

SENT TO PRISON

EDWARD P. THOMPSON AND OTHERS ARRESTED AT HAVANA.

Former Indianapolis Postmaster, W. H. Reeves and Two Clerks Lodged in the Cuban Tombs.

THOMPSON'S CASE SERIOUS

CONFESED YESTERDAY TO HAVING USED POSTOFFICE FUNDS.

Statement in Which He Said He Had Taken \$435 from Money Order Account.

AMAZEMENT AT WASHINGTON

WHERE THE INDIANAPOLIS MAN WAS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM.

All Officials of Opinion that He Did Not Intend to Keep the Money He Borrowed.

REPORTS FROM MR. RATHBONE

EFFORT TO SHOW THEY WERE NOT OFFICIAL AS REPRESENTED.

Inquiry in the Lower House of Congress-The Neely Case May Be Postponed at New York.

HAVANA, May 16.-Warrants were issued this evening for the arrest of Edward P. Thompson, the Havana postmaster; W. H. Reeves, deputy auditor of the island, and Edward Moya and Jorge Mascaro, Cuban clerks in the stamp department, and by 7 o'clock all were lodged in the Vivac, the Tombs of Havana. This was done under the advice of the postal inspectors who arrived to-day. It is considered now that Reeves is equally guilty with Neely.

Investigation as to the record of the clerk in the military department, who handled several hundred dollars' worth of stamps, proves that the transaction, so far as it is concerned, was legitimate. The stamps were purchased at the request of his brother, who is stamp collector in the United States, for \$30. They were of the old issue and were obtained from Neely.

The arrest of Thompson caused great surprise in the city. It is looked upon as the precursor of many other arrests. Gen. Wood felt, as did the special inspectors, that it would be better to have the suspected persons arrested and to give them an opportunity to obtain bail than to keep them indefinitely under close surveillance at a time when the detectives are badly needed for other work.

MR. THOMPSON'S CONFESSION.

He Signs a Sworn Statement Admitting Irregularities.

HAVANA, May 16.-Postmaster Edward P. Thompson, of the Havana local office, has signed a sworn statement in which he says that on Sept. 18 last, being in need of money, he took from the money order funds \$435, giving his memorandum as a receipt for the same. When the inspectors were held Mr. Thompson ordered a clerk in charge of the money order department to place remittances received that day, which would not have to be accounted for until the following day, sufficient to cover the amount of his receipt, which was therewith withdrawn until after the inspection. This was kept up until April 7, when the special agents unexpectedly discovered the receipt, which Mr. Thompson then paid. He also admits that Charles F. W. Neely, late financial agent of posts at Havana, indorsed a bill for \$30, which Thompson had discounted by the North American Trust Company. Thompson admits other irregularities in connection with his department.

It is asserted by lawyers that, on Mr. Thompson's own statement, he is liable to arrest for embezzlement according to the provisions of the postal law, which are very explicit. Much sympathy is expressed for him, however, as it is felt that nothing would ever have been heard regarding the action to which he has confessed had not the present investigation, growing out of the general postal frauds, brought the matter to light. His friends are positive the money would have been repaid, the memorandum receipt taken up, and the incident closed.

As the affair stands now Mr. Thompson's career in the postal service must necessarily cease, even if he escapes a term of imprisonment. Moreover his action in giving orders to postal clerks to alter figures regarding stamps, at the request of Corydon Rich, without notifying Mr. Rathbone, makes things look worse, even if he acted innocently in the belief that everything was correct.

Four postal inspectors arrived this morning, and, after conferences with General Wood and Mr. Rathbone, immediately began work. Mr. Rathbone declares there is not the slightest jealousy between the military authorities and the postal department here, and that General Wood and himself are working in perfect harmony.

The local papers praise General Wood for the indefatigable manner in which he has handled the investigation. La Lucha referring to his methods as "most praiseworthy."

El Cubano, on the other hand, says: "The whole matter will finally be hushed up, for the Americans will not enjoy the idea of an expose in the department about which they have bragged the most."

willing to tell all he knows regarding Neely, while endeavoring to exonerate himself. The only person, however, who will be accepted by the authorities as a witness for the state is Corydon Rich, who will not be placed in jail, but will be closely watched, as it is felt his testimony is absolutely indispensable.

CAUSED MUCH SURPRISE.

Thompson's Confession Astonished the Postoffice Department.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, May 16.-The confession of Postmaster E. P. Thompson, of Havana, according to the present dispatches, that he had diverted the insignificant sum of \$435 from the postal funds under his control, which sum he afterward replaced when the inspector discovered it, was received here with amazement. Thompson, it is also said, admits "other irregularities." This is the severest blow to the administration, and especially to the postoffice officials, that has yet come from Cuba. As late as last night, in fact, as late as this morning, Postmaster General Smith still expressed the utmost confidence in the incorruptible integrity of Postmaster Thompson. He declared that, no matter who else might have gone wrong under the stress of unwonted temptation, he was sure that Thompson would be found to have held rigidly to the path of honor and honesty and not to have swerved from it by so much as a hair's breadth. Even as it is no one thinks that Thompson intended to steal so trifling an amount as \$435. The opinion is that he intended in good faith to replace it. By his unfortunate act in using public funds for his personal purposes Thompson has sullied the fair name he gained by many years of honest and faithful service. It is pitiful, and it is all the more pitiful because Thompson was appointed solely and only because of the splendid record he had made as a postoffice official and of his high personal reputation for integrity.

Mr. Thompson's fall will serve to make more determined than ever, if that be possible, the purpose of the administration to probe the corruption that has existed in the postal service in Cuba to the bottom and to punish the wrong-doers, high or low, or whoever they may be, to the full extent of the law. To this end Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow has been sent to Cuba to take absolute charge of postal affairs there, and Deputy Auditor Lawshe has been ordered there to investigate and audit the accounts of that service from the beginning. They left Washington for Tampa yesterday, where they will take boat for Havana. Mr. Lawshe did not want to go because of the fact that he had been made about him in Democratic partisan newspapers, but as he was the proper official and the best and most available man that could be selected for the duty, he was ordered to go, and obeyed his orders. He can be relied upon to perform his duty, however unpleasant it may be, faithfully and to the best of his ability.

HAD FAITH IN THOMPSON.

His Confession a Surprise-Reports Submitted by Rathbone.

Associated Press Dispatch. WASHINGTON, May 16.-The confession of Postmaster Thompson at Havana came as a complete surprise to the officials of the Postoffice Department, who had generally been of opinion that among those who could not possibly be involved in fraudulent transactions was Mr. Thompson, who was regarded as a man of high integrity. The postmaster general read the printed statement, but made no comment.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow received his final instructions today and left at 3 o'clock for Tampa, where there he will stay for Havana, reaching there early tomorrow morning. The only person to accompany Mr. Bristow was his private secretary. It was decided at the department not to make public at present the instruction given Mr. Bristow.

The three additional inspectors detailed yesterday for duty at Havana are F. M. Hamilton, of the New Orleans division, J. R. Harrison, St. Louis division, and W. R. Key, Chattanooga division.

Representative Hay, of Virginia, today introduced in the House a resolution requesting the postmaster general for information as to whether Director Rathbone had reported that the accounts of postal officials in Cuba were found to be correct on April 23. The postmaster general would make no statement in regard to the subject to-day. It is a fact, however, that Director Rathbone did forward a typed written copy of a report made by Special Agents Seybold and Neal, stating that the accounts of C. F. W. Neely, financial clerk of the Postal Department, were correct on April 19 of this year, the assistant auditor was asked for a statement of the money order and postal accounts of the bureau of finance as it appeared on the record of April 19. This was the date of the last statement made as to money-order funds.

In reply to this A. C. Reynolds, acting auditor, on April 21, stated that on April 16 the balance due from the bureau of finance was: On money order accounts, \$119,390; postal accounts, \$24,055.

On April 23 Director Rathbone transmitted these figures to the acting chief special agent in charge of the bureau of finance and to verify this statement.

On April 24, A. C. Reynolds, acting auditor, reported to Mr. Rathbone that in accordance with the request of the chief special agent he had to report the balance due as follows: On money order accounts, \$144,997; postal account, \$25,843.

Under date of April 23, George O. Seybold, acting chief special agent, and William T. G. Neal, special agent, presented to Director Rathbone a statement of the money order and postal accounts, which was said to agree with the amounts stated by the auditor, \$144,997. In closing this report the examiner said: "The manner in which the accounts, stamps, supplies and funds are handled reflects credit on the chief of the bureau of finance, C. F. W. Neely, and his assistants. While the examination of accounts was made on the 23d no business has been done since Saturday, April 21."

Attention was invited to the exhibits accompanying the report. The first of these was the statement of conditions on April 21, which was certified to be correct, "as appears on the records." Next is given an itemized account showing checks, coin, etc. A summary of the postal accounts follows: To balance on postal accounts as per auditor's statement April 21, \$24,055; to box rents, funds deposited by postmasters from March 1, to April 21, \$1,957; total, \$26,012.

This is followed by: Stamps and stamped paper on hand (specified lists included), \$29,538; by amount of stamps and stamped paper supplied to postmasters (specified list included), \$35,443; by miscellaneous expenses from April to date, \$227; by receipt No. 1, \$261, dated April 21, 1900, from treasurer of

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A BIG PARADE

IT WAS THE REAL FEATURE OF THE GREAT ENCAMPMENT.

Several Thousand Veterans Passed Over the Entire Line of March Under a Hot Sun.

MONUMENT A BEAUTY SPOT

SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE CITY MASSES AROUND ITS BASE.

The Old Soldiers Cheered by Those of the Younger Generation as They Passed By.

STREETS LINED WITH PEOPLE

GOVERNOR MOUNT AND HIS STAFF AT HEAD OF THE PARADE.

The Black Horse Troop of Culver His Personal Escort-Incidents of the Day.

Commencing at an unusually early hour yesterday morning sleep was at a premium in the center section of Indianapolis. The city had been completely captured and was garrisoned by the blue-coated host constituting the splendid remnant of the Indiana Grand Army of the Republic. The veterans do not require much repose on ordinary occasions, but when attending a State encampment they cut down their rations of rest to the lowest possible notch. With the break of day yesterday they were abroad, hunting each other up in order to form groups and talk over the old times before the exercises of the encampment's first day should begin. Reveille was sounded in clarion bugle notes from the summit of the soldiers' monument as the first official notification that the State encampment of the Indiana G. A. R. had commenced. The whole business district was resplendently decorated in honor of the memorable occasion, while the streets were filled with citizens and visitors, eager to do honor to the old heroes who responded to the country's call in her hour of need so many years ago. The freedom of the city had not been formally tendered to the men in blue, but wherever they went they were given such cordial greeting as to make impossible any mistake about them being "in the house of their friends."

The registration books at the Statehouse showed that 1,000 accredited delegates to the encampment were in the city, so that it was clear that many thousands of others had come to swell the mighty host. Those who were not delegates spent the hours of leisure until the parade in visiting the many points of interest in and about the city. Large numbers availed themselves of the long, refreshing street-car rides to the several parks, in which they found so much enjoyment that many did not return to the city to view the parade.

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On days when great parades are scheduled to occur the streets along the route to be traversed begin to fill with people several hours before the event. The thousands of people in the city yesterday seemed to know in advance that they were to witness one of the greatest events of their lives, the result being that the streets marked in the line of march were almost blocked with waiting masses long before the tedious process of formation had begun. Even the coming of the dinner hour failed to diminish perceptibly the immense throngs which were almost a menace to traffic in some places. Vendors of oranges and bananas did a landlubber business as they passed about through the crowds. Hundreds of the visitors carried small parcels of luncheon which they hastily devoured on whatever spot they chanced to be when attacked by hunger.

The tedium of long wait for the arrival of the procession was pleasantly varied at intervals by the approach of this or that G. A. R. post from some neighboring town or city, marching proudly through the streets, colors flying and bands playing gaily, headed for the place of formation. The coming of the Culver Black Horse Troop, with 200 infantry cadets and a fine band of musicians, aroused the wildest enthusiasm of the morning. The cadets presented a truly stunning appearance in their seemingly brand new uniforms of gray, with muskets resting on their right shoulders, sweeping along with alert, springy, martial step. Everywhere they were greeted with cheers and cries of admiration.

The Black Horse Troop is fast becoming the favorite of the spectators, appearing in several of the largest cities on important national occasions. It never fails to create a sensation whenever it appears on the streets of a city. Thirty-five cool black horses, carrying sturdy, manly young fellows, who are past masters of cavalry tactics, are bound to present an imposing spectacle. It is likely that the proudest man in Indianapolis yesterday was Governor Mount, to form a part of whose escort the troop and companies of infantry cadets made the long railroad journey from Lake Maxinkuckee. Attended by this splendid body, together with his gorgeously arrayed staff, mounted upon prancing chargers, it is small wonder that the Governor was the cynosure of all eyes along the line of march yesterday afternoon.

UNIVERSITY SQUARE.

One of the most interesting places about the city was the vicinity of University Square, which had been selected as the best locality for forming the great parade in continuous line for its triumphant march into Monument Circle. While waiting for preliminaries to be settled, numerous military bodies entertained the vast crowds of spectators with exhibitions of their skill in marching, countermarching and all the other details of army tactics. The High School Cadets, wearing their new summer uniforms, consisting of gray coats and white duck trousers, and carrying real Springfield rifles loaned by the State, attracted a great deal of attention and unbounded admiration. Capt. T. E. Cathro, to whom belongs all the credit for organizing the cadets and bringing them to their present high state of efficiency, seemed proud to be in command of such a fine looking body of young men. Captain Cathro, although a very young man, is thoroughly versed in all that per-

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Col. Samuel Merrill, of California, related a number of humorous anecdotes of his experiences in the war which convulsed the audience with laughter. He concluded his address by paying a warm tribute to the old soldiers, who, he said, had fulfilled their destiny and could now look back with pride upon records of heroism unequalled in the annals of history. He said they had gone out to fight for the right and the right had prevailed.

Following Colonel Merrill the Bald-headed Glee Club sang a humorous selection, which was warmly applauded, and glee club responding with an encore. MR. MARTIN TALKS. Frank Martin, deputy auditor of state, introduced by the chairman as the former commander of the Sons of Veterans of the State of Indiana, warmly eulogized the Grand Army of the Republic for the part it had played in the Nation's history, saying that the soldiers of '61 and '65 had fulfilled their destiny. Said he: "In 1863 these soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic found the colored man a slave, but the veterans of 1865 found those slaves free men. These men fulfilled the destiny of the hour, and it seems out of place that we of the younger generation should meet with them at their camp fire. They are bound together with the indissoluble ties of five years of comradeship in bloody battles and the hardships of a terrible war. In this camp fire we have no part." Mr. Martin said that it devolved upon the young men of the present generation to carry on the good work that had been accomplished by the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the future of the country now rested on them. He said the soldiers of '61 were looking toward the young men to see if they were going to meet the future needs of the country, and that it therefore devolved upon the young men to be men of integrity; men who could be relied upon in time of need. They must also be men of push and energy, ready to take the flag if need be and plant it in foreign climes. He said they must also have faith in their country and the men who ruled it and they must not believe that the President of the United States would stoop to bring "Old Glory" into dishonor. And last of all they must be loyal, and having these qualities the veterans of the Grand Army could rest assured that their work was to stand for all time.

HOSPITALITY APPLAUDED.

Col. W. E. McLean said that he wished to thank the people of Indianapolis for the royal treatment that had been accorded the Grand Army of the Republic. After relating a number of humorous incidents

REUNIONS HELD.

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