

MARSLEY'S SHIP MUDDLE MOUNTS UNDER INQUIRY

Duluth Steamship Agent's Al- leged Irregularities, Estimated \$25,000, Appear on All Sides.

As the swing of the spotlight of investigation yesterday enlarged the scope of inquiry into the activities of George C. Marsley, independent steamship agent, 102 Manhattan building, evidence of widespread alleged irregularities in Marsley's operations were disclosed.

Garnishment proceedings against Marsley's bank account, precipitated an investigation into his accounts with American and foreign steamship companies two weeks ago. T. G. Newgard, inspector of the Royal Mail Steamship company declared last night, Marsley's alleged defalcations may reach a total of \$25,000 it has been estimated.

Probe Is Ordered.

Mr. Newgard said he had been notified by the Minneapolis office two weeks ago to cut short his stay at Lake Vermilion and immediately to come to Duluth and start a check of the company's accounts.

Irregularities in the sale of steamship tickets by Marsley have been experienced by Julius Garon, Duluth jeweler.

Price Of Ticket Soars.

Mr. Garon said that last January Marsley sold him seven and one-half steamship fares from Antwerp here for \$110 a fare when the Canadian Pacific ocean service price was listed at \$100. He said after four of the party arrived here Marsley informed him he had trouble with railroad fares in Antwerp that necessitated the extra \$10 charge on each ticket. Mr. Garon said Marsley gave him a receipt for \$110 on each full ticket while the company record showed they received but \$100.

"I did not demand the \$40 overcharge on the four tickets but remained silent believing that possibly he did have to pay the \$40 extra. But when the other three persons and a child came here I demanded the \$35 refund and straightened the matter out with David Bertie, sub-agent of the Canadian Pacific. I got the \$35 from him," Mr. Garon said.

Another Phase of Deal.

Another matter to be investigated by Mr. Garon involves \$500 Levine Brothers of Cincinnati sent him here to procure two tickets. Mr. Garon said later the Levine Brothers sent \$50 additional to Marsley with his (Mr. Garon's) knowledge. This deal he took up with a Mr. Albertson of Minneapolis, head of the White Star line.

C. A. Okstad, northwestern traveling passenger agent for seven large steamship companies, arrived here from Minneapolis last night. He will make a check of the records of these companies today. He reports that he has 100 tickets to check up. He has a written order from the Cunard line to check up its records here.

Difficult to Check.

"Many of these tickets may not be missing," he said. "I don't know yet. Of course, if Marsley has destroyed the stubs I will not be able to tell how much money is involved."

When asked if he had any idea what the losses would total, he intimated they may be \$25,000, perhaps more.

H. Ellingson, Minneapolis, representing the Scandinavian-American lines, returned to Minneapolis. He reported a check up of his records and tickets showing no debit against Marsley.

Marsley Not Bonded.

"Why wasn't Marsley bonded?" Newgard was asked.

"He probably could not get anyone to bond him," he replied. "I don't know. He was a good steamship man, was acquainted with steamship business but I did not tell anyone he is one of the best transportation men in the country. If he was such a good transportation man he would be working in New York, where the best are employed."