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STEALING "FOR THE PARTY."

In its closing argument before the royal commission appointed to probe the Manitoba Parliament Buildings scandal, Mr. Wilson, the leading counsel for the present administration, claimed that not less than \$800,000 had been stolen from the people of Manitoba in the form of payment for extras which were never provided, or of gross over-payment for extras assented to by the Roblin government. Much of the money was stolen as deliberately as if the contractors had secured it by blowing open the safe in the provincial treasurer's office. It has been stated in evidence by the consulting architect, a reputable English professional man, that he was informed when he questioned the wisdom of some of the changes proposed that the Roblin government had to obtain through "extras" the money for the general election held a year ago.

In plain English, the Messrs. Kelly were to be permitted to loot the treasury if in return for this privilege they would pay to the guardians of the people's money a reasonable percentage of their stealings. The proportion in which the spoils were divided does not yet appear. If the Kellys were allowed to steal \$800,000 it is not unreasonable to suppose that the treasurer or treasurers of the Conservative campaign funds in the election of July, 1914, got twenty-five per cent. of that amount. It is of course entirely possible that no member of the Roblin administration knew what a tremendous sum was being taken in the form of bogus extras. In that event the party funds might not be enriched to the extent of anything like two hundred thousand dollars.

A scrap of paper and a bit of string found in the strong box of Dr. Simpson, the Conservative party treasurer in Winnipeg, would seem to in-

dicate that the Parliament Buildings loot was shared on some recognized principle. An official of the Imperial Bank has given evidence that on June 10, 1914, Thomas Kelly presented to the bank a cheque for \$81,000. In paying this cheque the bank official gave Kelly a sealed package containing one thousand \$20 bills. The seal of the Imperial Bank affixed to the string found in Dr. Simpson's strong box more than a year afterwards shows that it had once bound together a thousand \$20 Imperial Bank bills such as Contractor Kelly drew from the bank. Is it going too far to assume that the contractor paid to the party treasurer, that day at least, \$20,000 of the \$81,000 he drew out of the bank? and if he did so on that particular occasion is it unreasonable to suppose that he did so on other occasions of which no telltale strings and seals remain?

If the administration of justice is not to become a mockery in Canada "respectable" thieves must no longer be permitted to slip through the meshes of the net. The Manitoba scandal is one of the most brazen offences against public morals ever unearthed in the Dominion. If no one goes to jail, justice should no longer be represented as blind to all sinister influence, and wielding the sword impartially on high and low alike, but as leering out from beneath a shrewdly adjusted bandage upon her favorites, the crooked contractor and the perjured politician.—Toronto Globe.

A DESPERATE GAME

The Germans are playing a desperate game, which looks like a last great effort to defeat Russia. It is very unlikely that a strategist of the ability of the Archduke Nicholas will allow himself to be trapped, and in the end the huge German circle is liable to have a few kinks and breaks in it.

WESTERN FRONT

There is little news filtering through from the western front, but this is no sign that General Joffre and Sir John French are having a vacation. The new British army will be very busy one of these days, and the Kaiser will wish Warsaw and the Argonne were next door to each other.

ORDUNA SAILS WITH AMERICANS ABOARD

New York, July 27.—With 195 passengers on board, including eight Americans, and with 10,000 tons of general cargo, the Orduna, of the Cunard line, sailed on the 22nd for Liverpool.

There was no attempt to prevent friends of departing passengers from going on board before the steamship departed. All baggage was examined and the hand baggage brought by the passengers underwent a close examination before it was brought on board.

There were no Americans in the first cabin, but in the second cabin were Mr. and Mrs. George Dean, of Worcester, Mass., who are on their way to visit relatives in England, and Hilda D. Hogg, a young woman of Lawrence, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Hartley, young English persons, also from Lawrence, had their ten months' old baby girl who was born in this country.

The other Americans, three women and a man, were in the steerage. None of the passengers showed any fear that the Orduna would again be attacked by a German submarine.

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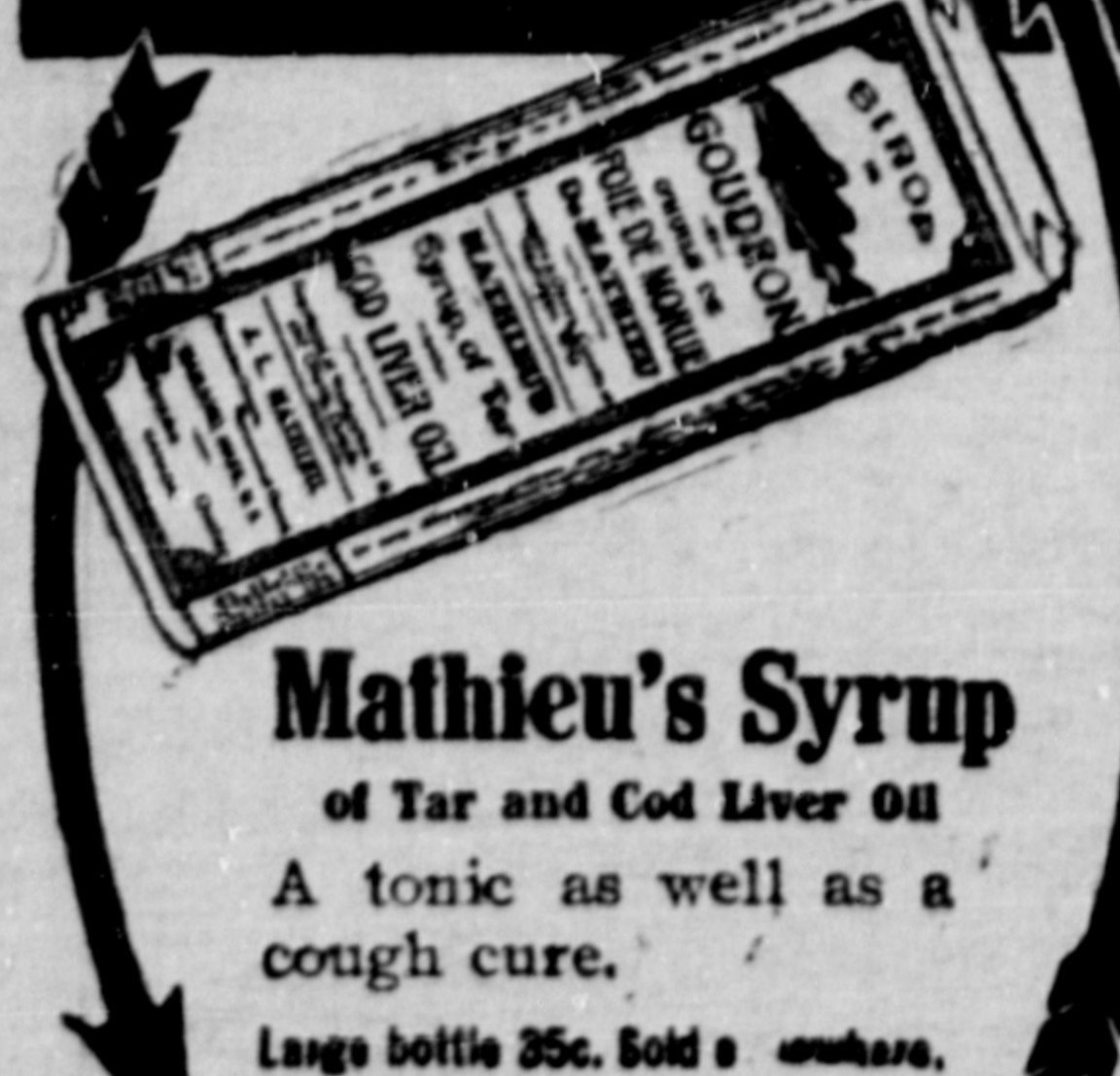
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No volunteers are being received by Consul Ghiglione. Only those who come in the particular classes of reservists are needed in the service.

None have been provided with transportation or arrangements completed for their journey to the east for passage to Italy, but some have gone on their own resources. The majority of the men will entrain from Seattle and other Northwest cities in August.

EDMONTON GIRL IS KILLED BY SNAKE BITE

Entiat, Wash.—Edith, 6-year-old daughter of Mrs. John Dunlop, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McKenzie, living 15 miles up the valley, and who is visiting her parents from her home in Edmonton, was bitten in the foot last night by a rattlesnake and died at 8:20 this morning after suffering intensely.

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(2). The estimated cost of the work is \$234.00, of which some is to be paid by the Corporation. The estimated special rate per foot frontage is \$0.26. The special assessment is to be paid in one year.

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