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DIVORCE IN ENGLAND.

The recent injustice of the English divorce law has forced the Lord Chancellor into a promise to recommend to the Government that a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into British marriage laws.

Lord Wolverhampton is quoted as saying that the present condition of affairs is really a breach of the Magna Charta which says that justice shall not be sold.

These circumstances have led to the formation of a society for the amendment of the existing divorce law.

The president is Lord Goral, a recently appointed peer, who has from a long experience as a judge and as president of the Divorce Court, been convinced of the great hardships imposed by the British law.

That the members of the organization intend to wage war for their convictions is shown by the recent action of Lord Goral in asking the peers to endorse the following resolution:

"That it is expedient that jurisdiction to a limited extent in divorce and matrimonial cases should be conferred upon county courts in order that the Divorce Court could form an idea of the nature heard and determined in such courts."

In support of his motion he said that no one who had not had experience in the Divorce Court could form an idea of the nature heard and determined in such courts.

Another man wrote to him saying that his wife had gone off with another man near his home and as he had not the necessary £100 he could do nothing. It was a common occurrence, Lord Goral explained, for a man to slip out of his pocket more money than he had in order to escape from a partner whose offences were flagrant, repeated and indefensible.

The effect of this state of affairs is that in many cases parties who have separated from husband or wife for good cause, although unable to afford a divorce, will marry again and run the risk of being prosecuted for bigamy.

In spite of the injustice of present conditions the resolution was vigorously opposed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Halifax, who deprecated any attempt to make divorce more easy, in support of their position they pointed with horror to conditions in the United States, where 72,000 divorces are granted annually, and where a judge had boasted of issuing seven divorces in twenty-eight minutes.

As a result of the difference of opinion in the House of Lords, the eminent reformer was asked to withdraw his resolution and this was done on the promise of the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the subject.

MR. MURDOCH'S POSITION.

The Board of Water and Sewerage has decided that Engineer Murdoch needs an assistant. Mr. Murdoch in fact requires a great deal of help, so that the decision of the Board expresses a reasonable view. So long as the Chief Engineer is compelled to act as handy man for all the departments, just so long will there be dissatisfaction in the administration of those departments.

The original intention when Mr. Murdoch was appointed to his present position, was that he should have supervision over all the city's work requiring engineering skill and that he should be assisted by sub-heads of departments to whom the practical work of carrying out orders would be left. It was intended that a capable man should be put in charge of the streets, that another would look after whatever

other public works were undertaken, and that while the Water and Sewerage branch would be under Mr. Murdoch's direct control, it would not be necessary to devote his whole personal attention to it. Yet beyond the appointment of the engineer, the council has done nothing and this one man who is supposed to be director general of the various departments, is compelled to fritter away his time in tinkering jobs which should be left to subordinates.

A wave of economy struck in about the time of the reorganization and prevented the carrying out of those plans previously made. As it is now Mr. Murdoch is a sort of foreman in the Water Department, a surveyor and walking boss for street work and second class clerk in the office.

When he wants anything done he has to go and do it himself. Under the circumstances it could scarcely be expected that he would accomplish as much work as it was anticipated he might be able to perform were he given the necessary help.

SITUATION ACUTE IN SOUTHERN EUROPE

Turks Make a Demand

CRETAN SITUATION

Turkey Threatens to Sever Diplomatic Relations

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With Little Experience Young Frenchman Reaches 450 Ft.

Thousands Threaten to Wreck Aeroplane, But Later Carry Aviator in Triumph.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—At Donald M. Paulham established a record for height Thursday, when he made a flight of 57 minutes' duration at a height varying from 300 to 450 feet.

Yesterday morning M. Paulham accomplished a remarkable performance. He started at 8 o'clock on his machine, with the intention of reaching Arras, situated at a distance of about thirty miles. On account of the fog he had to stop in the fields two miles after the start, but at 6 o'clock the weather having cleared, he rose again in the air, and arrived at Arras, having accomplished the journey in twenty-two minutes.

M. Louis Paulham met with a very warm reception, after which he decided to fly back to Douai.

At Chateau sur Marne, on the military ground, M. Roger Sommer, on an aeroplane of a foreign type, made a successful flight yesterday of one hour seven minutes.

The aviation week was opened yesterday at Vichy. A number of aviators entered for the prizes, but only M. Tissandier, Wilbur Wright's pupil, presented himself. The crowd of about 20,000 people, getting angry at the failure of the first meeting, threatened to invade the course and smash the aeroplane. To calm the people M. Tissandier made a flight of ten minutes at a height of about forty feet, and the enthusiasm of the crowd was so great that the aviator was carried in triumph round the course.

M. Paulham has undertaken to make an attempt to win the prize of \$50,000 offered for a flight from London to Manchester.

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Aeronaut Gives Interesting Account of Plucky Attempt to Win Big Prize

The Engine to Blame—Plays Him Trick Which Deprived Him of Honor Secured by Biorlo.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Hubert Latham, the plucky aeronaut, who failed to cross the English Channel in an aeroplane, gives an interesting account in this paper of his trip.

"Five seconds before the start," he writes, "as I sat in the pilot's seat of the aeroplane on the crest of Blantyre a vivid mental picture came to me. I can recall it perfectly.

"I started to get up, but the water, or lay the haze of the smoke from the furnaces of the Harp; dotted upon the air, I went up with perfect steadiness. I noticed a string of motor cars panning up the hill toward us, carrying passengers anxious not to be too late.

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