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By Marconi Transatlantic Wireless Telegraph
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PARIS, April 8, (by telegraph to Clifden, Ireland; thence by wireless)—The Castle of Kerjean, which many wealthy Americans have sought to buy during the last few years was purchased by the French Government this week for \$50,000.

Since 1909, when two American architects came over for the purpose of making accurate plans of the place, all Brittany has been jealous of its ruined sixteenth century chateau and has been wondering whether its owner, the Countess de Coafgourden, would finally be tempted by the handsome offers repeatedly made by a vaguely described American millionaire.

The name of the prospective purchaser was never officially revealed, but it was rumored at the time that H. C. Frick of Pittsburg was the man who boldly purposed to demolish the glorious structure and ship it to America piece by piece, towers and all.

The Countess, however, rejected firmly every offer and even opposed, by a stubborn refusal, the suggestion that the Ministry of Fine Arts classify the castle as among the national historical monuments.

The Chateau de Kerjean stands in the middle of the Department of Finistère and is one of the most beautiful specimens of sixteenth century Breton architecture, uniting as it does the elegance of the second period of the Renaissance with the more ancient imposing majesty of feudal times.

The Minister of Fine Arts has now decided to turn the castle into a museum and library, where all branches of Breton art and literature will be represented. In purchasing the chateau the State has incidentally made a good investment, for, it is said, the mere exploitation of the sixteen acres of well-wooded park that go with it, would realize \$10,000 at once, without prejudicing in any way the beauty of the venerable avenues.