

THE YARMOUTHS ARE NOW DIVORCED

Countess Was Plaintiff and the
Case Was Practically

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ALL INFORMATION AS TO NATURE OF
THE CHARGE OF 11-11-11

Marchioness of Hertford Stood by Her

London, Feb. 5.—Sir Birrell Barnes, president of the divorce court, today granted the Countess of Yarmouth, who was Miss Alice Thaw of Pittsburgh, a decree nullifying her marriage to the Earl of Yarmouth.

At the time fixed for the commencement of the proceedings, every one not actually engaged on the case was excluded from the courtroom. The case was practically undefended and the hearing lasted for only half an hour.

The countess, attired in a fashionable black gown, was present, but the Earl of Yarmouth was not in court.

Only four witnesses were examined. They were the Countess of Yarmouth herself, her maid, a doctor appointed by the court, and an American lawyer who proved the marriage. The countess gave evidence that she had never

consummated and the maid testified that the earl and countess had been living as man and wife. According to the evidence of the doctor, the Earl of Yarmouth was capable of consummating the marriage, but counsel for the plaintiff contended that this did not affect the allegation that the marriage had not been consummated and he pointed out to the judge that it was within the jurisdiction of the court to annul the marriage if the judge decided that it had not been consummated.

The Earl of Yarmouth did not defend himself. His lawyer satisfying himself that the evidence was sufficient, appeared with pointing out, however, that since the doctor removed any stigma attached to the earl by the evidence of the maid, and there was no ground on which the countess could have sued for divorce.

No mention was made of a mortgage settlement, and it was learned from an authoritative source that, contrary to certain published statements, the question of revising the settlement has not been discussed by the principals or their solicitors and that it is not likely to be discussed. The brevity of the proceedings came as a surprise to everybody except those engaged in the case. That the hearing should be short was arranged when the application today was made last week, and at the same time the counsel undertaking to occupy more than four hours. The fact that counsel of the Earl of Yarmouth decided to defend the action was

The case is said to have been influenced by evidence given recently in New York City by one of Harry K. Thaw, brother of the countess, for the murder of Stanford White, the architect to insanity in the Thaw family, as well as the verdict of the jury that Harry Thaw was insane when he committed the crime.

The papers in the case are being kept secret, and information regarding the nature of the charges is being carefully withheld. The statement made, however, that the character of a public hearing to be given made it has been well known for two years past that the domestic affairs of the Yarnowskys were unhappy. The earl's treatment of his wife in the manner of living, it was said, were such that he could not give his wife the place in society which she had a right to expect.

conducted herself with dignity throughout the troubles resulting from the unhappy union and the difficulties of her mother, Harry Kendall Thaw. The fact that the countess had decided definitely to seek an annulment of her marriage was made known here Jan. 3, when she applied to the divorce court for a decree.

The Hertford family, the head of which is the Marquis of Hertford, whose heir the Earl of Yarmouth is, one of the oldest and proudest of the British nobility. The Marchioness of Hertford stood by her daughter-in-law throughout her troubles and exerted herself to reconcile the couple, but in vain. The family of the earl is much distressed at the notorious conduct brought upon it as a result of the action taken by the countess.

Since her marriage, the countess has made her home in England.

to the Grand Canyon. The plan to ensure the safety of the Grand Canyon National reserve by adding thereto the west part of the Buckskin mountains from the eastern line of the reserve to the Colorado river, and the inclusion of the proposal contemplates the inclusion of the ferry in the reserve. Senator New says it is the purpose of the government to move a number of elk, buffalo and other large game animals from the Yellowstone to the Grand Canyon reserve during the coming season, and it is desirable to extend the reserve to the lake so as to better protect these animals.

NEW AMMUNITION HOISTS.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Plans have been completed by the naval ordnance bureau for the installation of new ammunition hoisting arrangements for the 6 inch guns, comprising some 100 new hoists. This is rendered necessary by the introduction of smokeless powder, which has permitted a great increase in rate of fire. The new arrangement for the ammunition is so adapted as it can be fired and instantly separate the turretts from the landing room below so that there will be a prevention of any sudden