CUBA'S POSTAL SCANDAL

Shortage Now Reaches About \$500,000.

IN STAMP DEPARTMENT.

Money Order Office Now Being Investigated-Embezzlements Began Last July-Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow Ordered to Cuba.

Washington, May 15 .- The Postmaster General, after a protracted interview with President McKinley announced that Josept L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, will proceed to Havana next Wednesday to take charge of the postal affairs of the Island of Cuba. The Postmaster General declined to say whether or not Director General of Posts Rathbone would be suspended. It is said, however, that the fact that Mr. Bristow will assume these duties does not necessarily indicate that Mr. Rathbone will be relieved of all connection with the service. Mr. Bristow outranks the Director of Posts, and the latter might operate as a subordinate, though on this point no statement is vouchsafed.

Havana, May 15 .- The investigation into the Post Office Department continues, although the officials are loath to reveal the facts concerning the investigation during its progress, but from what can be learned it is the opinion of the investigators that the embezzlements began last July, when \$411,000 worth of surcharged stamps (American stamps marked "Cuba") were ordered destroyed.

Just at this time the receipts fell from nearly \$30,000 monthly to about \$15,000. At the same time the receipts of the Havana Post Office remained at approximately \$13,000, leaving the returns from the rest of the island \$2,000 or \$3,000, where it had formerly been returning nearly \$15,-

For the first five days of May, however, the receipts from the country districts amounted to \$8,000, and this fact is cited as proof that something was wrong with the stamp sales previously. Inspectors of the Military Department have been watching the receipts since May 1, and the sudden increase since that time has been remarkable, to say the least.

Mr. Rathbone trusted his subordinates so completely that he is now unable to render much assistance in the investigation because he practically knows nothing of what was going on. When Neely's arrest was made Mr. Rathbone appointed C. M. Rich, his assistant, to take Neely's place. It was discovered that Rich came from Muncie, Ind., Neely's home, and that they were both interested in the brick works here. He had a power of attor ney from Neely. He had also certified that Neely's accounts had been audited and found to be correct. This was false. He now says that he wrote this certificate by Neely's order. He will not be permitted to act in Neely's place, the military authorities interfering.

Col. Burton's audit last year revealed a shortage of \$12,000, but this was plausibly explained. He was still suspicious, however, and this time he went behind the face of the books and discovered the embezzlement.

Strangely enough, the Cubans appear to be delighted over the scandal. The newspapers have not yet taken it up, but the public talks of it unceasingly. It seems to them to be a good joke on the Americans, who have been preaching honesty to them.

Search for Neely's Money.

ment officer's went to Muncie to-day and made a thorough search for registered packages and for funds in the various safe deposit vaults, supposed to have been sent there by Charles F. W. Neely, either to himself or to his friends. The various banks were also visited and the officers closely questioned, but it is not known what success the officers had.

ASKS INDEPENDENCE DATE.

Cuban Marquis Tries to Unite All Parties on Ultimatum.

Hayana, May 15 .- The Marquis of Santa Lucia called together thirty prominent Cubans to discuss the political situation. He announced that his object was to unite the three political parties of the island in a demand upon the United States Government for proof of its intention to give independence to Cuba, this proof to be forthcoming on or before July 4 next.

All but one present opposed the suggestion of the Marquis. Manuel Sanguily said:

"The idea of compelling the Americans to fix a date is puerile. If the Cubans are not prepared to take active steps to make the Americans withdraw from the island it is useless and ridiculous to put forward such demands."

Officer Dismissed from the Army.

Washington, May 15 .- A cablegram was received at the War Department this morning from Gen. MacArthur, dated at Manila yesterday, stating that Robert B. Cramer, First Lieutenant of the Thirty-fourth Regiment, United States Volunteers, had been sentenced to dismissal from the military service by a court martial, and that he (Gen. MacArthur) had approved that sentence April 9, to take effect. April 30.

TO STOP STRIKES.

Convention of Employers Assemble to Decide the Question.

New York, May 15 .- The second annual convention of the National Metal Trades Association, composed of employers in the metal trades, began yesterday in the Waldorf-Astoria. One of the principal matters to be considered at the convention is the joint agreement adopted by the Administrative Council of the National Metal



(Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor.)

Trades Association in Chicago on March 17, and concurred in by the International Association of Machinists, providing for the referring of all pending disputes and all disputes hereafter to an arbitration committee to consist of the Presidents of the National Metal Trades Association and of the International Association of Machinists, or their representatives and two other representatives from each association appointed by its President.

It was agreed that no strikes should be ordered pending the ratification of this agreement and the consideration of demands made on behalf of the I. A. M. The principal demands are that not more than fifty-seven hours shall constitute a week's work six months from the closing of the conference in Chicago, and that not more than fiftyfive hours shall constitute a week's work twelve months from the closing of the conference.

President James O'Connell, of the International Association of Machinists, is in the city, but is taking no part in these deliberations.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, is also here, he having assumed active charge of the big cigarmakers' strike.

NEW YORK LABOR MARKET FLAT.

Notice From the Superintendent of Outdoor Poor to Strangers.

New York, May 15 .- J. C. McDonnell. Chief State Factory Inspector of New Jersey, wrote to the Superintendent of Outdoor Poor in this city yes-

"An impression prevails in New Jersey that work is abundant in New York, especially on the Rapid Transit tunnel. Of course, I know to the contrary, but it would do good if you would write to the Labor Standard, which reaches New Jersey unions, and make an official statement on the subject. A brief, plain statement of the situation may prevent very many from seeking employment in New York which they cannot get."

Supt. Blair in reply sent this statement: "The labor market is very flat in New York, and building interests are falling off very materially. The tunnel has not yet started, and none but citizens can be employed. This department is crowded every morning with men who come here to build the tunnel. I am sending them Indiaanpolis, Ind., May 15.-Govern- home again. Business here is flat and thousands of immigrants are arriving here every week."

STRIKE COST \$100,000.

Westchester County Kicking at Having to Pay This Amount.

New York May 15.-Westchester County is getting in the bills for preserving the peace at the Croton Dam strike, and a tendency to add a final "n" to the name is developing.

For Troop C and the Mount Vernon company \$15,000 is asked. When the expense of calling out the Seventh regiment, the Major-General's staff, the 200 special deputy sheriffs and all the other peace preservers is figured up it is believed that it will be about \$100,000, which the county will have

to borrow. The Supervisors, who meet to-day, are asking why this county should be thus taxed for the benefit of New York City. But the Westchester Sheriff demanded the militia, thus fixing

Next will come the cost of trying the twenty-two indicted strikers.

Refused to Reinstate Them.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 15 .- The 500 miners at the Buttonwood colliery of the Parrish Coal Company struck because the company refused to reinstate several men who were discharged a few days ago. The strikers say that the discharged men belong to the United Mine Workers, and they are going to stand together.

Railroad Telegraphers' Strike Over. Atlanta, Ga., May 15.-The telegraphers' strike on the Southern Pa-

ific system was formally discontinu-Thursday morning by President W. Powell of the O. R. T., who came Atlanta to manage the strike for e men of the order.

DEAD ON JERSEY MEADOWS.

Other Deaths in Same Locality Are Still Unexplained.

Greenville, N. J., May 15 .- An unidentified man met his death some time Saturday night on the salt meadows here. His body was found face downward, in the muddy bottom of Old Man's Creek, after it had been drained by the outgoing tide. The cause of death is not known. County Physician Converse will hold an autopsy this morning to determine it.

The dead man was dressed in a eatly fitting suit of dark brown cheviot and a blue-striped outing shirt. He wore congress gaiters, almost new. In height he was 5 feet 8 inches, and weighed about 180 pounds. His hair was dark-almost black-and he had a sandy mustache. The police estimated his age at about forty years. There was nothing to indicate his identity and nothing of value in his pockets.

Old Man's Creek is about 300 yards from the trolley line running from Jersey City to Newark. There are a number of wayside inns along the route and the theory of the police is that the man had been drinkink in one of them during the night. They think he may have been followed by roughs, robbed and thrown into the creek, or that he may have wandered into the meadows while under the influence of drink and fallen where he was found. There have been other mysterious deaths on the meadows during the past six months, which have never been explained.

Detectives yesterday visited the places along the trolley route where liquor is sold, but could find no one who would admit having seen a man answering the description of the de-

The body was taken to the W. H. Speer's undertaking shop in Jersey City, where it is held for identification. Many persons living in the Greenville section looked upon the face of the dead man yesterday, but failed to recognize him.

FILIPINOS SUFFER LOSSES.

Americans Now Occupy Two Towns in Leyete.

Manila, May 15 .- The towns of Hilongos and Maasin, on the Island of Leyte, have been occupied by troops of the Forty-third Volunteer Infantry. The insurgents fought the landing of the Americans and suffered heavy losses.

Kearsarge's Trial Trip.

Washington, May 15 .- The Navy Department has extended the time of the official trial of the battleship Kearsarge from May 30 to June 30. The vessel is to be commissioned on the last of this month, so that the crew will be well drilled in time for the acceptance trial.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

Havana, May 15.-The year's sugar crop, it is estimated, will be about 256,000 tons, or 80,000 tons less than last year's crop.

Smyrna, May 15 .- The suspected case of the bubonic plague which created such a commercial disturbance here has been shown not to be that disease.

Leipsic, May 10 .- The American diamond thieves. Morton an Harski, have been arrested here. Diamonds worth \$15,400 were seized in their baggage.

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Philadelphia	14	5	.731
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Pittsburg	11	9	.55
Chicago	11	10	.52
Cincinnati	9	10	.47
St. Louis	9	10	.47
New York	6	12	.33
Boston	5	12	.29
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NEW YORK MARKETS.

Flour and Grain. FLOUR.

FLOUR.				
Minnesota Patents	\$3	80@1	3	90
Winter Patents	3	600	3	85
Winter Straights	3	400	3	50
RYE FLOUR.				
Fair to good	3	15@	3	30
Choice to fancy	3	35@	3	55
No. 2 Western, bushel				61
State BARLEY.				56
Feeding, bushel		43@		45
Malting, bushel		50@		53
WHEAT.				
No. 2 Red				78
No. 1 Northern, bushel				75
CORN.				
No. 2, f. o. b. afloat, bushel OATS.				48
No. 2, per bushel				28
No. 3, per bushel				27
Produce.				
HAY.				
Shipping, 100 pounds		70@		80
Good to choice, 100 pounds HOPS.		90@		95
State, 1896 crop, pound				6
1899 crop, pound		120		14
WOOL.				
Texas, pound		14@		17
Family, 100 pounds	13	000	13	50
Mess 100 pounds			10	50
Beef Hams, 100 pounds	21	000	21	50
LARD.				
Western Steam, 100 pounds	1			60
Continent, 100 pounds	7	50@	7	60
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body was covered with
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potash they gave me
seemed to add fuel to
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