

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF NEW YORK

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*Cash Department*

## New Counterfeits

*To all Banks, Trust Companies and Others Concerned  
in the Second Federal Reserve District:*

The Treasury Department in its circular letter No. 591 describes two new counterfeits as follows:

**\$5 NATIONAL BANK NOTE;** on the National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis, Mo., series 1902; check letter "M"; charter No. 4178; back plate No. 1324; W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury; Lee McClung, Treasurer of the United States; bank number A324108 in upper right and lower left corners; portrait of Harrison.

This is a skillfully executed photographic production on two pieces of paper without imitation silk threads. The general appearance of this counterfeit is deceptive except for the seal and numbering which reflects a blue print tone. Signatures of bank officials are printed out in black and the fine lines in the medallion underneath the portrait have been retouched in obliterating the original bank number. The back is printed out in a bright green, producing a glossy effect which is also noticeable in the face. This is a dangerous counterfeit.

**\$20 GOLD CERTIFICATE;** series 1922; check letter "F"; face plate No. 542; back plate number indistinct; H. V. Speelman, Register of the Treasury; Frank White, Treasurer of the United States; portrait of Washington.

This counterfeit is printed from photo-mechanical plates on one piece of bond paper of good quality. The face plate is about  $\frac{1}{8}$ th of an inch longer than the genuine, and the upper and lower edges at the left, above and below the numerals, are inked too heavily through careless printing, causing a heavy black line. The word "Treasury" under Speelman's name is misspelled, an "a" being etched where "u" should appear. The seal and serial numbering —K53892026— are lightly impressed in pale yellow, while the back is heavily executed in a dull orange tint which obliterates many of the fine lines in the general design, the central figure being almost indistinct. Care should be exercised in handling notes of this variety, as this counterfeit will deceive the unwary.

Very truly yours,

BENJ. STRONG,

*Governor*