

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

Cash Department

[Circular No. 899]
[January 3, 1929]

New Counterfeits

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

The Treasury Department in its circular letter No. 620 describes two new counterfeits as follows:

\$5 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE: On the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Illinois; 1914 series; check letter "B"; face plate No. 987; back plate No. 3645; Frank White, Treasurer of the United States; A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury; portrait of Lincoln.

This is a photo-mechanical production printed on two sheets of paper without any attempt to imitate the genuine silk fibre. The portrait is too black and the fine lines in the border are not clearly defined. The numbering and seal are so poorly executed as to attract the attention of the wary handler of currency, the coloring being off tone and printed imperfectly. In the seal the circular lettering is illegible. The back is printed in a shade of yellow-green. Specimen at hand bears serial number G37801590B.

\$20 GOLD CERTIFICATE: Series of 1922; check letter "C"; face and back plate numbers indistinct; H. V. Speelman, Register of the Treasury; Frank White, Treasurer of the United States; portrait of Washington.

This is an extremely poor photo-mechanical production printed on two sheets of paper without any attempt at imitating the silk fibre in the genuine. The workmanship is so crude that the fine lines in the design on both face and back are entirely invisible, and the note as a whole has a blurred appearance which should immediately excite suspicion. The seal and numbering are printed in a bright orange tone which gives off a faded effect. Specimen at hand bears serial number K74854211.

GEORGE L. HARRISON,
Governor.