

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

OF NEW YORK

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Accounting Department

Ninth Annual Statement

To the Stockholders of the
Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

We hand you herewith a condensed statement of the condition of this bank at the close of its fiscal year, December 31, 1923, and of the Profit and Loss account for that year, showing the disposition of net profits.

For convenient comparison, the relative items for the previous year, 1922, are also shown.

Supplementing the Profit and Loss account is a statement showing the size and approximate cost of the various operations conducted by the bank in 1923.

We trust that you will find these various statements of interest, pending receipt of the more extended report of the year's operations contained in the report of the Chairman to the Federal Reserve Board, now in process of publication, a copy of which we shall send you shortly.

Very truly yours,

BENJ. STRONG,

Governor.

Statement of Condition

R E S O U R C E S	Dec. 31, 1923	Dec. 31, 1922
CASH RESERVES held by this bank against its deposits and note circulation:		
GOLD HELD BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE AGENT as part of the collateral deposited by the bank when it obtains Federal Reserve notes. This gold is lodged partly in the vaults of the bank and partly with the Treasurer of the United States.....	\$583,625,240.61	\$658,970,228.28
GOLD REDEMPTION FUND in the hands of the Treasurer of the United States to be used to redeem such Federal Reserve notes as are presented to the Treasury for redemption.....	9,441,006.21	10,308,820.39
GOLD AND GOLD CERTIFICATES in vault	168,615,033.36	118,126,581.76
GOLD IN THE GOLD SETTLEMENT FUND lodged with the Treasurer of the United States for the purpose of settling current transactions between Federal Reserve districts.....	109,813,734.55	169,378,439.83
LEGAL TENDER NOTES, SILVER, AND SILVER CERTIFICATES in the vaults of the bank (available as reserve only against deposits).....	24,437,091.00	31,313,929.70
TOTAL CASH RESERVES	\$895,932,105.73	\$988,097,999.96
NON-RESERVE CASH consisting of National Bank Notes, Federal Reserve Bank Notes and minor coin (included in 1922 largely under checks and other items in process of collection).....	\$11,845,810.23
LOANS AND INVESTMENTS		
LOANS TO MEMBER BANKS:		
On the security of obligations of the United States	\$136,174,500.00	\$168,235,591.11
By the discount of commercial or agricultural paper or acceptances	28,360,300.73	16,053,362.30
ACCEPTANCES bought in the open market	93,151,232.70	60,863,602.89
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness	46,755,950.00	167,252,450.00
TOTAL LOANS AND INVESTMENTS (or Earning Assets).	\$304,441,983.43	\$412,405,006.30
MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES		
BANK PREMISES.....	\$14,671,614.78	\$10,238,178.58
CHECKS AND OTHER ITEMS IN PROCESS OF COLLECTION....	115,064,470.49	134,303,106.41
ALL OTHER MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES.....	1,067,449.28	1,892,589.25
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES	\$130,803,534.55	\$146,433,874.24
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$1,343,023,433.94	\$1,546,936,880.50

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

L I A B I L I T I E S	Dec. 31, 1923	Dec. 31, 1922
CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION		
FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES in actual circulation, payable on demand. These notes are secured in full by gold and discounted and purchased paper.....	\$420,371,240.00	\$597,071,293.50
TOTAL CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION.....	\$420,371,240.00	\$597,071,293.50
DEPOSITS		
RESERVE DEPOSITS maintained by member banks as legal reserves against the deposits of their customers.....	\$712,857,792.81	\$749,005,902.75
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS carried at the Reserve Bank for current requirements of the Treasury.....	9,562,383.00	517,656.11
OTHER DEPOSITS including foreign deposits, deposits of non-member banks, etc.....	12,405,744.27	11,439,182.74
TOTAL DEPOSITS.....	\$734,825,920.08	\$760,962,741.60
MISCELLANEOUS LIABILITIES		
DEFERRED ITEMS, composed mostly of uncollected checks on banks in all parts of the country. Such items are credited as deposits after the average time needed to collect them elapses, ranging from 1 to 8 days.....	\$95,341,849.44	\$98,100,885.92
ALL OTHER MISCELLANEOUS LIABILITIES.....	3,116,157.21	2,313,986.23
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS LIABILITIES.....	\$98,458,006.65	\$100,414,872.15
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS		
CAPITAL PAID IN, equal to 3 per cent. of the capital and surplus of member banks.....	\$29,439,300.00	\$28,688,450.00
SURPLUS—That portion of accumulated net earnings which the bank is legally permitted to retain.....	59,928,967.21	59,799,523.25
TOTAL CAPITAL AND SURPLUS.....	\$89,368,267.21	\$88,487,973.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$1,343,023,433.94	\$1,546,936,880.50

Profit and Loss Account

For the calendar years 1923 and 1922

	1923	1922
EARNINGS		
FROM LOANS TO MEMBER BANKS and paper discounted for them	\$8,255,645.84	\$3,970,209.76
FROM ACCEPTANCES OWNED	1,969,837.16	1,619,512.13
FROM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS owned...	1,087,250.95	5,643,385.44
OTHER EARNINGS.....	100,448.81	108,211.44
TOTAL EARNINGS.....	\$11,413,182.76	\$11,341,318.77
DEDUCTIONS FROM EARNINGS		
FOR CURRENT BANK OPERATION. (These figures include the greater portion of expenses incurred as fiscal agent of the United States).....	\$6,382,159.20	\$6,223,404.61
FOR FEDERAL RESERVE CURRENCY, mainly the cost of printing new notes to replace worn notes in circulation, and to maintain supplies unissued and on hand.....	497,976.97	553,124.78
FOR DEPRECIATION, SELF-INSURANCE, AND OTHER RESERVES, ETC.....	1,489,367.49	843,196.31
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM EARNINGS	\$8,369,503.66	\$7,619,725.70
NET INCOME available for dividends, additions to surplus, and payment to the United States Government.....	\$3,043,679.10	\$3,721,593.07
DISTRIBUTION OF NET INCOME		
IN DIVIDENDS paid to member banks, at the rate of 6 per cent. on paid-in capital.	\$1,749,239.47	\$1,652,138.30
IN ADDITIONS TO SURPLUS—The bank is permitted by law to accumulate out of net earnings, after payment of dividends, a surplus amounting to 100 per cent. of the subscribed capital; and after such surplus has been accumulated to pay into surplus each year 10 per cent. of the net income remaining after paying dividends.	129,443.96	206,945.48
IN PAYMENT TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, representing the entire net income of the bank after paying dividends and making additions to surplus. (Federal Reserve notes are not taxed, and this payment is in lieu of taxes on notes and other Federal taxes.)	1,164,995.67	1,862,509.29
TOTAL NET INCOME DISTRIBUTED.....	\$3,043,679.10	\$3,721,593.07

Gross Earnings by Months

The following figures show in comparison the gross earnings of the bank by months for the years 1923 and 1922:

	1923	1922
January	\$1,140,852.65	\$984,407.49
February	997,794.40	886,241.10
March	978,235.89	973,938.13
April	890,673.93	881,586.90
May	928,004.73	1,027,701.56
June	895,873.77	890,161.83
July	985,718.48	964,385.25
August	919,201.97	849,052.29
September	882,311.28	910,386.31
October	899,078.26	974,884.30
November	884,234.02	907,626.40
December	1,011,203.38	1,090,947.21
	\$11,413,182.76	\$11,341,318.77

Ratio of Net Earnings

	1923	1922
Per Cent. earned on capital paid in	10.4	13.6
Per Cent. earned on capital and surplus	3.4	4.3
Per Cent. earned on capital, surplus, and deposits	0.4	0.5

EXPENSES OF OPERATION DURING 1923

The principal expenses of the Federal Reserve Bank are incurred in carrying out functions prescribed by law, or in performing services to member banks and through them to the whole business, agricultural, and industrial community, which the legally prescribed functions imply. About one-third of all the banking resources of the country are within this Federal Reserve district, and the New York Reserve Bank conducts about one-third of the business of the entire Federal Reserve System. At the close of business on December 31, the total personnel of the New York Reserve Bank, including the Buffalo Branch, numbered 2,738 persons.

The expenses for carrying on the work of the bank, divided as nearly as possible according to functions, and with miscellaneous items of overhead similarly apportioned among the various functions, were as follows:

1. MAINTAINING THE ACCOUNTS OF THE BANK

This work includes making about 9,000,000 entries a year in the accounts maintained with member and other banks, and the current determination of reserve balances which are required by law..... \$211,363

2. SUPPLYING CURRENCY AND COIN

PAYING OUT, RECEIVING, AND REDEEMING CURRENCY, involving the count of about 775,000,000 individual notes during the year..... \$896,934

PAYING OUT AND RECEIVING COIN. This service was formerly performed largely by the Subtreasury, and is now entirely in the hands of the Federal Reserve Bank. Receipts and issues amounted to \$228,798,000 for the year..... 172,025

CURRENCY AND COIN SHIPMENTS to and from out-of-town banks. There were 234,621 such shipments in and out during the year..... 429,038

PRINTING NEW FEDERAL RESERVE CURRENCY to replace worn notes in circulation and to maintain supplies unissued and on hand, including cost of transportation. Currency is printed by the Government but the cost is borne by the bank..... 421,229

SUPPLYING CURRENCY AND COIN..... \$1,919,226

3. MAKING LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

MAKING DISCOUNTS AND ADVANCES TO MEMBER BANKS. The number of items handled during the year was 72,177, aggregating \$17,952,000,000 \$275,110

PURCHASING ACCEPTANCES AND GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS for the account of this bank and other Federal Reserve Banks. The items purchased during the year aggregated \$3,528,000,000..... 142,907

MAKING LOANS AND INVESTMENTS..... \$418,017

4. COLLECTING CHECKS, DRAFTS, NOTES, AND COUPONS

COLLECTION OF CASH ITEMS, mostly checks. The average number collected was 425,151 a day, or 128,400,000 for the year, aggregating \$65,518,000,000..... \$1,705,245

COLLECTION OF NON-CASH ITEMS, including drafts, notes, and coupons. The number of items handled during the year was about 2,177,000, aggregating \$1,921,000,000..... 501,816

COLLECTING CHECKS, ETC..... \$2,207,061

DIRECTORS

5. SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES

CUSTODY OF SECURITIES. This service involved holding in safekeeping on the average about \$700,000,000 of securities for the United States Government, \$50,000,000 for the War Finance Corporation, and \$260,000,000 from other sources..... \$186,129

PURCHASE AND SALE OF BANKERS ACCEPTANCES and other securities for member banks and foreign banks, amounting for the year to \$237,712,000, and receiving and delivering securities for the account of member banks, amounting for the year to about \$500,000,000. In addition the bank has acted for the Treasury Department in the purchase and sale of Government securities..... 145,638

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS. This service is performed over the telegraph wires of the Federal Reserve System, and is used by the Treasury Department and member banks. It involved making an average of 939 transfers of funds to all parts of the country each day, amounting to about \$92,820,000 and aggregating for the year \$28,031,500,000 115,440

SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES..... \$447,207

6. SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH GOVERNMENT LOANS

This work included during 1923 the receipt or delivery of 1,345,000 individual Government bonds, notes, and certificates, amounting to \$2,622,000,000, which were exchanged or converted or handled in connection with registration; and the payment of 17,683,617 individual coupons on Government bonds, notes, and certificates. It also involved the sale and issue of 124,846 pieces amounting to \$851,583,000, and the redemption of 788,758 pieces amounting to \$807,929,000, of Government bonds, notes, and certificates. Aside from amounts received from the Treasury in partial reimbursement, the cost of such operations to the bank was..... \$648,310

(In addition to these operations for the Treasury, the bank performed other work for the Government connected with the currency, the collection of checks, the custody, purchase and sale of securities, the transfer of funds, etc., which have been referred to under their respective headings.)

7. GENERAL OR SUPERVISORY EXPENSES, not apportioned among the functions specified above:

EXECUTIVE SALARIES (Chairman, governor, four deputy governors, and secretary of the bank, and manager and cashier of the Buffalo Branch) \$203,640

WORK OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE AGENT'S FUNCTION, including note issues, examination of member banks, visits to member banks, statistical and information services, such as the preparation of weekly bank statements and the publication of the Monthly Review..... 352,575

MAINTAINING THE GENERAL AUDIT, including the daily checking of transactions and records, together with periodical verifications of securities, cash, and cash items..... 260,226

DIRECTORS' FEES AND TRAVELING EXPENSES..... 21,664

THIS BANK'S SHARE OF THE EXPENSES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD 190,847

GENERAL OR SUPERVISORY EXPENSES..... \$1,028,952

TOTAL..... \$6,880,136

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, JANUARY 1, 1924

DIRECTORS

Class	Group	Name	Term Expires Dec. 31	Class	Group	Name	Term Expires Dec. 31
A	1	GATES W. MCGARRAH, New York City Chairman, The Mechanics and Metals National Bank	1925	B	2	THEODORE F. WHITMARSH, New York City President, Francis H. Leggett & Company	1926
A	2	ROBERT H. TREMAN, Ithaca, N. Y. President, The Tompkins County National Bank	1926	B	3	FRANK L. STEVENS, North Hoosick, N. Y. President, Stevens and Thompson, Inc.	1924
A	3	CHARLES SMITH, Oneonta, N. Y. President, The Citizens National Bank	1924	C		PIERRE JAY, New York City, <i>Chairman</i>	1925
B	1	OWEN D. YOUNG, New York City Chairman, General Electric Company	1925	C		WILLIAM L. SAUNDERS, Plainfield, N. J., <i>Deputy Chairman</i>	1926
				C		CLARENCE M. WOOLLEY, New York City Chairman, American Radiator Company	1924

MEMBER OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

PAUL M. WARBURG, New York City

OFFICERS

GENERAL OFFICERS

J. HERBERT CASE, *Deputy Governor*
LOUIS F. SAILER, *Deputy Governor*

BENJ. STRONG, *Governor*

GEORGE L. HARRISON, *Deputy Governor*
EDWIN R. KENZEL, *Deputy Governor*

DUDLEY H. BARROWS, *Secretary*

JAY E. CRANE, *Assistant Secretary*

L. RANDOLPH MASON, *General Counsel*

JESSE HOLLADAY PHILBIN, *Assistant General Counsel*

SENIOR OFFICERS

GILBERT E. CHAPIN, *Controller of Loans*
ARTHUR W. GILBERT, *Controller of Cash and
Controller of Collections*
LAURENCE H. HENDRICKS, *Controller of Fiscal Agency
Functions*

JOSEPH D. HIGGINS, *Controller at Large*
J. WILSON JONES, *Controller of Administration*
EDWIN R. KENZEL, *Controller of Investments,
Pro tem.*

JUNIOR OFFICERS

CHARLES H. COE, *Manager, Collection Department*
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Department*
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ness Department and Manager,
Securities Department*
JOSEPH L. MORRIS, *Manager, Credit Department*
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Department*
ROBERT M. O'HARA, *Manager, Bill Department*
JAMES M. RICE, *Manager, Accounting Department*
STEPHEN S. VANSANT, *Manager, Discount Department*

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EDWARD L. DODGE, *Manager, Auditing Department*

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PIERRE JAY, *Federal Reserve Agent*
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President, Liberty Bank of Buffalo

ELLIOTT C. McDOUGAL,
President, Marine Trust Company, Buffalo
HARRY T. RAMSDALL,
President, Mfrs. and Traders National Bank, Buffalo
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President, Smith, Fassett & Company, Buffalo

WALTER W. SCHNECKENBURGER, *Manager*

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