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## The Countess Decides

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ing until I sail from Suez, a week from to-day."

"Of course, nothing will be said either then or after," proclaimed San-derstead stoutly.

Lord Warlingham stood silent for a moment; then his anger being some-what cleared away, he echoed—

"Of course.

The lady sprang to her feet with

radiant face.

"You are both very good to me. Lord Warlingham, I ask your forgiveness, and I deeply appreciate your promise of silence. Won't you shake

promise of silence. Won't you shake hands with the adventuress and say you are sorry I sail so soon?"

"Indeed, madam," said Warlingham, cordially taking her hand, "I do say so with all my heart, and I wish you wal!"

you well."
"And are you sorry, Mr. Sander-stead?" she cried, with a touch of fear and pathos in the eyes she turned upon him.
"No, I am not."

The lady caught her breath, and the colour left her cheeks.
"Oh, I say, Sanderstead!" protested

his Lordship.

"Why should I be sorry when I sail on the same steamer, if the lady permits me?" He took her hand and raised it to his lips.

Lord Warlingham beamed upon

them with a smile half tender, comical. He was an experienced man and knew the signs.

"Is this a case of 'Bless you, my children'?" he asked.

"Again, if the lady permits."
The colour came back redoubled and brought with it a smile to the

Yet she was the Countess, after all.

THE END.

## Monroe Doctrine in Canada

(New York Tribune)

TO what extent Canada contributes to imperial defence or provides for her own defence is her business and not ours. The United States has no occasion to view with concern the development of a Canadian navy or of a Canadian adjunct to the British navy. It will be no menace to us any more than our navy is a menace to Canada or to Great Britain. But Professor Goldwin Smith is

But Professor Goldwin Smith is right in regarding the Monroe Doctrine as applicable to Canada just as much as to Mexico or South America. It will be recalled that that doctrine, together with its corollary or complement, the Polk Doctrine, was effectively applied to Cuba many years ago to prevent the forcible or other acquisition of that island by any other European power than Spain. The United States specifically pledged itself to use, if necessary, its whole army and navy to defend Spain in her possession of Cuba or to restore that island to her if it should be taken from her. from her.

It is to be assumed that should occasion arise precisely the same policy would be adopted and would be executed concerning Canada. This country would not permit Canada to pass into the possession of any other European power than that to which it now belongs. And that is to be said en-tirely without regard to any self-defence measures which Canada may or may not adopt. However, we have no idea that any such contingency will ever arise. Canada is probably as safe from attack as is the United



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