

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.

There is a heavy nauseating odor hanging in the air, rolling along in heavy surges, and making its presence felt like something tangible; 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 dazzling Orient perils, 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, now stretches a busy town of forty thousand inhabitants.

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 thousand of the ugliest, truest sons of Mahomet, who would as readily knife a neighbor as whittle open a pearl oyster.

There are the police court, the hospital, and the cemetery. The sanitary arrangements of the town must be perfect, for the crowd hails from the cholera homes and the plague spots of Asia, and an outbreak would be disastrous.

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.

Here is a finely built son of the prophet just starting. His costume is of the scantiest, and consists chiefly of a bone nose clip to keep the water out, and an open net around his neck for the oysters.

DOWN OVER A MINUTE.

Will he never come up? It seems to us like watching for an age. Suddenly the line quivers, the "manduk" hauls in, and a dripping head, grasping frantically for air, shoots up from the depth.

DIVIDING THE SPOIL.

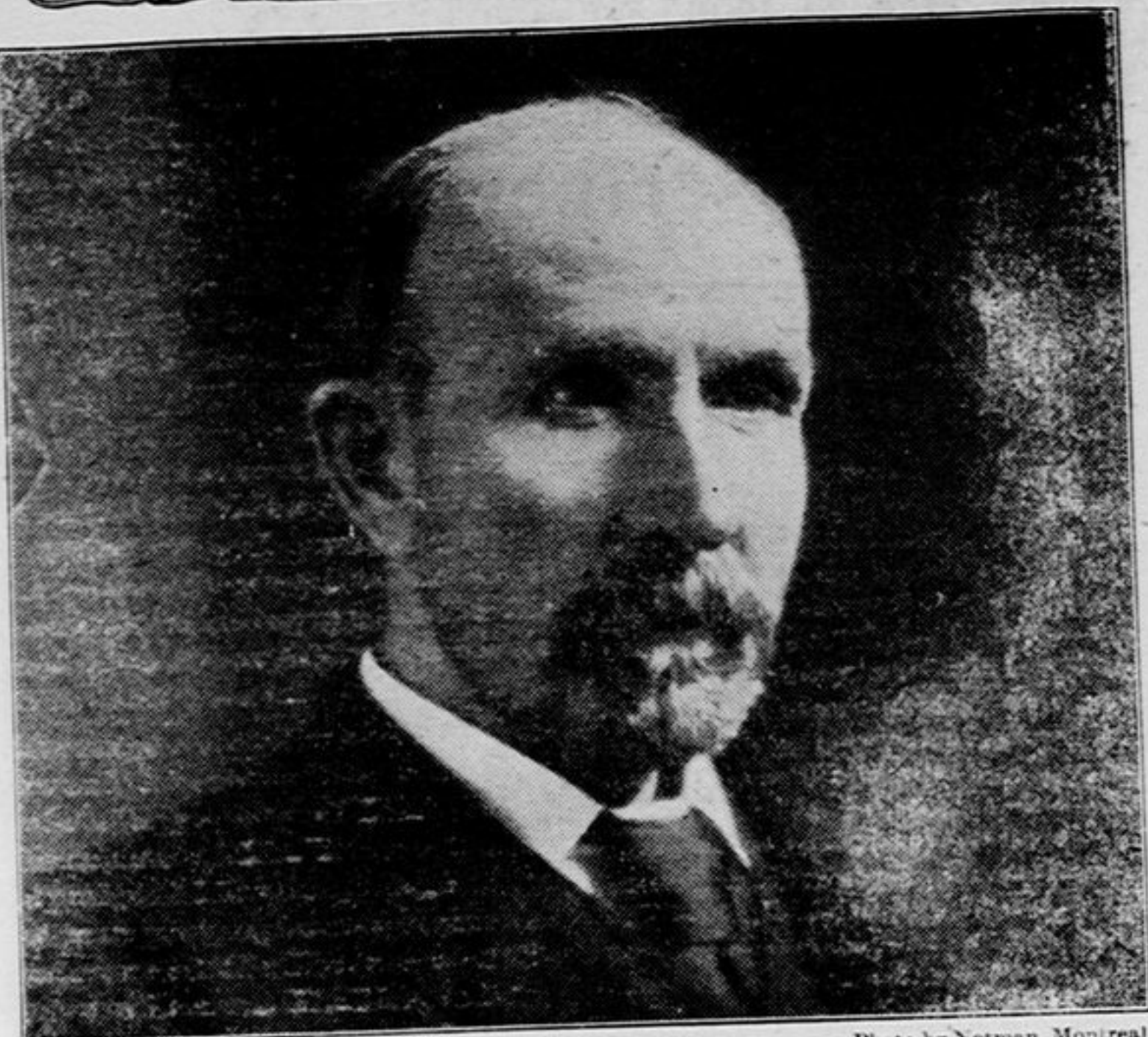
At noon work stops for the day. The boats land and the divers hurry off to the government yards with takes. Each diver divides his oysters into three equal portions, any two of which the government servants take as the government property, the third being the diver's share.

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.

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."

FAMOUS PEOPLE BY FANNIE M. LOTHROP



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.

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.

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.

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.

ARE THE COBALT YARNS TRUE?

Is it true that Cobalt is the richest silver camp in the world? This is a question which Wallace McLean seeks to answer in the May number of The Busy Man's Magazine.

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LETTER WITHOUT A STAMP.

A letter written on a piece of ordinary newspaper, came all the way from San Francisco to Walkerton, without either envelope or postage stamp.

WRIT SARCASTIC.

A postmaster in a small county town recently exercised his ingenuity, and found vent for his humor at the same time, by posting up a new set of rules in his office.

Ink bottles may be corked when sent by post.

It is unsafe to post apple or fruit trees with the fruit on them.

All the postmasters are expert linguists, the addresses may be written in Chinese or Hebrew.

Persons are not compelled to lick their own postage stamps or envelopes the postmaster will do this for them.

Persons are earnestly requested not to send post-cards with money orders attached, as large sums are lost in this way.

It is particularly requested that lovers writing to each other will please confine their gushing rhapsodies to the inside of the envelope.

Nitro glycerine must be forwarded at the risk of the sender. If it should blow up the postmaster's hand he cannot be held responsible.

When watches are sent through the post the sender should put a notice on the outside—the postmasters will wind them up and keep them in going order.

When sending a money order in a letter, always write full and explicit directions in the same communication, so that any person getting the order can draw the money.

When letters are received bearing no direction, the person for whom they are intended will please signify the fact to the postmaster, that they may at once be forwarded.

HOW TO CURE TOOTHACHE.

An aching tooth can be relieved instantly with Nervilleine. Fill the cavity with batting dipped in Nervilleine and rub the gums also.

When struck on the leg but managed to crawl over to Sam McClinton's farm to get the latter to go for Dr. McGibbon.

The storm on Sunday evening at 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.

Lightning struck the chimney and passed down the stove pipes scattering them in all directions and struck the table where the family was sitting.

Skates Hollow Ground Saws Gummed Locks, Guns and Umbrellas Repaired

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WOOD PAVEMENTS.

Wood pavements, which have been 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.

PREPARED BLOCKS.

The modern wood pavement is entirely different. The creosinated blocks which are now being laid in New York, are thoroughly impregnated with a mixture of creosote and resin.

The foundation of the wooden pavement calls for four and one-half inches of Portland cement concrete, over which is spread a half-inch bed of cement mortar.

SUCCESS IN BOSTON.

Wood blocks, usually eight inches long by four inches wide and three and one-half inches deep, are bedded in this cement with the grain vertical.

The first street in this country to be paved this way, we are told, was Tremont street, Boston, in the year 1900.

"Vehicles pass over this smooth surface without any rattle or bang; blows from horses hoofs, instead of making a sharp metallic sound, cause only dull hollow thuds as on a dirt road.

Sciatica Cured After Twenty Years of Torture.

For more than twenty years Mr. J. B. Massey, of 3322 Clinton St., Minneapolis, Minn., was tortured by sciatica. The pain and suffering which he endured during this time is beyond comprehension.

LIGHTNING BREAKS.

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Stray Heifer.

Strayed from the premises of the undersigned, April 5th, Lot 32, Con. 2, E. G. R., Glenelg, one heifer two years old. Color, roan, with white face, dehorned. Any person giving information that will lead to her recovery will be suitably rewarded.

R. H. BANKS, Edge Hill P. O. April 19th.

For Sale.

DURHAM BULL—BRED FROM imported stock—aged 14 mos. 4-year-old Clyde mare. Building lot on Bruce St. Brick house on Bruce St. Apply to W. LEGGETTE, Rocky Saugeen.

Jan. 25th—4t.

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Jan. 20th, 1906—4t.

Good Farm for Sale.

ON THE GARAFRAXA ROAD—about six miles from Durham. Good title. Possession at once. Good land. Must be sold. For particulars apply to J. P. TELFORD, Durham Feb. 22nd 1905—4t.

For Sale or Rent.

LOT 51, 52, 53—Sideroad 50, 14 miles north of Priceville. Farm in first class condition. Good buildings with running stream convenient to the barn. For further particulars apply to DUGALD D. MCLACHLAN, Priceville P. O. Jan. 28—4t.

Choice Glenelg Farm for Sale

BEING SECOND AND THIRD divisions of lot 36, con. 1, E. G. R., Glenelg, 100 acres. The farm is situated at the Rocky Saugeen within three miles of the Town of Durham, well watered, and fenced. For particulars apply to J. P. TELFORD, Durham. Feb. 15—4t.

Park Lot For Sale.

DARK LOT NUMBER 13 NORTH of Saddle street in the Town of Durham, in the county of Grey, containing 4 acres or more. For terms and particulars apply to J. P. TELFORD, Vendor's Solicitor, Durham. Dec. 2.—4t.

For Sale or to Rent.

Desirable property on Elgin St., Durham. Good house, hard and soft water, first-class stable and 1/2 acre of land. Will sell cheap to quick purchaser. For further particulars apply to JOHN McARTHUR, Edge Hill. April 19th.—3tpd.

House and Lot For sale

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Normanby Farm for Sale

LOT 21—IN THE SECOND CON- cession West of the Garafraza Road, in the Township of Normanby, in the County of Grey. For particulars apply to J. P. TELFORD, Barrister, Durham. Jan. 3, 1906.—4t

For Sale or to Rent.

Good solid brick house of nine rooms, on Garafraza St., upper town. Heated by furnace; electric lights. First class kitchen and furnace cellars. Good woodshed; hard and soft water. 1/2 acre ground with bearing orchard and good farm. Also some good pasture lots, well watered. For further particulars apply on premises to A. GORDON, Durham. Mar 15—4t.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

A brick clad house with shop in connection on Garafraza street. Good business location, also lot adjoining about fifty feet frontage. Small stable on adjoining lot. Hard and soft water. Will be sold en bloc. Apply on premises to Mrs. C. Ector or to Samuel Scott. Mar. 1.—3mpd. 4t.

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