COUNTERFEIT 1919 WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

To Postmasters, Substations, Banks and Authorized Agents for the Sale of War Savings Stamps in the Second Federal Reserve District,

Dear Sirs:

We are informed by the Treasury Department, Washington, that counterfeit War Savings Stamps of the 1919 issue have been discovered among dealers in the East pasted on genuine certificates; that the counterfeit is a photographic production in good color blue ink, but that the fine lines behind the portrait in the genuine appear in solid color in the counterfeit and that the perforations of the genuine stamps appear photographed on the counterfeit. Secret Service Agents have been instructed to notify postmasters, substations, banks and dealers requesting the immediate arrest of anybody presenting certificates bearing any of these counterfeits.

The Secret Service of the New York District has under date of October 8, 1919, requested us to ask that “any person presenting a certificate bearing any of these counterfeits should be detained and turned over to the nearest secret service agent or police officer and this (the Secret Service) office notified by wire—telegrams to be sent Government rate, collect, addressed 'Secret Service, Custom House, New York'.”

The Post Office Department has also taken appropriate steps in the premises and wide publicity has been given the subject in the newspapers.

Yours very truly,

Benj. Strong,
Governor