that there wan to likely to be great suffering amont templates would get through. The Canadian Government, with all the facilities in its possession, has not yet been able to get in 25 tons of provisions despatched some time ago. He pictured in a gloomy way the immense difficulties in driving reindeer through the narrow defiles and

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