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[Mr. Mantell is too well known in Chatham to need any comment. The news agent J. F. Cairns.]

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

George S. Bliss, Windsor agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., was arrested yesterday at the instance of the district manager of the company on the charge of being short in his accounts. Bliss was taken before Magistrate Bartlett and was admitted to bail until December 27, when he will be given a hearing. Bliss has been attempting to adjust his difficulties with the company for some days, but without success. When he became agent for the company he gave a bond for \$500 and when the guarantee company was notified of the alleged shortage the Singer people were ordered to prosecute Bliss. The latter says he has offered to pay \$200 of the shortage over to the Singer Co. and to give security for the remainder of the amount, but that this offer has been refused.

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A DARK RIDE ON A DOG SLED.

Well Known Chathamite's Experience in Northern Ontario.

William Ball's Trip of Inspection to a Gold Mine he is interested in.

Overtaken by night in the scrubby woods of Northern Ontario, the thermometer 20 degrees below zero, a foot of snow on the ground, wolves howling in the distance, no companions except a half-breed, the superintendent of a mine and five tired dogs attached to the sleigh, and the nearest habitation 12 miles away, was the uncomfortable experience of Wm. Ball, of Victoria avenue, who has just returned from a trip to Northern Ontario and Manitoba. Last Wednesday on arriving at Denore on the C. P. R. Mr. Ball was met by the superintendent who has charge of the five mines a syndicate, in which Mr. Ball is interested, are working 15 miles from Denore. It was the Chathamite's purpose to visit these mines. Engaging a half-breed driver and sled and five dogs to make the journey to the mines, was a matter of little difficulty. The dogs proved to be active little animals, with long black or brown hair and short bushy tails. They much resembled the Esquimaux dogs. Mr. Ball was arrayed in a huge fur coat, moccasins, heavy stockings and a fur cap. Few of the Chatham friends would have recognized in the much bearded and furred individual seated in company with a half-breed and a miner, on a dog sleigh leaving Denore last Wednesday, genial William Ball, of Chatham.

But he is was the trip was fraught with quite an unusual experience for one member of the party at least. The distance to the mines was 18 miles as the crow flies and the dogs rushed along through the snow which lay a foot deep. The little canines are hardy and strong and made from four to five miles an hour. When about half the distance had been traversed, Sand Lake, six miles wide was reached. It was expected to cross it on the ice but the party were doomed to disappointment for the lake was still open. It was the necessary to go around the lake by what was called the Wabegon road. Mr. Ball looked in vain for anything like a road but all he could discover was a narrow trail through the bush called in apparent irony a road. When the party were half around the lake darkness came on. Then it was that Mr. Ball found himself in the undesirable position previously narrated. The guide went ahead with one of the dogs and the rest followed but the three hours of the night spent in reaching the mining camp were by no means pleasant. The gloomy woods, the forbidding trunks of the bare trees, the howling wolves, the darkness and the silence were enough to make the stout heart of anyone accustomed to city life and a warm fireside, stand still and cause a certain feeling of loneliness and isolation. However, after three hours hard work, the camp was reached and Mr. Ball can look back and laugh at his experience in the wilds of Northern Ontario but he confesses that it was the hardest trip of his life.

After satisfying his appetite, he enjoyed a good night's rest and next day examined the mines. Four men are employed, and they have dug a tunnel into the side of the hill 70 feet long and 10 feet deep, and have found a vein of ore four feet wide. The gold is in the quartz rock, called free milling ore. It is not white like the ordinary quartz rock, but is black and grey. Samples from this mine have assayed \$125 to the ton. The chances are that a company will be formed and the syndicate will send out the mines, and that a stamp mill will be erected in the near future. Mr. Ball says that he and the gentlemen interested with him are only at present ascertaining the value of the mines.

Last Friday Mr. Ball left the mining camp by the dog sleigh express, and this time the lake was frozen over, the ice being two inches thick. It was decided to risk crossing it and the trip was made successfully, they being the first party to cross. The trip out occupied nine hours, while the return journey to Denore was made in four and a half hours. It was a beautiful bright day, the thermometer being 20 degrees below zero, but the air was so clear and bright that the cold was not felt nearly as much as it is when the mercury stands at 10 degrees above zero in Chatham.

Leaving Denore at 11:45 p. m. Friday, Toronto was reached at 2:25 a. m. Sunday, and Mr. Ball arrived in Chatham Tuesday. He is much delighted with his trip and looks splendid. While away he spent three weeks in Winnipeg, meeting many old Chathamites, including Will and Lindsay Ireland, Herman von Eberts, Frank Dunlop, Murray O'Hara, and Mr. Micklethorp. Business is good in the Prairie City, and all the Chathamites are prospering.

Leaving Winnipeg, he stopped at Rat Portage and visited the gold reduction mill at Keewatin, thence to his own mines, and afterwards home to Chatham.

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ANOTHER GOOD PLAY.

The Rose of Kerry was put on by Marks Bros. last evening at the Grand Opera House. The piece was amusing and interesting and Tom Marks as Terry O'Malley always succeeded in arousing merriment when ever he made his appearance. The specialties last evening were exceedingly good. The charming soubrette, Miss Esther Evans, and Master Clyde Long made a very entertaining team and the twain are proving great favorites with the galleries. Chris C. Allen, Tom Marks, Geo. Carson and Jake Wiliard all featured in the specialties. To-night they play one of the best plays in their repertoire. The Marks Bros. give a continuous show. There is no wait between acts and their great popularity is due to a good show and lots of fun at a very low price.

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TO SUBSIDIZE A FRENCH LINE.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—It is announced that the Government has decided to grant the Franco-Canadian Steamship line, which runs from Montreal to Havre, a yearly subsidy of \$50,000 for five years, provided it runs a two-weekly service in summer and a monthly service in winter. The general manager has gone to France to arrange for the building of four new boats.

FEARED THE MEN WHO SHOT TO KILL.

Boers Did Not Like the Canadian Mounted Infantry.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Sir Chas. Ross is now in the city on his way to British Columbia. He was on the staff of General Hutton during the war, and referring to the Canadian contingents, he said it is impossible to speak too highly of the work done by the colonials. Among the officers in the army, the Canadians and the New Zealanders have the reputation of being among the very best mounted troops serving in South Africa. "I can speak Dutch, and had occasion to talk with a great many Boer prisoners taken on the road north. They said that the Canadian Mounted Rifles and the New Zealand Mounted Infantry had a great reputation. The Boers were afraid of them, and complained that these two corps were composed of men who, when they advanced against them, shot to kill."

Crosscut saws—"Buffalo Bill," "Ma-lasi," "Lance," and others, at Morton's hardware store.

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- A Cigar Case, in Leather
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- A Walking Stick
- A Collar and Cuff Box
- A Leather Travelling Companion
- A Necktie and Handkerchief Box
- A Good Book or a Bible
- A Nice Ink Well
- A Photo Frame with your Own Portrait

For Her

- A Pretty Ratty Fan
- A Finger Purse with Initial
- A Box of Nice Note Paper
- An Ebony Hand Mirror
- A Nice Gift Book or a Bible
- A Photo Frame with your Own Portrait
- A Leather Writing Portfolio
- A Comb and Brush Set
- A Scissors Set in Leather Case

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NOVEL WAY TO GAMBLE.

Floating Palace to be Anchored
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Outside the Jurisdiction of Any Nation—Expects to Rival Monte Carlo.

London, Dec. 20.—A syndicate has been formed to buy an obsolete Atlantic liner, fit her up as a miniature Monte Carlo casino, moor her off the English coast, just outside the three-mile limit, and run a big game in the English Channel off Brighton. Launches will run back and forth to meet London trains. The boat will be a floating hotel, as well as a gambling resort, and visitors may live aboard as long as they please in luxurious surroundings. Experienced croupiers will be imported from Monte Carlo, and roulette will be the principle game, played in strict accordance with Monaco rules. Nominally it will be a club, but any man belonging to any recognized club in Europe can easily obtain admission by payment of a nominal fee. This is similar to the rule of the Ostend Club. A private part of the ship will be devoted to a restricted club, like any London club with heavy subscription and limited membership. This will be for private play. The promoters say making money is not so much their object as providing a place where Englishmen can gamble. They reckon the profits of the hotel and restaurant business will be sufficient to pay the expenses, so every reasonable concession will be made to gamblers. The cost of the ship and outfitting is estimated at \$250,000, while more than that will be subscribed to stake the bank.

DRESDEN.

Dec. 20.—S. Northcott and family have moved from Detroit back to Dresden. Ernest Brewer, who was injured last Saturday at the railway crossing, is able to get around again. Anna Biddle and Chas. Badder will be candidates for the coming mayoralty for 1911. The Presbyterian S. S. entertainment will take place Friday night, Dec. 21st.

TILBURY.

Dec. 20.—Miss Gertrude Carless of Rosedale and Mr. Frank Bone, of this village, were married yesterday afternoon, by Rev. T. Dobson, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Richard Carless, of Rosedale. Mr. and Mrs. Bone left for Detroit to spend their honeymoon there. On their return they will reside in this village. Mrs. W. J. Moffat and Mrs. D. Smith were in Detroit yesterday. Mrs. John Gilroy, of Comber, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. Smith, a few days this week. Village council held an adjourned meeting on Tuesday night relative to the moving of certain street lights.

TO MAKE WAR ON CONSUMPTION.

An Important Conference on the Subject Called at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A general conference of medical men and others interested in the subject will be held in this city in January, under the patronage of the Governor-General, to consider measures for lessening the prevalence of consumption. In September last a committee of the Dominion association for the prevention of tuberculosis was formed, with provisional offices, and this committee has been meeting in Ottawa during the past day or two, arranging a program for the general conference. The program and invitation to the conference will be sent out not only to the medical members of the association, but also to members of the Dominion and Provincial Governments and to others who have taken special interest in measures intended to lessen the prevalence of consumption. Important results are expected from the conference, where the association here next month. Lord Minto has accepted the honorary presidency of the association.

THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 19.—Mr. Lambert, of Chatham, is in town to-day. A new heater is being put in place at the G. T. R. pump house. Miss Butler is in Chatham, to-day. A horse belonging to F. Avery, while tied in front of F. Mayhew's house, frightened and over turned the buggy, breaking the shafts. A serious runaway was narrowly averted. S. Ingalls, of Lunenburg, is visiting his sister Mrs. Fleming. Mr. Delzell, of Windsor, is in town to-day in the interests of the North-holmer Piano Co. As E. Conway, of London, and C. M. Bruid, of Monroeville, were among the visitors in town to-day.

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