

# Receivership For U. S. Mail Is Agreed On

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motion of the Mail Company should not be vacated.

## Federal Officers in Council

At the New York headquarters of the Shipping Board yesterday, when Marshall Bullitt, special counsel for the government, was in consultation throughout the day with Elmer Schlessinger, general counsel; John Callan O'Loughlin, assistant to Mr. Lasker, and several members of the legal department.

Mr. Bullitt refused to make any statement at this time regarding the clearing up of the mystery that has surrounded the government's side of the case since the ships were seized.

Asked what effect the application for a receiver would have on the Shipping Board's suit, he declined to answer. He did, however, reiterate his statement that as soon as there was anything of importance to be made public it would be sent to all the newspapers.

Much speculation has been made as to the inner reasons for the board's seizure of the nine ships, and the most probable has been that Mr. Lasker became acquainted with the financial standing of the Mail corporation shortly after his appointment as chairman, and finding that it was in arrears for charter hire in the sum of \$400,000, immediately took the matter up in council with the result that he was authorized to seize the vessels.

No statement was issued by the Mail company, yesterday, it was learned on excellent authority, however, that it is only the question of a short time when the ships will be returned to the government and then turned over to the Harriman lines as had previously been done before the injunction proceedings were instituted.

## Creditors Believed Protected

Based on the belief on Mr. Greenough's statement that the Mail is not insolvent, there is a possibility that the creditors will not lose heavily in the reorganization of the company's financial affairs. It is known that the Mail has obtained no loans in the last four months and has been forced to do business with capital derived from passenger fares and freight cargoes. As the expenses of running the ships in commission are reported to be enormous, compared with the receipts since the new immigration law went into effect, it is believed that the indebtedness due to the reconditioning of the vessels was the real cause of the strained circumstances in which the Mayers now find themselves.

How the receivership will affect the numerous other corporations with which the Mayers are prominently identified could not be learned.

Shipping circles were surprised to learn of the entrance of Malcolm Chase, a director in the Old Colony Trust of Boston, and Alexander Smith, president of Peabody, Houghtaling & Co., into the Mail's board of directors and their subsequent resignations. It has been known all along that the Mayers through several of their corporations were depositors in the Old Colony Trust Company as well as in the First National Bank of Boston.

The principal object of the attorneys for the stockholders and the creditors of the Mail is to protect the interests of the latter. If the ships are returned to the government it is said that the chances of the creditors for collecting an appreciable portion of their accounts would be greatly lessened, as it is folly to suppose that the board would assume the debts of the Mail, and without the ships that corporation would have no source of revenue.

The outstanding indebtedness of the Mail is given as \$2,513,000 by DeLaney, Nicoll jr., who, with his father, DeLaney Nicoll sr., and Bainbridge Colby, are leading a fight to retain the ships to protect the creditors. If the ships should be turned back to the board, Mr. Nicoll says, these creditors would be wiped out.

## \$10,000 Radium in Prison Brought by Prison Doctor to Treat Convict's Cancer

OSISING, N. Y., Aug. 13.—Ten thousand dollars' worth of radium was brought into Sing Sing prison to-day by Dr. Amos O. Squire, the prison physician, and is carefully guarded in the office of Warden Lewis E. Lames. The radium is to be used by Dr. Squire to treat a cancer which has developed on the lip of John Dally, who is serving fifteen months for an assault committed in Brooklyn. The cancer developed after his admission to the prison.

Dr. Squire intends to give him several treatments and hopes to save his life.

## Three Alleged Forgers Held Men Arrested at Printing Plant Said to Have Confessed

Three men, who are alleged to have passed forged checks on various banks and business institutions, were arraigned in Tombs Court before Magistrate Corrigan yesterday and held in \$5,000 bail each for examination on August 17. The men were arrested on Friday by Detectives Brown, Newman and Meahan, assisted by Burns agents, at 27 First Street, where blank checks, used in alleged forgeries, are said to have been printed. At Police Headquarters the detectives said the men signed confessions.

They are William V. April, twenty-two years old, a salesman, of 1425 Grand Concourse, the Bronx; his brother, Herman Harvey April, twenty-four years old, a printer, of 1148 Longfellow Avenue, the Bronx, and Saul Meit, twenty-four years old, also a salesman, of 278 Seventh Street.

## Gunman Brings Down Four in Crowded Street

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vestigate for themselves the cause of the uproar.

When the rescuers from the Clinton Street police station arrived, none of the wounded remained. Fasoiglione had taken Savarino to the hospital, Sidney Livingston, secretary to Judge Rosalsky, of General Sessions, who was in the Grand Street Republican Club at the time of the shooting, had hailed an automobile and taken Bernan to the hospital. Other cars had taken away Mrs. Siegel and the Garzudat boy.

Even then, fifteen minutes after the last shot had been fired, it took several minutes to clear the streets and restore order.

Savarino, although warned that his death might result from his wound, refused steadfastly to give any information to the police. It is believed that he received his wound in a fight resulting from a "baiting" quarrel. It was only 150 feet to the north, just across Grand Street, that Frank Lorrell, known as Frank the Wop, was shot and killed August 4 as he sat in an automobile. The police believe that the same motive inspired both shootings.

## Baby Abandoned in Mail Box

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 13.—An abandoned infant, two days old, was found today in a rural free delivery mail box in front of the Sterling Hill Farm, near Newtown, Pa. The child's eyes attracted a passerby, who found it lying in a box with it. It was taken to the county home at Doylestown, apparently unscathed by its experience.

## Warrant Issued Charging Baker Is Priest's Murderer

## Woman Smashes Abibi of Alleged Slaver; Search of Beach Said to Disclose New Evidence Against Him

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—Tightening of the ring of circumstantial evidence around William A. Hightower, the itinerant baker whose story led to the recovery of the body of the Rev. Patrick E. Heslin, a Colma priest, from its grave in the sand beside the ocean, was followed to-day by the announcement that a complaint charging murder had been sworn out against him at Colma. Hightower has been held since he led the police to the grave.

Hightower's alibi of his movements on the night of August 2, when the priest disappeared after driving away in an automobile in company with a man who asked that he administer the last sacrament to a dying friend, was crumbled to-day by Miss Doris Shirley. She appeared at police headquarters voluntarily and denied Hightower's statement that she had accompanied him to San Jose in the machine which he had rented that evening.

Articles dug up in the vicinity of the grave of Father Heslin, the police said, fit a tent removed from Hightower's hotel room. The tent, they said, gave evidence of having been set up along a beach. It bore the word "Tuberculosis" in large pencil printed letters. Handwriting experts declared the lettering bore a similarity to the writing in the first letter received by Archbishop E. U. Hanna demanding ransom.

Ray Gayne, of Orem, Utah, told the police to-day that at Loma, Utah, Hightower had shown him "an infernal machine" similar to one found in the tower's room here. Cord, which police said was identical to that found wrapped around the bomb contrivance taken from Hightower's room, had been dug up near the grave in the sand. Hightower denied having seen Gayne at Loma.

Funeral services for Father Heslin took place to-day while the police continued investigation of his mysterious death.

Dolly Mason, from whom Hightower said he received his information that led him to the discovery of the body, has not been found.

## Woman Gives Robbery Tip

TOLEDO, Aug. 13.—Federal officers were on the alert to-day against an

other robbery of the Toledo postoffice as the result of a warning received from a woman, who refused to give her name. She called Deputy United States Marshal Harry Welch on the telephone and informed him that she had overheard two bandits in Jackson, Ohio, discussing a plan to stage a postoffice robbery this week end.

## \$170,000 Fire Believed Work of Incendiaries

## Watchman Tells of Six Men Seen Running From Newcastle Plant

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 13.—Evidence of incendiaryism are alleged to have been discovered at the scene of the fire which destroyed the pattern-making shop of the American Manganese Steel Company at New Castle to-day.

A watchman at the plant told fire board authorities that he saw six negroes running from the pattern plant a few minutes before it burst into flames. It will be eighteen months before some of the patterns stored in the structure can be replaced.

The loss is estimated at more than \$170,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 13.—What is believed to have been an attempt by incendiaries to destroy the headquarters of the Pattern Makers' Union here was discovered by a watchman to-day.

Frank Harris, the watchman, found several quarts of gasoline and strips of cloth soaked in the same fluid scattered about the floor of one of the union rooms. A fire had burned in the same room but went out after doing damage estimated at \$100.

## Skahill Pleads Not Guilty

## Undertaker Denies Fake Claim in Burial of Soldier

William A. Skahill, an undertaker, of 353 West Fifth Street, who was indicted by the Federal grand jury for presenting a false claim against the government for the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Staten Island, of the body of Arthur C. H., a soldier, appeared yesterday before Judge William B. Sheppard and pleaded not guilty.

According to the indictment, Skahill, who charged \$100 for the burial of C. H., failed to encase the casket in an hermetically sealed box, which the agreement with the military hospital authorities called for. The agreement also called for a separate grave for C. H., but Assistant United States District Attorney Maxwell S. Mattack says Skahill also buried two other ex-servicemen in the same grave.

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