### PEARL FISHING IN CEYLON

AS IN SOLOMON'S TIME.

Strange town of Forty Thousand that Exists for Six Months-Methods of the Divers.

All night the little steamship Bhadra has been slowly making her way up the Ceylon coast from Colombo to the Gulf of Manar. Half an hour later we had made the sandy beach at Marichchikadde, aud everything around tells us too plainly that we are in "Pearl Town."

There is a heavy nauseating odor hanging in the air, rolling along in heavy surges, and making its presence felt like something taugible; it is a terrible smell, impossible to describe, and to smell nowhere else in the world-the Marichchikaddo odor, the essence of millions of rotting oysters, for that is the way the daz zling Orient peril, the gem of the east is obtained.

We walk up from the beach to the European quarters of "Pearl Town," and before us, where a month ago was nothing but the waste of burning silver sand and the haunts of the jackal, the kite, and the scorpion, Low stretches a busy town of forty thousand inhabitants, a mushroom city to live through a strenuous six weeks of toil and money getting, of hard labor and high gambling, and then to vanish and leave its debris to the jackals.

CONTROLLED BY ENGLISHMEN.

It is peopled by the scum of the East, the wastrels of the Orient, the riff-raff of the Red Sea littoral and the Persian Gulf-thirty-five thous and of the ugliest, truest sons of Mahomet, who would as readily knife a neighbor as whittle open a pearl oyster. And this heterogeneous crowd, collected with the single aim of getting great wealth in a rush, are ruled with a ready but perfect justice by a mere handful of Englishmensix civilians and a small posse of native police. And these six men carry out the city's whole administration.

There are the police court, the hospital, and the cemetery. The sanitary arrangements of the towr must be perfect, for the crowd hails from the cholera homes and the plague spots of Asia, and an outbreak would be disastrous. The bank is there, the post and telegraph office, the auctioneer's hammer, and the "outside market"-everything essential for the greatest speculations. Everybody at "Pearl Town" is a gambler, yet serious crime is scarce, for they are too hard worked to fight.

### THE PEARL DIVERS.

The pearl-diver's life is a strenuous one. At 2 a. m. the camp gun fires. and before dawn the Arabs, in their long cloaks and head-dresses of coiled camel-hair, are down on the beach. Amid much shouting the fishing fleet of boats of all sizes and shapes, known from Jeddah to Howeit and Bahrein to Karikai, puts off for the pearl banks.

oysters as he moves.

### DOWN OVER A MINUTE.

to us like watching for an age. Suddenly the line quivers, the "manduk" possessing the greatest and riches hauls in, and a dripping head, grasp. silver mines in the world." ing frantically for air, shoots up from the depth. Eighty-five seconds since he went down those 30 feet, working hard the whole time for his fat haul of oysters. A slight pause for air and down he goes again.

DIVIDING THE SPOIL.

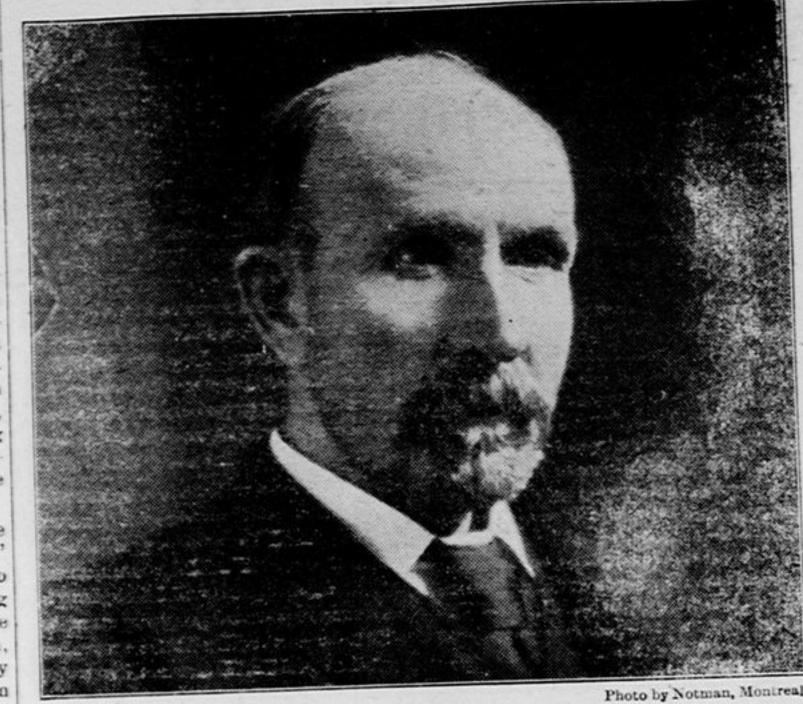
At noon work stops for the day. The boats land and the divers hurry Farmers off to the government yards with takes. Each diver divides his oysters into three equal portions, any two of which the government servants take as the government property, the third being the diver's share.

The Ceylon pearl fishery is older than the hills, for in Solomon's time it was flourishing, and to-day the methods of obtaining the pearls are precisely the same. Cances made of hollowed out trunks, with no seams, are placed in light sheds, and filled with thousands of oysters, which are left to rot. A short time in this tropic heat suffices, and the millions of blue bottles fly maggot, " vermin bred of putrefacted slime," complete the work. till nothing is left but dry oyster shells, sand and pearls. These are carefully washed, the shells picked over, and the waste containing the gems is carefully winnowed by girls.

### What Caused the Explosion.

A sweet little girl, the pride of the family, rushed into the bedroom last Sunday afternoon where her mamma was indulging in the afternoon nap and exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, there is a man in the kitchen hugging the hired girl." Seeing the look of surprise on her mamma's face she clapped her hands and cried "April fool! it's only papa!"





### ROBERT GILLESPIE REID

The Uncrowned Czar of Newfoundland.

The largest landowner in the world, a short time ago, was Robert G. Reid, the Czar of Newfoundland, who owned one-sixth of the island which is nearly as large as England, and held the welfare of the colony with its two hundred thousand people, in the hollow of his hand. A most remarkable and romantic story is the history of this man of Monte Cristo dreams. Unparalleled concessions and monopolies came to him from a people who practically mortgaged their island for his ready money and help in hours of need, and in recognition of his saving the country in its emergency they made him an uncrowned autocrat.

Born in Coupar, Angus, Scotland, sixty-three years ago, he went as a young man to Australia in the gold-fever days, and while there built some public works and acquired the foundation of his knowledge of constructing and contracting which led to his great fortune. In 1871 he came to America and made his first hit in engineering work with his splendid bridge over the Niagara river. Then he bridged the Rio Grande, and won a national reputation for a long string of other engineering triumphs. Bold, audacious and resourceful, he performed impossible work with a certainty and ease that were appalling. He went into railroad work and whatever his hand touched blossomed into success. One of the most difficult sections of the Canadian Pacific Railway was entrusted to him, and the obstacles that Nature had put in his way were brushed aside as if they were cobwebs.

In 1890 came the dawn of his greatest success. Newfoundland was nearly bankrupt. This colony with ambition was struggling with political corruption complicated with chaotic chicanery and mismanagement. The government was crying for a railroad-steel tracks through the wilderness. They made a proposition to Reid to build 200 miles; this he did and did it well. Three years later they called on him again for more building; they had little money but they had land privileges, concessions, franchises, rights and monopolies-these were placed on a silver platter which they implored Reid to accept. In later emergencies he repeatedly came to their rescue till the books of his wealth showed to his credit 7,000 square miles of the most arable sections, forest areas, mineral belts, lakes and rivers. the railways of the colony, its telegraph system, 8,000 miles of coast docks, and other monopolies too lengthy to catalogue.

He did great things for the people and the country, but despite his enterprise, his generosity, his kindly rule and his wise administration, and that of his three sons while he was absent, the grumbling of the people swelled into rebellion, and four years ago his power was greatly lessened by the Bond régime. Entered according to Act of the Parliament of Canada, in the year 1905, by W. C. Mack, at the De, ariment of Agricultus

### ARE THE COBALT YARNS TRUE? LETTER WITHOUT A STAMP.

Is it true that Cobalt is the richest A letter written on a piece of ordinsilver camp in the world? This is a any newspaper, came all the way from question which Wallace McLean San Francisco to Walkerton, without seeks to answer in the May number either envelope or postage stamp. It of The Busy Man's Magazine. He appears that the United States Gov writes, "Judging from the lavish ernment made an order permitting way huge nuggets and slabs of silver letters to be mailed in that way at have been scattered over the surface San Francisco, for the reason that Here is a finely built son of the of the earth at Cobalt one would con- both envelopes and postage stamps prophet just starting His costume clude that there must be a great store had all been destroyed. This particis of the scantiest, and consists chief house of the precious metal in the ular letter was written by David ly of a bone nose clip to keep the immediate vicinity. That there is Luddy to his aunt. Miss Smith of water out, and an open net around such a storehouse is generally admit. Walkerton.-Telescope. his neck for the oysters. He drops ted and that it must be below the over the side, plants his feet on his earth is also admitted. So far the sinkstone, grasps the rope in his lowest depth reached is in the neighhands, takes a mighty breath of air borhood of 300 feet, but of this the and shoots down feet foremost to the lower 200 feet was made by a diamend

bottom. Watch him there through drill. This depth has been reached town recently exercised his ingen made in its behalf. Broadway, New 30 feet of absolutely clear tlue water. on the property of the Larose Mining uity, and found vent for his humor York city, is now to be laid with it He leaves his stone, but maintains Co. and the proprietors report that at the same time, by posting up a from the Battery to Vasey street, a his hand line in his hand, while his as a depth is reached the ore bodies new set of rules in his office. They length of 2,870 feet." "manduk" on deck holds the other increase in quantity and richness. It were: end; half crawling, half swimming, will take several years to ascertain like a big black frog he gropes over what the rocks of Cobalt really conthe sea-bottom, gatheaing in the tain. Up to date the diagnosis is most favorable and it is firmly believed that Cobalt will not only prove Will he never come up? It seems its claim to possessing the richest silver ore in the world, but also to in Chinese or Hebrew.

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### HOW TO CURE TOOTHACHE.

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### WOOD PAVEMENTS.

common in Europe for several decades but which were abandoned a century ago in this country, after considerable unsuccessful experiments, are again coming into use, under happier auspices. In the old American payements, we are told in The Municipal Journal and Engineer (New York), the wooden blocks were laid on a cement between the joints. As they were not made waterproof or treated to prevent decay, they either swelled or else the the wood broomed off at the edges and became soft and un-PREPARED BLOCKS.

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long by four inches wide and three and one-half inches deep, are bedded in this cement with the grain vertical. Sand is then brushed over the street and left for a few days to be ground into the surface of the blocks by traffic, also filling up the joints. Treated in this way, the blocks offer much resistance to the effects of traffic, the wear upon the end grain of the wood being triflling as compared with what happens to flat laid tim

be paved this way, we are told, was 1900. Since 1902 measurements show of an inch, most of which, it is claimwear. The advocates of the new

LITTLE WORN.

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### LIGHTNING FREAKS.

places north of this started about 5 o'clock. James K. Rinn and family who live on the old John McClinton farm at Black Bank had an experience that they will remember for some time to come. The family and a neighbor named John Gilpin were sitting at the tea table about 5:30 o'clock. Lightning struck the chim ney and passed down the stove pipes scattering them in all directions and struck the table where the family was sitting. Mr. Rinn was struck on the thigh and it passed down his leg leaving it black. He was knocked An aching tooth can be relieved crawl over to Sam McClinton's farm

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