

**FIRST DAY COVERS (CITIES OTHER THAN MANILA)**

While the special octagonal cancel was applied only at the Manila Post Office, first day covers without the cancel may be found from other cities/towns in the Islands. Early in December, 1926, the new stamps were sent to 50 or 60 principal post offices in the Islands with instructions they be put on sale no earlier than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, the date the stamps were first placed on sale in Manila. As the Philippines consists of 7,107 islands, it is clear the vast majority of the citizens never saw the Palace stamps. Unfortunately, the post office archives do not contain a list of those post offices which did receive the stamps. Regardless, very few examples are recorded, most of which are presented in this exhibit.

**ILOILO**



**TARLAC**



Both of these First Day Covers were prepared by/for Walter Bruggmann, an attorney in Manila, and a noted philatelist in his day. These are the only non-Manila cities from which more than a single example is recorded. There are *Ten Examples Recorded* with ILOILO cancels and *Seven Examples Recorded* with TARLAC cancels.