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NEW ROCHELLE, Feb. 16 — When Frederick W. Cowan opened fire from an office of the Neptune Worldwide Moving Company here on Monday morning, killing four employees and one police officer, company representatives got on the phone to explain to customers that Neptune's Weyman Avenue depot was under siege and no trucks would move from the yard that day.

"It was amazing how many were unsympathetic," said Jerome R. Goldman, the company's vice president and counsel yesterday. "They said, 'I'm sorry. I have troubles of my own.'"

Yesterday, the freight was moving again in and out of the Weyman Avenue depot. But the shock of the killings and the siege, which ended about 6 P.M. Monday, when the police discovered that Mr. Cowan had shot himself in the head, still had not faded.

Most of the 400 people who work at the Weyman Avenue office were back on the job yesterday, but several asked to be excused from work, saying they were still too shaken to return, according to Mr. Goldman.

And Norman Bing, the dispatcher whom Mr. Cowan reportedly sought to kill, had left on a brief leave of absence. For those who returned again yesterday, emotions were still running strong "from top to bottom."

"You look at somebody and you see

it, the strain on the face. The mood varies from person to person, but if I were to identify one mood it would be shock and sorrow for the victims," Mr. Goldman said.

"Nobody's doing any talking about it," said one driver who asked not to be identified. "Really, I don't want to talk about it. Everybody's still a little jumpy. I've never lived through anything like this."

Glass workers were knocking out the last of the windows shattered by bullets and replacing them, completing the repair job that began on Monday night, as soon as the police had left the building.

It was another part of the business of tragedy that has occupied Mr. Goldman, who spent all Monday in the police command center established near the depot, since the shooting began.

A funeral service for Patrolman Allen

McLeod, the New Rochelle police officer who was shot by Mr. Cowan behind the Neptune warehouse, will be held at 11 A.M. tomorrow at the Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, in White Plains. Burial will follow in Greenwood Union Cemetery in Rye.

In another development, Mr. Cowan's mother confirmed that her son had been buried, but neither she, nor the Roman Catholic Church of the Blessed Sacrament, the family's parish, would give further details about the time, place or circumstances of the burial. Church officials said they knew nothing about the burial.

Standing in the doorway of the family's home on Woodbury Street, just off Weyman Avenue, Mrs. Cowan said:

"Tell everyone we are in mourning for the families of the five victims."