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PRINTING BUREAU THEFTS LARGE Missing Purchasing Agent Is Nearly Half Million Dollars Supposed to Have Gathered by Crooked Work

HIS WHEREABOUTS NOT NOW KNOWN Part of Grafting Done in Connection With Article of Stationery Intended to Prevent Frauds

OTTAWA, June 25.—Efforts of the Dominion police to locate E. Gouldthrite, purchasing agent of the Government Printing Bureau, who failed to describe a circulatee had been sent to all the cities of the United States, and they hope to hear of his capture soon.

In the absence of an official statement no accurate estimate can be given of the amount sustained by the public treasury through the grafting operations in the bureau, but it may possibly run as high as half a million dollars. Gouldthrite, who drew a salary of \$2,000 a year, lived at the rate of about \$6,000, but was generally understood to have made a small fortune in the bureau through re-organization of the printing bureau to follow the present clean-up of dishonest officials.

Hon. Charles Murphy gave out a typewritten statement to the friendly press taking credit to himself for having of his own initiative started an investigation into the affairs of the bureau soon after he took office as secretary of state, and for having visited the United States and there unearched evidence of graft. But this, however, matters little, for it is half the truth. Suspicion of crookedness was first aroused by an investigation of Canadian firms into the causes which underlay the purchase of stationery for the supplies for goods of certain American concerns.

The discovery of false invoices followed. The case had been made practically clear a complaint was made to the secretary of state. The extent of the cleanings of the officials has not been fully developed, but it must have been large beyond surprise. It was opportunity for rake-off was only limited by consideration of what might be done without arousing suspicion. Gouldthrite was granted from an annual expenditure of about \$700,000. Gouldthrite's complete charge of the stationery department and the purchase of all paper and stationery supplies was his supervisory duty. The wrongdoing, it is said, occurred principally in connection with the purchase of supplies from the United States. The government paid in case of cuts 25 cents an inch, but only 18 cents for the same paper to the American firms. The balance went into the pockets of Gouldthrite and his associates.

It is a curious fact that one of the frauds was connected with a stationery article that was introduced many years ago to prevent fraud in all departments. As the result of defalcations a few years ago an order was passed that all government cheques should be printed on a special stationery paper. This paper was bought from a certain New York firm for a time, transferred to another New York firm. It has been discovered that the latter firm has been supplying a fictitious words which are considerably less than the amount for which Gouldthrite has been authorized payment. Murphy was on a special trip to New York in connection with this matter. However, the government will suffer no loss, for it happens that the same firm has already furnished to bureau a large quantity of other supplies, which have not been paid for. Payments will now be withheld until there has been a general adjustment. In other cases it is stated the government has been mulcted to the extent of 40 per cent.

JOHN L. RECEIVED IN JEFFRIES CAMP RENO, June 25.—John L. Sullivan came out to Jeffries' camp again today and found the intemperance off. It was a decided contrast to his experience of yesterday. James J. Corbett today greeted the old champion with a hearty handshake, and when Sullivan went into the dining room where Jeffries was stretched on a slab the big fellow held out his hand and John L. took it warmly saying, "Hello, young fellow. By heavens you're looking fine."

Australia Festivals. MELBOURNE, June 25.—The government will pay invalid pensions from 1911 and has reduced the minimum age of women recipients from 55 to 60.

Large Hotel Burned. BUFFALO, N. Y., June 25.—Dopew Inn, a four story brick hotel at Depew, near here, was destroyed by fire tonight, causing a loss of \$50,000.

COMPANIES ACT Attorney General Tells Vancouver Deputation That Its Operation Cannot Be Suspended

VANCOUVER, June 25.—In support of the proposed amendment to the Companies Act, the attorney general, Mr. J. H. Stewart, today told a deputation of the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce that the operation of the act cannot be suspended.

Loaded Steamer Catches Fire Fifteen Hundred Passengers on Mississippi River Excursion Boat Have Narrow Escape From Death

LACROSSE, Wis., June 25.—With 1,500 excursionists on board, the Acme Packet Company's big steamer, J. S. caught fire in the Mississippi tonight, and although it was burned to the water's edge, prompt action of a Captain Strekfus in beaching the boat when the first alarm was sounded saved every person on board. Only one woman was injured in the rush from the boat to the island on which the steamer brought 1,000 people from Lansing, Iowa, and 500 from Minneapolis to Lacrosse today.

PARIS, June 25.—Extraordinary in the case of a young medical student who came to Paris from his home in the Levant to prepare himself for the sprits through overwork, he imagined that he was afflicted with the various ailments which he was devoting his attention to. He was submitting his papers to take his usual examination, but his attention was attracted by the symptoms of a disease which he was carefully watching and found to be quite a healthy condition, with a few symptoms of nervous breakdown.

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NELSON, June 25.—The second unit of the Nelson electric power plant at Bonnington Falls has been completed and taken over by the contractor's hands. The plant has been accepted and is practically in operation, and now that the French, they were engaged in a thorough overhauling and in six weeks' time the plant will be ready to operate.

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CONGRESS GETS THROUGH WORK Session Closed Late Last Night and Bills Signed by President—Bribery Charges to Be Investigated

WASHINGTON, June 25.—President Taft walked out of the capitol at 11 o'clock tonight smiling. The second session of the sixty-fifth congress had just adjourned, and he had signed practically all matters of legislation that had been placed before him. He received congratulations from his cabinet and from members of both branches of congress upon the successful passage of most of his important measures.

MANY ARE HURT IN CAR ACCIDENT Disaster Attends Pleasure Seekers on Electric Road Near Albany—Car Run In Open Switch

ALBANY, N. Y., June 25.—A big electric car crowded with pleasure seekers on the Albany electric road, near Albany, was run into an open switch about a mile below Rensselaer this afternoon and crashed into a work train on a siding. Of the hundred or more passengers aboard, including two local baseball teams, 20 were more or less injured, five seriously. The injured were brought to the city in a special car. Some were sent to the hospital, but the majority were able to go to their homes.

Japan and Korea. SEOUL, June 25.—Announcement was made here today of the signing of a memorandum last Friday, whereby the Japanese government is entrusted with the conduct of all affairs relating to the policing of Korea.

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PROTESTS FROM ROME WILL BE IGNORED Papal and Episcopal Protests Are Coupled by Government With Negotiations for Revision of the Concordat

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