

FAITHLESS ENGRAVERS SENTENCED TO JAIL

**One of Three Counterfeiters of
\$1,000 Bills Had Served the
Government 25 Years.**

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WASHINGTON, June 27.—Curt Jacobson of New York City, who is described as the head of a conspiracy to flood the United States with counterfeit \$1,000 bills, was sentenced to ten years in prison by Justice Hoehling in Criminal Court No. 1 today. At the same time Gus Habicht and James C. Houghton of Washington, formerly trusted Government experts, were given two years each on charges of conspiracy to print the bogus \$1,000 Federal Reserve notes in conjunction with Jacobson. All the men pleaded guilty.

According to the court records, Jacobson, who has served time in Sing Sing Prison, was the least qualified of the trio to carry out the scheme to photograph the designation "\$1,000" on a \$1 note by a special process. The plates intended for this work were confiscated by Secret Service agents. Some of the notes were printed and because of the method used it was almost impossible for a layman to detect the fraud, it was learned.

Houghton was employed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for twenty-five years prior to his arrest last February. Neither he nor Habicht, an expert engraver, had any previous criminal record. Hence the light sentence for a most serious offense.

Habicht once engraved a portrait of the late President Harding on the head of a pin.

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